

De’Keither Stamps wins special runoff election for Mississippi House of Representatives District 66



Councilman DeKeither Stamps and Bob Lee shaking hands
PHOTOS BY EDELIA CARTHAN

By Edelia “Dr. Jay” Carthan
Writer

City of Jackson Ward 4 Councilman De’Keither A. Stamps is now a councilman and representative.

Stamps, or rather, Representative Stamps, won a special runoff election for Mississippi House of Representative making him one of few Mississippians to hold elected offices on two different levels of government, municipal and state.

Stamps defeated challenger Robert “Bob” Lee in Tuesday’s special runoff election. Stamps received 909 votes while Lee received 570. The seat became available after Rep. Jarvis Dortch resigned.

“I first fell in love with policy in the 6th grade. For six years, from 6th grade to 12th grade, I was a part of youth legislature. We went to the capitol every year and reenacted the state government. To go from youth legislature to being a state legislator is a childhood dream,” Stamps said in a live Facebook post.

Some states, Mississippi is one of them, allows legislators to hold multiple state or local offices if there is no risk of a conflict between the positions’ responsibilities. Mississippi State Constitution article 4, section 45 addresses this issue which states, “No senator or representative during the term for which he was elected, shall be eligible to any office of profit, which shall have been created, or the emoluments of which have been increased, during the time such senator or representative was in office, except to such offices as may be filled by an election of the people.”

Stamps will serve on the following committees: Finance, Planning, Economic Development, Legislative, Education Ad Hoc, and will serve as chair of the Government Operations and Water Ad-Hoc committees.

“God won this election for us and the citizens of District 66. Thank you to everyone who supported this movement especially my fam-



Stamps Campaign team recap after the election at Johnny T’s in Jackson, MS. PHOTOS BY EDELIA CARTHAN

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Pastor and people bid farewell After 10 years, Reverend Dr. Michael Titus Williams retires from College Hill



Ministers at retirement celebration Rev. Calvin Peoples, Rev. William Wheeler, Rev. Micheal Williams, Rev. John Wicks and Rev. Tony Montgomery

By Leon Williams
Contributing Writer

After 10 years of dedicated service as pastor at College Hill Baptist Church in Jackson’s Washington Addition, Dr. Michael T. Williams bid farewell to the congregation, associates and friends Sunday, October 11. A socially distanced celebration with mask wearing was held in the College Hill sanctuary at 4 p.m. Due to COVID-19, only a limited number was in attendance.

The retirement program was preceded by a surprise drive-by parade at the church Saturday, October 10 at 11 a.m. Williams was visibly moved by the festive parade, led by city and county police cruisers, sirens blaring; followed by a host of decorative vehicles containing church members and friends. Williams said, “I will cherish the moment for as long as God allows me to remain on earth.”

Also, prior to the retirement program held at College Hill on Sunday, Williams was given a farewell luncheon sponsored by Westhaven Memorial Funeral Home. It was held at the Westhaven Reception Hall on Raymond Road where the College Hill Hostess Ministry served as hosts.

Church members and friends throughout the nation were able

to view the Sunday celebration via a live webcast. The celebration was sponsored by the College Hill Pastoral Support Ministry, the theme being “Celebrating a Season of Service: A Sacred Commitment.” It was hosted by College Hill member Cianna Hope Reeves. She said she was very happy to be asked by the Pastoral Ministry to serve as hostess.

She said, “It was a memorable moment for me to host pastor’s retirement ceremony. It was a full circle moment. When I met him, I was just 11 years old – shy and nervous, yet committed to growing in Christ. He taught me so many lessons that I will forever cherish through his sermons, encouragement and wisdom.” Reeves, who is a digital reporter at WJTV continued, “I am truly blessed to have been in his presence because it played a crucial role in the Christian woman I am today.”

Rosie Davis, a member of the College Hill Combined Choir, provided a moving musical tribute singing The Battle is Not Yours. Davis said she was honored to be singing for the first time in the new College Hill sanctuary, which due to COVID-19, members have not been able to worship together

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Doctor: Mississippi virus indicators go ‘unwanted direction’

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Mississippi’s state health officer said Monday that he’s troubled by the state’s recent rise in COVID-19 cases, including a significant increase during the past week of people hospitalized

because of the highly contagious coronavirus.

Dr. Thomas Dobbs said six hospitals have no beds available in their intensive care units, and clinics are seeing an increasing number of patients with COVID-19 symptoms.

“All of the indicators are starting to turn in an unwanted direction,” Dobbs said during an online news conference.

Although Republican Gov. Tate Reeves ended his statewide mask mandate Sept. 30, Dobbs said it’s important for people to

voluntarily do simple things to slow the spread of the virus – wearing masks, keeping social distance of at least 6 feet (1.8 meters) and avoiding large gatherings.

Dobbs said Mississippi’s case numbers were “starting to creep

up” before health officials expected any impact from the lifting of the mask mandate. He said the lack of a mandate could add to the problem of increasing cases.

“I will say, personally, I’ve been a little bit disappointed just

hearing from churches and businesses that they feel like they are no longer empowered to have their members or visitors wear masks,” Dobbs said.

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HCC coach participated in Inaugural basketball TopConnect NJCAA Symposium

Special to The Mississippi Link

Hinds Community College Head Men’s Basketball coach Yusef Fitzgerald was selected to participate in the inaugural Top-Connect NJCAA symposium October 8 and 9. The inaugural class had 30 head men’s basketball coaches and 11 head women’s basketball coaches participating in this prestigious event.

“This is a blessing. My mission as a coach has always been to help as many kids as I possibly can because I was once one of those kids who needed help, guidance and a mentor. Being selected to participate in this event provides me with an incredible platform to reach even more kids who are in the same shoes I was once in,” said Fitzgerald.

TopConnect (formerly Villa 7) originated in 2003 by then VCU Athletic Director Richard Sander, identifies the top basketball assistant coaches in the



Hinds CC head coach Yusef Fitzgerald (kneeling) leading his group of young men in a tough playoff battle.

country, and connects them with mid-major athletic directors providing tremendous networking opportunities for both parties. The three-word mantra of “Connect. Prepare. Lead.” identifies the purpose of TopConnect.

“This is also a testament to what we’re trying to do at Hinds Community College and within our basketball program. This is

not just about the X’s and O’s of basketball, it shows what we’re trying to do is different, better and purposeful. We are providing kids an institution of higher character. I also want to express my appreciation, because none of this would be possible without God and the support from everyone at Hinds and within our community,” said Fitzgerald.

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The presenters for the inaugural TopConnect NJCAA include former junior college coaches Buzz Williams (formally Navarro College, now Texas A&M), Steve Forbes (formally Northwest Florida State College, now Wake Forest), Brian “Penny” Collins (formally Columbia State CC, now Tennes-

see State), Jay Ladner (formally Jones County JC, now Southern Miss), Dr. Brittney Ezell (formally Okaloosa-Walton Junior College, now East Tennessee State), Chris Jans (formally Chi-pola College, now New Mexico State), Keitha Adams (formally Independence CC, now Wichita State), Ryan Ridder (formally Daytona State College, now Bethune-Cookman) and Chanda Rigby (formally Pensacola State College, now Troy). In addition to the former junior college coaches speaking, a panel of Division 1 AD’s will discuss their expectations of a coaching staff, and a panel of current Division 1 assistant coaches will share their thoughts on their transition from Junior College to their current roles.

In total, three panels of current Division 1 Head Coaches will speak of their experiences on maintaining the success once hired at the Division 1 level,

making the jump to D1 from junior college, and overall career development. Also, president and CEO of The NJCAA, Dr. Chris Parker and Brandon Goble, CEO of JUCOAAdvocate, will hold a conversation on breaking the stigma of junior college.

Since the inception of Villa 7 (now TopConnect), the program has produced numerous Division 1 head coaches including Anthony Grant (Dayton), Buzz Williams (Texas A&M), Shaka Smart (Texas), Steve Forbes (Wake Forest), and recently Greg Gary (Mercer), Brett Nelson (Holy Cross) and Bryan Mullins (Southern Illinois).

TopConnect works in conjunction with East Tennessee State University’s Doctoral Program in Global Sport Leadership and is a subsidiary of Connected Media, LLC.

Summers joins Week of Walking Into Victory to combat violence

Mississippi Link Newswire

It is not enough to talk about the problem. We must promote solutions to better our community. That is why Representative Zakiya Summers, in partnership with churches, community organizations and

individuals, will host a “Week of Walking Into Victory” October 19-24, 2020. Events will take place inside Bottom Gardens, located across from Lake Elementary School (472 Mt. Vernon Ave.) in West Jackson, MS.

Activities include a job and resource fair, health fair, school supply giveaway, food box giveaway, and community clean-up. This wonderful week of events is an effort to provide access and services to the West Jackson communi-

ty. All activities are free and open to the public.

The community clean-up will focus on Capitol Street from I-220 to the Jackson Zoo. The goal is to help make that area look and feel more inviting for guests who are visiting

the Jackson Zoo. The Zoo Area Progressive Partnership (ZAPP) is leading this effort.

Program partners include: Jayne Avenue Neighborhood Association, Rosemont M.B. Church, Judge Kenny Lewis, Revitalize MS,

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since completion of the new edifice.

Davis said, “I am so thankful to God that I was asked to sing at the pastor’s retirement celebration. I am beyond grateful.”

Several pastors gave tribute to Williams. Dr. Jerry Young, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, in Jackson and current president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., after commenting on Williams’ various talents, characterized the situation not as a retirement, but “a reassignment to work in the context of God’s kingdom.”

Dr. Isiac Jackson, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Canton and president of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention said, “You are blessed to have labored in the vineyard of the Lord.” He referenced the gospel of Matthew, saying, many are called but few are chosen. “God called you and remember He loves you and will be with you.”

Dr. John Wicks, pastor of Mount Nebo Baptist Church in Jackson gave a powerful prayer for the pastor as well as a tribute. In his tribute he said, “When you are extremely successful in life many want to claim you as a cousin. I am happy to claim you as my friend and wish I could claim you as my cousin.” Wicks said that Williams made such a great impact at College Hill and in the west Jackson community.

Several College Hill members gave special tributes. Frank Yates, president of the Deacon’s Ministry represented the College Hill Family in a special tribute. He said, “We feel the love you have for the College Hill family, we honor you for the happiness you have brought us and for what you have done for Christ, and we thank you for being real and humble.”

Tributes representing the Young People’s Ministry were given by Blake Hansberry of the Children’s Ministry, Leah Clark and her brother Robert Clark IV representing the Youth Division and Treasure Fisher, representing the College Ministry. Williams said the children touched his heart immensely.

Brandon Mitchell and his wife Trinity gave a surprise tribute. Mitchell served as music director for College Hill nine of the ten years Williams served as pastor.

Additional surprise tributes were given remotely by two of Williams’ childhood friends. Dwayne Bynum and Carol Walker have known him since elementary school. Those who were able to see the surprise on Williams’ face agreed that even though he was wearing a mask, Williams seemed to be ‘blown away.’ They each shared information about Williams regarding his intellect and their personal friendship. Both articulated with him at Mississippi State University where Bynum was his roommate. Bynum resides in Atlanta, Georgia and Walker resides in Northern Virginia.

Prior to acknowledgements and remarks from Jackie Hampton, president of the Pastoral Ministry, Williams was given several gifts. He received a memory book with a collection of written tributes from church members and friends throughout the nation. The beautifully bound book was titled, ‘A Lasting Impression: A Collection of Tributes in Honor of Michael Titus Williams Upon His Retirement.’ It

was presented by Denise Griffin-Whittington, who served as church secretary for nine of the ten years Williams served as pastor. Other gifts included a special plaque, presented by Malena W. Dow, who served as president of Pastoral Support for seven years. Williams also received a photo album presented by Jay Johnson, College Hill’s photographer. It included ten years of photographs he had taken of events held at College Hill under Williams’ leadership as pastor. The final gift was presented by Audrey B. Wiley, a trustee at College Hill and president of the College Hill Hostess Ministry. Wiley presented him monetary gifts from friends far and near and the College Hill family. She said, “Pastor Williams arrived at College Hill ten years ago ‘wrapped in a robe of humility.’”

Hampton thanked the Pastoral Support Ministry and everyone else that played a part in the pastor’s retirement activities. She gave a special thank you to Rev. Andrew Lewis, director of Music at College Hill. Lewis was responsible for all the technology involved in coordinating the pre-recorded tributes and in-person celebration which was live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

She thanked Williams for his ten years of service. She stated, “You have rejoiced with us in times of great happiness and stood with us in times of trials and tribulations. You have served the Lord and our church with gladness – tirelessly, faithfully and with great compassion.”

Williams leaves College Hill after having led the congregation in building a new sanctuary, nearly doubling College Hill’s seating capacity and increasing membership.

Williams told The Mississippi Link, “If I were given a bar of gold from Fort Knox, it would not be as valuable and special to me as the retirement celebration given me by the membership of College Hill Baptist Church. From start to finish, I was in awe of the multitude of tributes shared in my honor. As long as God has me on the face of this earth, I will forever cherish the auspicious and amazing celebration I was so blessed to be a part of. Thank you College Hill Family for ten beautiful and blessed years!”

Williams will be sorely missed as College Hill turns the page on a prosperous 10 years of service.

See photos on page 15.



College Hill photographer Jay Johnson (right) makes presentation to Williams (left).

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lowed to set their own mandates for people to wear masks in public places.

The state health department will start offering rapid COVID-19 testing in some communities this week. Dobbs said it should be available next week in the department’s other testing sites. Until now, tests done by the department have had results available in days rather than hours.

Dobbs also said that ahead of the Nov. 3 election, the department will hand out free paper masks that include a plastic guard to cover part of the face. Those will be available at testing sites to people who are at least 60 with health conditions that could make them more vulnerable to the virus, including diabetes, hypertension and lung disease.

The state health department said Monday that Mississippi, with a population of about 3 million, has reported more than 105,000 cases and at least 3,101 deaths from COVID-19 as of Sunday evening, with an increase of 296 confirmed cases and no deaths from numbers reported the day before.

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ily and the campaign team. This process has definitely made me a better candidate, a better public servant and a better elected official,” Stamps said during a live Facebook video as he thanked everyone, including his opponent Bob Lee.

Stamps is an Iraqi War veteran, motivational speaker, entrepreneur, farmer, father, councilman and now a state representative.

Special runoff elections were also held for three Mississippi Senate seats.

Businessman Bart Williams defeated educator Joyce Meek Yates for the Senate District 15 seat which encompasses Choctaw, Montgomery, Oktibbeha and Webster counties. Republican Senator Gary Jackson resigned in June due to family health concerns.

Former Lowndes County School District Superintendent Lynn Wright defeated David Chism in the House District 37 race in Clay, Lowndes and Okibbeha counties. Republican Gary Chism resigned in June which left the seat vacant.

In the Senate race for District 39, Jason Barrett defeated Bill Sones in Tuesday’s special runoff election. Senator Sally Doty resigned in July to head the public utility staff.

Three Republicans and a Democrat won special runoff elections Tuesday. At press time, it is unclear when the new members of the Mississippi Legislature will be sworn in. Currently, Republicans are the majority in the 122 member House and 52 member Senate.




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Rotary Club of South Hinds Donate Dictionaries to HCSD 3rd Graders

The Rotary Club of South Hinds recently completed its annual "Dictionary Project," delivering dictionaries to approximately 430 Hinds County School District 3rd graders.

The program, which began around 2007, has run continuously for 13 years. During those years, close to 7,500 dictionaries have been presented to students, some whom do not own another book.

Due to COVID-19 this year, Rotarians shipped the dictionaries to the HCSD elementary schools including a message from Rosemary Cargin, president, South Hinds Rotary Club. The principals were able to share the message, information about Rotary and what it means to be a Rotarian. They also spoke about dictionaries and all you can use them for, from spelling words to finding meanings.



Message to HCSD 3rd Graders from the South Hinds Rotary Club President

Dear Students,

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.

We are excited to be able to be of service in providing dictionaries to all the 3rd students in the Hinds County School District. We know they will be very useful throughout the school year and for many years to come. Along with being able to identify the meaning of words, spelling, pronunciation, definition help, past presidents and much more.

We hope that you will enjoy using this dictionary and every time you open it you will remember that the South Hinds Rotary Club gave it to you. And maybe when you join the workforce, you will think about joining this worldwide organization.

Thank you and have a wonderful school year.

Respectfully,
Rosemary Cargin, president, South Hinds Rotary Club



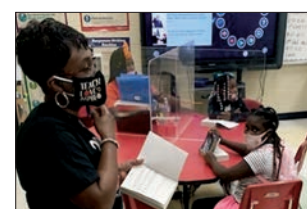
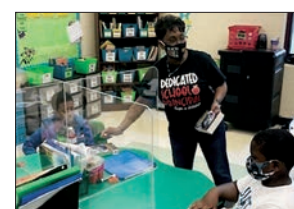
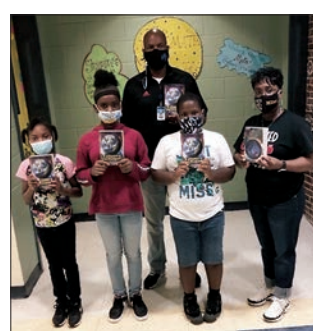
Thank you from the HCSD Superintendent

"We appreciate Rotary's commitment to education, literacy and our local schools," said HCSD superintendent, Dr. Delesicia Martin. "A dictionary is a resource that a student can use anytime, anywhere to satisfy their curiosity and expand their knowledge." The district hopes to continue this long-standing partnership for years to come!

Dr. Delesicia martin
Superintendent of Education



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‘It’s My Party!’: Theatre presents women’s suffrage play

By Bobby Pepper
The Associated Press

The struggle for the right to vote was shared by women across America before the passage of the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution in 1920. Yet while they shared the vision of casting votes alongside their male counterparts, how they approached the mission was radically different. Some wanted to do it diplomatically while others sought more rebellious methods.

The conflict between the women’s suffrage movement leaders will be played out on stage Oct. 22-24 when Theatre Oxford presents “It’s My Party!” at the Powerhouse Community Arts Center. The docudrama, written by Ann Timmons, is being presented jointly with the League of Women Voters Oxford/North Mississippi in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the amendment ratification.

Eight women play the leaders of the rival suffrage groups and the journalists, including Mississippi native Ida B. Wells-Barnett, who reported on the movement.

“There were different philosophies, approaches and tac-

tics. They were definitely not in agreement with each other,” said Jackie Daniels, director of “It’s My Party!”

On one side are the women who represent the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA), which pushed for a constitutional amendment.

Carrie Chapman Catt (played by Jennifer Mizenko) is a political strategist who serves as NAWSA president between 1915-20. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw (Lynn Wells), a physician and ordained minister, was NAWSA president before Catt. Maud Wood Park (Susan Bradley) is NAWSA’s chief lobbyist in Congress.

Wells-Barnett (Allyson Alford), a Chicago journalist who was born in Holly Springs, joins with the white suffrage movements but also fights for the voting rights of black women through her own group, the Alpha Suffrage Club. Wells-Barnett was a prominent voice in the suffrage and Civil Rights movements.

“I love Ida B. Wells, and I’m so honored to play this role,” said Alford, an Oxford resident and 2018 graduate of the University of Mississippi. “(The

play) reminds me of everything she did to make sure I’m able to vote. This is a humbling experience, and I will vote in honor of IdaB Wells.”

On the other side are women who split from the NAWSA in 1916 to form the National Woman’s Party (NWP).

Alice Paul (Robyn Medeiros) and Lucy Burns (Jennifer Lauriello) bring radical ideas they learned from European suffragists to America to pressure for change. Dora Lewis (Marjorie Buckley) is a chief lieutenant of the NWP and Winifred Mallon (Brenna Paola), a Chicago Tribune reporter covering Capitol Hill, is a friend of Paul’s.

“The National Woman’s Party, Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, had been in Europe and learned all these picketing tactics, protesting and burning things, and hunger strikes,” Daniels said. “The NAWSA was definitely opposed to those things. They just wanted to do it by the book, being ladies. The other ones didn’t care about being ladies. They understood that.”

Mizenko, an Ohio native who resides in Oxford, said she’s proud to play a trailblazer like Catt, who founded the League of Women Voters in

1920. She said the determination shown by leaders of the suffrage movement continues to inspire men today.

“I attended the Women’s March on Washington in 2017, and I was really blown away by all the women from all over the country I was with on that day,” Mizenko said. “This play touches a lot of the same issues that women were dealing with a hundred years ago and are still present in our modern times. It’s important to us to have a voice and our voice to be heard. To vote is one of the most important things an American citizen should have.”

Medeiros, an Ole Miss junior from Millington, Tennessee, said being a cast member of “It’s My Party!” motivated her to register to vote in this year’s election.

“When I turned 18, I was so overwhelmed by the transition to college life that I didn’t want to add another thing to my plate,” she said. “I was feeling similarly this year. But after learning about what Alice and Lucy went through to achieve this right, I couldn’t pass it up. There’s definitely a power to it, to have a say in how governments should run.”

The production has made a few COVID-19 adjustments. Rehearsals take place outside on a loading bay attached to the Powerhouse, a former power plant near the Oxford square. The cast and crew wear face shields or masks to protect themselves.

“It’s been OK. It makes you a bit crazy every now and then,” Daniels said. “For them to hear me – I have all these allergies – sometimes I have to pull my mask down for them to hear, but they’re well away from me, and they’re OK with it. When they have no one around them, sometimes they’ll take the mask down in order to do a speech.”

Show time each day is 7:30 p.m. Because of Covid guidelines, seating will be limited to accommodate social distancing. Masks will be required for all audience members.

Tickets are \$10 for Theatre Oxford members, students and seniors, \$15 for nonmembers. Online sales at oxfordarts.com and theatreoxford.org/shows will end at 5 p.m. on the day of the play. Tickets will be available at the door. The production will be recorded for future viewing online.

2020 General Election Absentee Report Week 2

By Michael Watson
Secretary of State

As of Sunday, October 11, 2020, the Statewide Election Management System (SEMS) reported a total of 91,474 absentee ballots requested, 86,609 absentee ballots sent, and 58,796 absentee ballots received in the state of Mississippi for the 2020 General Election.

As a reminder, the requested total reflects the number of Mississippi voters who have requested an absentee ballot through their local Circuit Clerk’s Office. The sent total reflects the number of absentee ballots sent to voters from Circuit Clerk Offices. The received total reflects the number of completed absentee ballots returned to Circuit Clerk Offices.

The in-person absentee voting deadline is Saturday, October 31, at 5 p.m. All mail-in absentee ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, and received within five business days of the election.

For additional voter information, visit our *Y’all Vote* website at yallvote.ms.

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A [White] House in pandemic cannot stand



While the president had previously referred to the virus that has claimed more than 210,000 American lives as a hoax, he's sending mixed signals about just how serious he's taking his own diagnosis. PHOTO: ISTOCKPHOTO / NNPA

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent



The virus is “coming from inside the White House,” blared the latest headline from The Atlantic, one of a multitude of news organizations to cover the surreal events surrounding President Donald Trump’s coronavirus diagnosis and subsequent behavior.

“Asking whether the celebration of Amy Coney Barrett’s [U.S. Supreme Court] nomination was a ‘super-spreader’ event misses the point: Trump’s irresponsibility made this crisis likely,” The Atlantic continued.

In his motorcade around Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, Trump’s ill-advised ride raised alarm bells inside and out of the White House and is only one incident in many that points to an administration in disarray.

Dr. Sean Conley, who heads the White House medical team, told reporters that doctors had begun treating the president with dexamethasone, a steroid that the medical experts said is usually reserved for those with the most severe cases of Covid-19.

Information from the World Health Organization (WHO) notes that dexamethasone can suppress the immune system and is “potentially harmful for patients who take it too early” after their COVID diagnosis.

Trump announced a positive test on October 1 and, within two days, began the steroid treatment.

“Trump’s dexamethasone drug is risky if used early,” tweeted Epidemiologist and Health Economist Dr. Eric Feigl-Ding.

“The WHO warns that this drug used by Trump is a powerful anti-inflammatory for ‘severely ill and critical patients,’ and can also increase viral replication too and make Covid-19 worse.”

Richard Stengel, an under Secretary of State in President Barack Obama’s administration and an editor at Time, suggested that Trump’s condition may have approached a fatal point.

“I’m not a doctor, but throwing an experimental antibody cocktail, plus dexamethasone, plus remdesivir, plus supplemental oxygen all at the same

time suggests the house was on fire and they had to put it out. Not one of the 7 million Americans infected got the same treatment,” Stengel determined.

Dr. Megan Ranney, an emergency physician at the Rhode Island Hospital and an associate professor at Brown University, said dexamethasone could cause psychosis and mania.

She also called some of Trump’s behavior, like the joyride around Walter Reed, “certainly concerning.”

Added Dr. Vin Gupta, a member of the faculty at the University of Washington’s Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation: “The treatment the doctors report they administered suggest the president has COVID pneumonia of at least mild severity.”

Despite his unhealthy condition, Trump briefly left the hospital October 4 and rode in his motorcade up and down Rockville Pike in Bethesda, Maryland.

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany announced she had tested positive for the coronavirus.

While the president had previously referred to the virus that has claimed more than 210,000 American lives as a hoax, he’s sending mixed signals about just how serious he’s taking his own diagnosis.

It wasn’t immediately known what Trump’s personal physicians at Walter Reed Medical Center thought of the president’s impromptu trip outside of the hospital, but other doctors expressed disbelief.

“It’s all ridiculous,” noted an exasperated Dr. Ebony Hilton, an associated professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Anesthesia at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

“If Donald Trump were my patient, in unstable condition with a contagious illness, and he suddenly left the hospital to go for a car ride that endangers himself and others, I’d call security to restrain him and then perform a psychiatric evaluation to examine his decision-making capacity,” declared former Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Leana Wen.

“This is infuriating,” blasted Dr. Taison Bell, an emergency department physician specializing in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at

the University of Virginia.

“The White House is past the point of just making wrong decisions at almost every juncture. They are now literally making up ways to do irresponsible things.”

Tweeted Harvard Medical School graduate, Dr. Michael McClurkin:

“I cannot believe the president endangered his staff by asking them to drive him around the block to take photographs. He’s mad.”

Trump’s handling of his coronavirus diagnosis has even infuriated the Secret Service, a federal agency charged with protecting the president.

Three agents, who spoke to CNN on the condition of anonymity, expressed outrage at the president’s hospital antics.

The network noted that agents have tested positive for the virus while traveling for Trump’s political rallies, which he insisted on maintaining even against federal health guidelines.

According to CNN, as employees self-quarantine or isolate in place, others have been forced to work longer hours to fill the void.

“That should never have happened,” one current Secret Service agent who works on the presidential and first family detail said after Trump’s drive-by, adding that those agents who went along for the ride would now be required to quarantine.

“I mean, I wouldn’t want to be around them,” the agent said, according to CNN, expressing a view that multiple people at the Secret Service also voiced in the wake of the October 4 appearance.

“The frustration with how we’re treated when it comes to decisions on this illness goes back before this, though. We’re not disposable.”

Another veteran Secret Service agent also expressed deep dismay at the Walter Reed ride. However, he was sympathetic for those around the president, given the difficulty in pushing back on the commander-in-chief.

“You can’t say no,” the agent said.

While agents in the Secret Service have the power to say no to activities that could put a president in danger, they can’t say no in situations that could put themselves in danger.

A third agent told CNN: “It was simply reckless.”

Jackson, We Are Better Than This

H Ralph Samuels Jr.

100 homicides and counting.
A number that’s too high to miss;
A tragic record for a city to have,
Jackson, we are better than this.

We have to stop the killings now.
Bring a halt to this frantic pace.
We can’t complain about what others are doing to us
because we’re doing it to our own race.

Now everyone is talking about the problem,
amidst the chaos and the confusion;
But who is wise and caring enough,
to present us with a viable solution.

It seems like rhetoric and politics
are the leading orders of the day.
Political red tape downtown,
yellow crime tape all around
Jackson, we must find a better way.

Too many of our youth who have promise,
are dying daily by the gun;
Frustrated fathers and grieving mothers.
This by no means is family fun.

A program here, a few dollars there
this needs more than a ‘band-aid fix’;
We need to tackle the problem head on
Church and family must unite in the mix.

We cannot wait on elected officials
to remedy the situation alone;
We must return to the ‘old landmark’
and reinstate morality and prayer in the home.

I’m not talking about the kind of prayer
that only ask for our daily bread;
But the kind that ‘delivers us from evil’
and keeps temptation out of our head.

We must re-establish community concern
where everyone looks out for their neighbor;
It’s not just law enforcement’s job to do
their presence should add to ‘community’ flavor.

They also face challenges of their own
and they need our prayers and support;
Everyday they put their lives on the line
and they need some good news to report.

Let’s work hand in hand with our heroes in blue
bringing back the days I remember so vividly;
When you could walk down the street
without a care in the world,
and the police were known as “Officer Friendly.”

Let’s start today, one step at a time
making sure another life is not lost;
Teach our children to love and respect one another
we can and we must at all cost.

If we really are the City of Soul
then this message please do not dismiss;
Let’s renew faith in God and restore hope in each other.
C’m on Jackson, We Are Better Than This!

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‘The Name Inspires The Pen’

Cancer, am I at risk

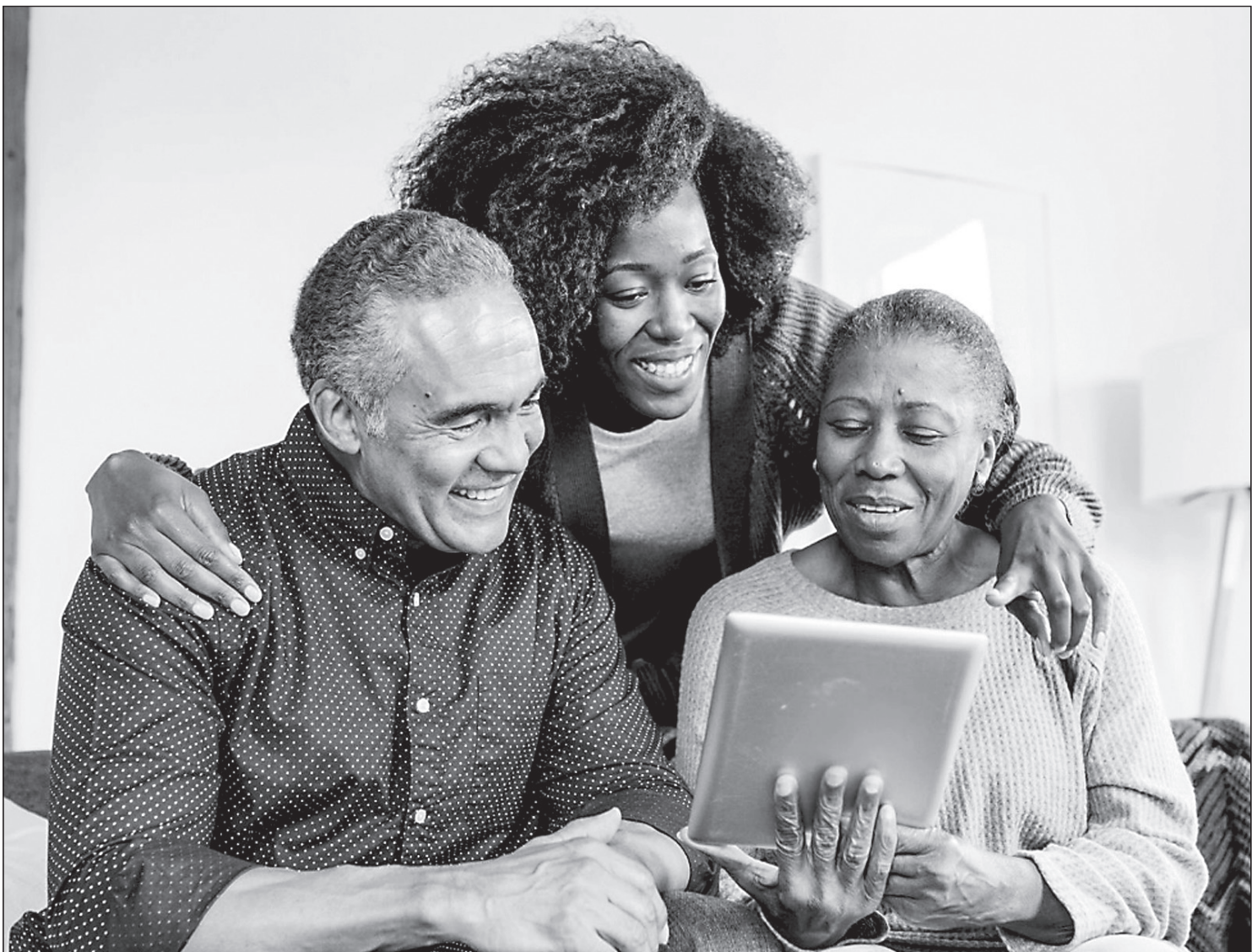
By Vince Faust
Special to The Mississippi Link

Based on recent studies most people don't realize that some major bad lifestyle factors can affect their cancer risk. Instead many people worry about cancer causing claims that aren't backed by scientific evidence. The Internet is responsible for most of the misinformation. The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) conducted the study. AICR noted that about half of the cancer deaths in the United States could be prevented through good lifestyle choices.

Research shows us that 50% of cancer cases and about 50% of cancer deaths are preventable with the knowledge we have today and lifestyle changes. These lifestyle changes include not smoking, eating a healthy diet, getting regular exercise and maintaining a healthy weight. Only a few people were aware that obesity, physical inactivity and a diet high in processed foods or a diet low in fruits and vegetables increased your risk for all cancers.

We are learning new things about cancer prevention everyday. We sometimes hear about cancer-prevention tip recommendation only to find another study advising against the recommendation. When you see these seemingly contradictions we should error on the side of caution. Weigh the facts and if you can eliminate the behavior eliminate it.

Smoking
Smoking has been linked to numerous types of cancer that include cancer of the lung, mouth, throat, larynx, pancreas, bladder, cervix and kidney. Chewing tobacco, smoking cigarettes or cigars, using e-cigarettes and even exposure to second and third hand smoke will raise your risk for cancer. Do everything you can do to



avoid this product.

Diet
Your body fights off cancer everyday. To fight off cancer you need to make sure you get in good nutritious food. The key to eating right is planning. Write it down. You should know what you are going to eat everyday. Plan your meals and use fresh foods as much as possible. Your body needs at least 2 servings of protein, 4 to 6 servings of vegetables, 3 to 6 servings of fruits, 2 to 4 servings of grain and 2 servings of dairy products everyday.

A healthy weight
Maintaining a healthy weight can lower your risk of cancer. A healthy weight is a good

balance between your body's fat, muscle and bone densities. Your body needs more muscle and bone.

Exercise
Exercise should be a part of everyone's daily routine. We should exercise everyday for at least 30 minutes. That 30 minutes of exercise should be intense. It should get your heart beating fast. Exercise will get your body mass percentages of fat, muscle and bone to the levels you need.

The Sun
The more exposure to the Sun's DNA damaging risk factors the more you are at risk. The skin doesn't know if you are exposed once for a long pe-

riod of time by one risk factor or hundreds of time by many risk factors for short periods of time. The exposure is cumulative. Wear sunscreen and limit your time in the Sun.

Sleep
The amount of sleep needed each night varies among people. Each person needs sleep in order to be fully alert throughout the day. Your body also needs enough sleep to allow your body a chance to reset itself to keep your body healthy. Research has shown that when healthy adults are allowed to sleep unrestricted, the average time slept is 8 to 8.5 hours. Some people need more than that to avoid problem sleepi-

ness, others need less. If a person does not get enough sleep, even on one night, a "sleep debt" begins to build and increases until enough sleep is obtained. Problem sleepiness occurs as the debt accumulates. Many people do not get enough sleep during the workweek and then sleep longer on the weekends or days off to reduce their sleep debt. If too much sleep has been lost, sleeping in on the weekend may not completely reverse the effects of not getting enough sleep during the week.

Drinking alcohol
Any type of alcoholic drinks, including red and white wine, beer, cocktails and liquor are

linked with cancer. The more you drink, the higher your cancer risk. According to the May Clinic moderate alcohol use for healthy adults generally is up to one drink a day for women and up to two drinks a day for men. Examples of one drink include: Beer: 12 fluid ounces (355 milliliters) Wine: 5 fluid ounces (148 milliliters).

Know your body
Knowing your body and getting regular screenings for various types of cancer can increase your chances of discovering most cancers early. Early detection is when treatment is most likely to be successful. Ask your doctor about a cancer-screening schedule for you.

Get your vaccinations and treatments for viral infections
Hepatitis B can increase the risk of developing liver cancer. The hepatitis B vaccine is recommended for certain adults at high risk. Hepatitis C is curable. Both Hepatitis B and C can lead to cancers. Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is recommended for girls and boys ages 11 and 12. HPV is a sexually transmitted virus that can lead to cervical and other genital cancers as well as squamous cell cancers of the head and neck.

Know your family medical history
If anyone in your family has had cancer you need to check for all cancers. Genetic testing is also a useful tool in knowing your risk.

Nearly 1,736,000 Americans will be diagnosed with cancer this year and more than 606,800 will die, but your risk of not developing cancer is not out of your control.

Before starting your fitness program, consult your physician.
Watch "Tips to be Fit" on www.lifeandspiritonline.com and www.GoodDayGood-Health.com

How to create and maintain new fitness habits during a pandemic

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The COVID-19 pandemic has made simple acts like seeing friends and family, going to the grocery store, or celebrating a life milestone more complicated. However, it has simplified the ability to create and maintain new fitness habits. Exercise physiologist and Bowflex Fitness Advisor Tom Holland says that since our time isn't as compartmentalized as before, we have the opportunity to be more mindful and make healthy changes to our lifestyles, including the following:

1. Try something new in the comfort of your own home
At home you can experiment with new stretches, workouts, and equipment without feeling the pressure of a gym setting. For a unique indoor cycling experience, the new Bowflex VeloCore bike (<https://www.bowflex.com/bikes/velocore/velocore-bike.html>) offers a choice between the traditional



Try new fitness products like the new Bowflex VeloCore bike, combining the traditional stationary bike with a side-to-side lean motion, plus engaging content and custom coaching.

stationary setting, and lean mode – with a side-to-side leaning motion that mimics the feel of riding on an open

road. The VeloCore bike integrates the JRNY platform, which delivers engaging digital content on a large touch

screen, and custom coaching and workouts. It also connects with third-party cycling apps, including Peloton and Zwift.

With products like this, you don't need to leave your home to have a challenging and fun workout.

2. Eat healthier because you are not eating out
Restaurant portions are often two to three times larger than the recommended healthy portion sizes. Now, most of us are eating at home more frequently, and it's an ideal time to develop healthy eating habits. You can cook every meal while being mindful of nutritional value and avoid the typical tempting foods that would be available at a restaurant by buying healthier options.

3. Build out your home gym
According to a recent survey conducted on Nautilus, Inc.'s behalf by YouGov, the percentage of consumers* working out at home on a weekly basis has increased from 43% before COVID to 73% during COVID. Regardless of your home's size, investing in versatile and space-efficient fitness

equipment, such as the Bowflex SelectTech 2080 barbell with curl bar (www.bowflex.com/selecttech/2080-barbell/100874.html)—which offers seven incremental weights in one—means you'll have 24/7 access to a calorie-burning workout on your own schedule.

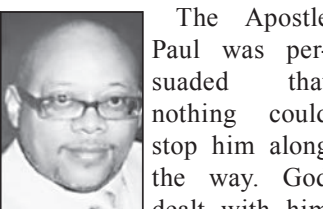
Now, there are no more excuses for not having a healthy lifestyle or fitting in a workout. The only thing holding you accountable is yourself. That's why Holland recommends starting these habits now, so you'll be more likely to continue working out and eating healthy even past the pandemic.

*Citation: *All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total sample size was 1066 US adults aged 18 to 64 years old who have spent \$500 or more on fitness in the past year. Fieldwork was undertaken between July 27 to August 3, 2020. The survey was carried out online.*

God’s grace is sufficient

PART 1

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



The Apostle Paul was persuaded that nothing could stop him along the way. God dealt with him on the road to Damascus and Paul paid the price. Paul found the treasure that he had been looking to find. He paid the utmost price for it, and he went all the way with the Lord. Suffering did not stop him and being nearly beaten to death did not stop him. The devil was unable to stop him. May God help us.

We read these words from Romans 8:35-39, “Who shall separate us from the love of

Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Paul, in strong language, lets us know that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. He was saying that

nothing could ever separate men and women from Christ and cause them to lose out with God or to be unsuccessful in their Christian experience. At the same time, we know that despite all these things, Paul said, some people along the way allow these things to take hold of their lives and they fall and lose out with God.

Paul lets us know there is no need to allow anyone to separate you from God and the experience that you have with Christ.

You must do much to maintain your Christian experience. You must get close to God and work at it. God does not want you to struggle all the time in your Chris-

tian experience. He does not want you to fight a spiritual war on the home front all the time. He wants you to get victory over spiritual wars. You need to conquer that territory and then you can go on and win souls for God. The devil wants to keep you fighting a war on the home front continually in your own life, trying to conquer this and that battle. God has victory for you.

Next week – 10/23/20 – Part II, “God’s Grace is Sufficient”

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The power of the do-over

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



Despite the move to all online teaching this semester and the challenges that come with it, I still love my job as a college English professor. I absolutely enjoy being able to guide others in understanding the importance of being able to express themselves effectively in writing. However, next to teaching grammar, one of the things I’ve had the most difficult time in getting my students to understand is the importance of our drafts.

When I assign papers, I require that students give me at least two rough drafts of every paper. Inevitably, at least one student will ask, “how do I come up with my second draft?” Many of them think it’s extra work and have no problem in letting me know they don’t want to do it. Some of them even let me know that they are so used to doing papers at the last minute that doing more than one draft is not an option.

When I explain to them the value of taking the time to re-read their papers and how it makes their writing better, they remain skeptical. In some instances, I’ve even showed them multiple drafts of my own writing projects so they realize that I’m not giving them advice that I myself don’t follow.

They complain but by the end of every semester, many appreciate how this step has improved their writing. It takes extra time but going through the second or third or fourth draft also helps them find mistakes that they may have missed in the first draft.


Lately, God has been school-

ing me on this same principle of the value of do-over. In the past 6 months, I have spent much time reevaluating so many areas of my life that I thought were okay. Things that I have done routinely that offered what I thought were good results are no longer bringing that same sense of satisfaction that they once did. For example, I thought I was doing good by only eating one biscuit. But my health improved tremendously when I learned how to make them healthy with coconut flour or gave up biscuits altogether.

Re-thinking my attitudes toward certain people and situations has also allowed me to develop a healthier and more balanced life perspective. I’ve been getting acceptable results but what I’m missing out on is the “great” that Ephesians 3:20 promises: “God can do anything, you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams. He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and entirely within us.”

It might be worth it to see how much you can change your life by praying more, seeking God’s direction more, and trusting more in his promises. Like my students, I’ve had to learn that having a do-over doesn’t mean that it was wrong the first time...but it does acknowledge that there are areas that can be improved. You can go from good to great in no time.

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Sealed bids will be received electronically via MAGIC or physically delivered to the office of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, 501 North West Street, Suite 1401 B, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, until 2:00:00 p.m. on Thursday, 11/19/2020 , for:

RE: GS# 322-036 Water & Wastewater Improvements
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RFx # 3160003931

at whib time they will be publi y opened and read. Contrat doo ments may be obtained from:

Professional: Mid-South Consulting, Inc.
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Email: abernathycg@mid-southconsulting.com

A deposit of \$125.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and de s will not be available for bidders use at the bid s te.

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

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2005 HD RDK 1HD1FDV165Y707221
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Eaglemark Savings Bank, Lien Holder
Date of Sale: Ot ober 26, 2020
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2012 Ford MGT 1ZVBP8FF3C5252229
Regis ered to Elliot Ronald
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ANNOUNCEMENT: The Jackson City Council has declared the Ward 2 City Council seat vacant, thereby requiring a Special Election to be held November 17, 2020.

The Department of Municipal Clerk will be open October 12th - 16th, 2020 for voter registration 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Sat. October 17, 2020 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to be eligible to vote in the November 17, 2020 Ward 2 Special Election.

Voter Registration deadline for the upcoming Municipal Ward 2 Special Election will be Saturday, October 17th, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

The last day to vote by absentee ballot is Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. To accommodate the absentee voting process, the Department of Municipal Clerk will be opened on November 7th from 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. and November 14th from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

All interested candidates must pick up a qualifying application packet from the Department of Municipal 219 S. President Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily beginning on October 12, 2020. The qualifying deadline is October 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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READVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
City of Jackson Hawthorne Drive Bridge Replacement Project
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of City of Jackson Hawthorne Drive Bridge Replacement Project. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

Contract time for this contract shall be 150 consecutive calendar days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed for each consecutive calendar day the Work has not achieved Final Completion. The amount of liquidated damages per day will be \$500.00 plus any additional actual costs above \$500.00 incurred by the Owner. These actual costs include, but are not limited to, engineering, inspection, and other construction related costs resulting from the Contractor's failure to complete the work on schedule.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provision of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder, or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1638. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 218 South President Street, 2nd Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing his classification as to the value and type of construction on which he is authorized to bid.

Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal forms to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "City of Jackson Hawthorne Drive Bridge Replacement Project" Each bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal.

Bids and EBO plans shall be submitted in triplicate (bound/stapled separately), sealed and deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Official Bid Documents, including the Contract Documents and Drawings can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic Bids may be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810.4814.

Awarding public contracts to non-resident Bidders will be on the same basis as the non-resident bidder's state awards contracts to Mississippi Contractors bidding under similar circumstances. Current state law, Mississippi General Laws of 2010, Chapter 383, section 31-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, requires a non-resident bidder to attach to the bid a copy of the Bidder's resident state's current laws pertaining to such state's treatment of nonresident contractors. Non-resident bidders must attach to their bid a copy of any bid preference law of the state, city, county, parish, province, nation or political subdivision where they are domiciled. If there is no such law where they are domiciled, all non-resident bidders shall attach a letter to their bid stating that there is no bid preference law where they are domiciled. The bid of any non-resident bidder who fails to attach to its bid a copy of its domicile's bid preference law or a letter stating that its domicile has no such bid preference law, whichever is applicable, shall be rejected and not considered for award.

Each Bidder must deposit with his bid a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent of his bid, payable to the City of Jackson as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City of Jackson. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount.

Plans, specifications and contract documents are on file and open to public inspection at the Office of Stantec Consulting Services Inc., 200 North Congress Street, Suite 600, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201 and the Engineering Department of the City of Jackson. One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of \$100.00 (by check, made payable to "Stantec Consulting Services Inc.") from 200 North Congress Street, Suite 600, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201. The payment is non-refundable.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that minority and women business enterprises are solicited to bid on these contracts as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, material and/or supply needs.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on October 23, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. local time, in the 5th floor conference room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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251-380-0898

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Art Center of Mississippi
ADA Restroom Renovation
201 East Pascagoula St, Jackson, MS 39213
City of Jackson Project No. 17B7003.701

Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished and sealed and deposited with the City Clerk prior to the hour and date above designated. A copy of the construction documents (plans and/or specifications) for the construction being sought has been filed with the City Clerk of Jackson, MS. Official bid Documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids and/or reverse bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Questions regarding plan clarifications or requests for information should be directed to the architect as follows:

Baker LPA Group, LLP
11 N. Water Street
Suite 14290
Mobile, AL 36602
Attn: Douglas Thomason

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
City of Jackson West Capitol Street Improvements (Prentiss Street to I-220)
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of City of Jackson West Capitol Street Improvements (Prentiss Street to I-220). Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

Contract time for this contract shall be 400 consecutive calendar days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed for each consecutive calendar day the Work has not achieved Final Completion. The amount of liquidated damages per day will be \$500.00 plus any additional actual costs above \$500.00 incurred by the Owner. These actual costs include, but are not limited to, engineering, inspection, and other construction related costs resulting from the Contractor's failure to complete the work on schedule.

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Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing his classification as to the value and type of construction on which he is authorized to bid.

Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal forms to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "City of Jackson West Capitol Street Improvements (Prentiss Street to I-220)" Each bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal.

Bids and EBO plans shall be submitted in triplicate (bound/stapled separately), sealed and deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Official Bid Documents, including the Contract Documents and Drawings can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic Bids may be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810.4814.

Awarding public contracts to non-resident Bidders will be on the same basis as the non-resident bidder's state awards contracts to Mississippi Contractors bidding under similar circumstances. Current state law, Mississippi General Laws of 2010, Chapter 383, section 31-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, requires a non-resident bidder to attach to the bid a copy of the Bidder's resident state's current laws pertaining to such state's treatment of nonresident contractors. Non-resident bidders must attach to their bid a copy of any bid preference law of the state, city, county, parish, province, nation or political subdivision where they are domiciled. If there is no such law where they are domiciled, all non-resident bidders shall attach a letter to their bid stating that there is no bid preference law where they are domiciled. The bid of any non-resident bidder who fails to attach to its bid a copy of its domicile's bid preference law or a letter stating that its domicile has no such bid preference law, whichever is applicable, shall be rejected and not considered for award.

Each Bidder must deposit with his bid a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent of his bid, payable to the City of Jackson as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City of Jackson. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount.

Plans, specifications and contract documents are on file and open to public inspection at the Office of Crown Engineering, PLLC, 5269 Keele Street, Suite C Jackson, Mississippi, 39206. One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of \$100.00 (by check, made payable to "Crown Engineering, PLLC."). All technical questions should be directed to Calvin Dean, PE, (601) 713-4346. The payment is non-refundable.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that minority and women business enterprises are solicited to bid on these contracts as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, material and/or supply needs.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on October 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM. local time, in the 5th floor conference room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

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information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact of the Division of Equal Business Opportunity at 601-960-1611. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the Program, as attached, are available at 200 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

The Notice of the Pre-Bid Conference date, time and place will be issued by Addendum. All Contractors who intend to submit "BIDS" are encouraged to attend.

Charles Williams, Jr., PE, PHD Vanessa Henderson
PW Interim Director of Public Works Deputy Director
Housing & Community Development

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READVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
City of Jackson Woodway Drive Bridge Replacement Project
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of City of Jackson Woodway Drive Bridge Replacement Project. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

Contract time for this contract shall be 75 consecutive calendar days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed for each consecutive calendar day the Work has not achieved Final Completion. The amount of liquidated damages per day will be \$500.00 plus any additional actual costs above \$500.00 incurred by the Owner. These actual costs include, but are not limited to, engineering, inspection, and other construction related costs resulting from the Contractor's failure to complete the work on schedule.

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Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing his classification as to the value and type of construction on which he is authorized to bid.

Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal forms to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "City of Jackson Woodway Drive Bridge Replacement Project" Each bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal.

Bids and EBO plans shall be submitted in triplicate (bound/stapled separately), sealed and deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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Plans, specifications and contract documents are on file and open to public inspection at the Office of CIVILTech, Inc, 5240 Executive Place, Jackson, Mississippi, 39206. One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of \$100.00 (by check, made payable to "CIVILTech, Inc."). All technical questions should be directed to Elmore Moody, PE, (601) 713-1713. The payment is non-refundable.

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Advertisement for RFP
RFP 2020-20 JPS Wireless Network Project: Bid for Construction and Materials

Sealed, written formal rfp proposal Is for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prebidding Time), October 22, 2020 at which time and place they will be opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfps to waive informalities and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if

approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened.

Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing jewalker@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from the website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us

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Request for Proposal (RFP)#2020-04
Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and Internet Services

The City of Jackson (the "City"), through its Department of Planning and Development, Office of Transportation, is soliciting bids for Leasing Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and Internet Service. The qualified vendor will be customer driven and provide the City of Jackson with an exceptional level of service and quality products. The City of Jackson encourages companies to submit the most comprehensive proposal possible offering the highest quality of service.

Interested firms may obtain a copy of a detailed Request for Proposals, and any proposal addenda by emailing mguice@jacksonms.gov. Official proposal documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Please reference RFP#2020-04.

Six copies of the offeror's Proposal together with a PDF file of the Proposal on a flash drive shall be deposited with the City of Jackson, Office of City Clerk at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205 until Tuesday, October 27, 2020 by 3:30 pm, Central Standard Time (CST). Electronic bids and/or reverse auction bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Submittals received after the specified date and time shall not be accepted.

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Electronic Bidding
Advertisement Ad Request for
Bid 3150 Wilkins Elementary School Improvement

Sealed, written formal bid proposal Is for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prebidding Time) November 12, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning all the projects at Wilkins Elementary School will be held at the Wilkins Elementary School at 1970 Castle Hill Dr., Jackson MS 39204 on October 28, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids to waive informalities and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.jpsdmsprojects.com. A \$ 150.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each printed set of bid specifications documents. A \$100.00 Nonrefundable deposit shall be required on each digital PDF set of bid specs/documents. Documents must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents, please contact Ryan Florreich at JBHM Architecture, Phone: 601-352-2699 or Email: rflorreich@jbhm.com.

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REVISED ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
THIS ADVERTISEMENT SUPERSEDES THAT OF OCTOBER 8, 2020
ORACLE SUPPORT RENEWAL FOR SOFTWARE UPDATE LICENSE
AND SUPPORT

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is soliciting bids ORACLE SUPPORT RENEWAL FOR SOFTWARE UPDATE LICENSE AND SUPPORT.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Municipal Clerk or electronically until 10:00 A.M. CST, November 3, 2020, at which time bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers).

Copies of proposal forms may be obtained from Carla Gammill, Water-Sewer Business Administration, 1000 Metrocenter, Suite 100, Jackson, Mississippi 39209 or through Central Bidding at their website, www.centralbidding.com. A copy of the bid specifications is also available for review through the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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Sealed, signed bids must be received no later than 3:30p.m. Central Standard Time, on November 10, 2020, whether submitted electronically or as physical copies. All bids submitted as physical copies shall be submitted to the attention of:

If by hand delivery: City of Jackson
Office of the Municipal Clerk
219 South President Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

If by mail: City of Jackson
Office of the Municipal Clerk
Post Office Box 17
Jackson, MS 39205-0017

Bids may also be submitted electronically. An electronic bid can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities with respect to any bid submitted. Bid awards will be made to the bidder quoting the lowest and best bid in accordance with the specifications.

For technical questions about this bid contact Jerrica Sims by telephone at (601) 960-2387 or by email at jsims@jacksonms.gov.

Robert Blaine, Ph.D.
Chief Administrative Officer

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUALIFICATIONS
AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
BY THE
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRALIZED SECURITY CHECKPOINT PROJECT
AT THE
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 005-20

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Statements of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a "Statement of Qualifications") to provide engineering design and construction administration services (the "Services") to JMAA in connection with the Centralized Security Checkpoint Project, JMAA Project No. 005-20 at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN").

JMAA will receive sealed electronic or printed submissions only. All submissions of Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services will be accepted until Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 4:00 pm (CST) (the "Deadline"). Electronic submissions are to be submitted via email to bids@jmaa.com. JMAA will also receive electronic or printed submissions, delivered by hand delivery or mail service, 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 not consider any Statement of Qualifications received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Statement of Qualifications ("RFQ") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFQ, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents, and Criteria for Selection.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Chad G Parker, JMAA Director of Procurement, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Chad G Parker, Director of Procurement
Telephone No.: (601) 939-5631, ext 516
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: cparker@jmaa.com

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference via video conferencing on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 2:00 pm (CST). Here is the information needed to access the Pre-Submission Conference:

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

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

After evaluation in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFQ, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement, in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent. In that event, JMAA will follow the same process with the other Respondents in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA. JMAA reserves the right to request a demo from respondents as part of the evaluation.

JMAA reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all Statement of Qualifications, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

The DBE participation goal will be identified in the Request for Proposal phase of this solicitation.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
NORTH STATE STREET
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SECTION 901 – ADVERTISEMENT
Hinds County, MISSISSIPPI
Federal Aid Project No. STP-6928-00(015) LPA/108077-701000,
City Project No. 19B4011-201

Sealed bids will be received by the City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi at the office of the City Clerk, 219 South President Street, P. O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 P.M. (Local Time), on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 for the Resurfacing of North State Street from Sheppard Road to Briarwood Drive, Federal Aid Project No. STP-6928-00(015) LPA/108077, City Project No. 19B4011. The scope of work shall consist of asphalt milling and overlay along North State Street, for approximately 1.08 miles, from the intersection of Sheppard Road to the intersection of Briarwood Drive. The project scope also includes sidewalk replacement, curb and gutter replacement, installation of pedestrian push buttons, striping, installation of 170-ft of ADA compliant pedestrian handrail, traffic control and construction phasing. The project will be designed in accordance with the Mississippi Standard Specification for Road and Bridge Construction, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Jackson, 2017 Edition.

The scope of project features outlined above does not in any way limit the responsibility of the contractor to perform all work and furnish all labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein. Contract time shall be 72 working days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed for each consecutive calendar day the Work has not achieved Final Completion. Liquidated Damages will be assessed in accordance with the Schedule of Deductions table in Section 108.07 of the 2017 Edition of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid Projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581 Work Hours Act of 1962, as set forth in the Contract Provisions.

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

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the 5% DBE/WBE requirements.

The contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations:
• Engineering Division, Department of Public Works, Warren Hood Building, 4th Floor, 200 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.
• EJES, Incorporated, 405 Briarwood Drive, Suite 110, Jackson, Mississippi 39206
One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of \$100.00 (by check, made payable to "EJES Inc.") from 405 Briarwood Drive, Suite 110, Jackson, Mississippi 39206. The payment is non-refundable.

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

The proposal and contract documents in its entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and submitted to the City Clerk, 219 S President St, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 prior to the hour and date designated above. No stripped bids will be accepted.

The Official Bid Documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic Bids may be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810.4814.

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

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City of Jackson, Mississippi

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Hint: Quote by Humphrey Bogart



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Biden harnesses history to describe urgency of 2020 campaign

By Bill Barrow
Associated Press

Presidential hopefuls tend to declare every upcoming election the most important one that voters have faced in their lifetime. Joe Biden goes bigger.

The Democratic nominee portrays 2020 as an entanglement of social, economic, political, environmental and public health crises as threatening to America's stability as the Civil War and the Great Depression. Biden points to the presidents of those times — Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt — for inspiration, even using one of the nation's most hallowed battlefields, where Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address in 1863, as a backdrop for his closing argument against President Donald Trump.

"A century and a half after Gettysburg, we should consider again what can happen when equal justice is denied and when anger and violence and division are left unchecked," Biden said in rural Pennsylvania.

He pledged, as president, to "marshal the ingenuity and good will of this nation to turn division into unity and bring us together." Refashioning Lincoln's words, Biden added: "It cannot be that here and now, in 2020, that we will allow the government of the people, by the people and for the people to perish from this Earth. It cannot, and it must not."

The approach, Biden aides say, is more than lofty presidential rhetoric; it's necessary groundwork for governing. Being a steady alternative to Trump, the ex-reality television star Biden describes as "erratic" and "dangerous," may be enough to win in November, they argue.

But once in office, Biden would need a clear mandate from a splintered electorate if he hopes to enact the kinds of comprehensive proposals he proposes to control the coronavirus pandemic and its economic fallout, combat the climate crisis and confront centuries of racial and economic inequities.

"A lot of good work and thinking is going into how to actually tackle the challenges in this moment of crisis that the Trump administration has failed to address and resolve," Democratic Sen. Chris Coons of Delaware, a Biden confidant, said in a recent interview.

"It's simple," added Coons, who holds the same Senate seat Biden occupied for 36 years. "But it's complicated."

A Biden aide who was not authorized to publicly discuss strategy and spoke on condition of anonymity said the campaign is considering at least one more major speech before the Nov. 3 election with the kind of historical sweep and imagery that Biden mustered in Gettysburg.

There are hazards and unknowns in Biden's approach.

"Tom Dewey," quipped Newt Gingrich, the former Republican House speaker and Trump ally. He was referring to Republicans' 1948 presidential nominee, who appeared a sure victor over President Harry S. Truman at a time of domestic uncertainty after World War II. "Dewey spent a large part of October talking about how great a president he'd be, and Truman spent October taking Dewey apart" on the particulars, Gingrich said of Truman's comeback victory.

As dire as Trump's political standing appears to be, Repub-

licans have countered Biden's argument for an ambitious presidency with equally stark warnings that the longtime center-left deal-maker is in fact a vessel for a leftward lurch toward socialism.

In Trump's telling, Biden's idea as to combat the pandemic would cripple economic activity; his tax plans are confiscatory wealth redistribution; health care is an expensive armament; his social programs are a regressive tax on the middle class; his tax plans are confiscatory wealth redistribution; health care is an expensive armament; his social programs are a regressive tax on the middle class.

Biden's first talk of Trump as an existential threat to the nation's racial justice with frequent reminders that "we haven't always lived up to the ideals" in the Declaration of Independence. Biden's primary campaign has made standard Democratic arguments about sterilizing the middle class.

But the coronavirus, its economic damage and a summer of protests of police violence against Black Americans have accelerated Biden's rhetoric.

"The Biden administration takes on the fight. People realize what's at stake here," Biden said Saturday in Erie, Pennsylvania, repeating what has become a go-to line in an early career campaign setting. An hour later: "The country is ready. The fight is."

Ad Biden swats away Trump's caricatures. "Do I look like a socialist?" he said recently in Miami.

Biden's tactics are so very reminiscent of some of Trump's stagcraft.

The president made Democrats seethe in August as he said the White House was about to accept the Republican nomination for a second term. Before that, Trump traveled to Montana in the week of July 4 for a dramatic address. His broadcast performance drew criticism. Biden's campaign, however, has been a steady presence in Washington. The Jefferson administration's legacy.

"I've done more for the black community than any other president ... with the possible exception of Abraham Lincoln," Trump said in September, four

months after conducting an interview with Fox News from the feet of the Lincoln Memorial.

Biden described his Gettysburg speech as "dramatic" in a preview to donors hours before he delivered it. Yet while Trump makes explicit comparisons to his predecessors in terms of accomplishment and renown, Biden's language more carefully calls upon them as inspiration.

In a Sept. 22 fundraiser, a top Biden supporter recalled urging the former vice president to run against Trump.

"I was grabbing you by the lapels and said, 'You're the Harry Truman of our time. You've gotta run.' I know you remember that," Dennis Mehiel, chairman of U.S. Corrugated, Inc., told Biden, drawing laughter from the candidate.

Then Mehiel pivoted, declaring a national "tipping point" that requires more. "I've changed my mind," he told Biden. "You must be the Franklin Roosevelt of our time. ... We had wonderful success in many areas following his leadership."

Biden walked a fine line in response.

"I have trouble thinking of myself in terms of FDR," Biden said of the Democrat whose New Deal policies vastly expanded the federal government's size and scope. "But one thing I do agree on ... whoever is the next president is going to inherit an economic circumstance that is as dangerous, as consequential as Roosevelt did."

Gingrich said Biden "has no choice" but to reach for a mandate as he tries to parlay a national lead into an expanded House majority and a new Democratic-run Senate. The raw political realities of the era Biden cites as guideposts demonstrate why.

Lincoln managed the Civil War as an iron-fisted commander in chief, often governing through executive orders his congressional opponents could do nothing about. His staunchest enemies weren't on Capitol Hill for him to navigate at all: They'd seceded.

Roosevelt, meanwhile, was vilified by Republicans and

Wall Street titans as a socialist. But he commanded overwhelming Democratic majori-

ties in Congress, margins Biden likely would never enjoy.

"For Biden to do what he

wants to do," Gingrich said, "he needs to sweep."

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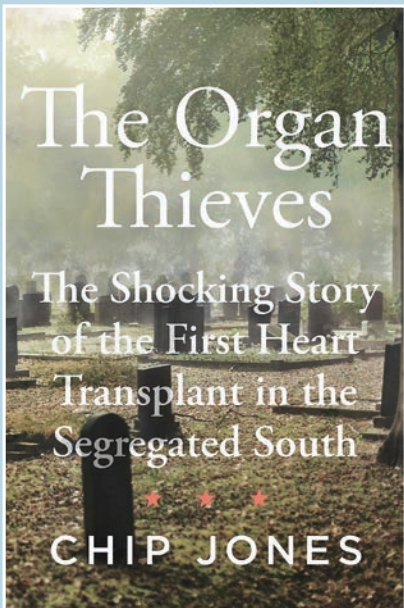
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

It gives you such a great feeling.

Yep, generosity: you can’t beat it. To hand over a gift, to watch someone smile, that’s the best. Providing a life-saving item or needed supply gives you a warm-fuzzy from your toes on up.

You can’t beat the feeling you get from giving but, as in the new book “The Organ Thieves” by Chip Jones, be sure your heart is in the right place.

Because of its unique location, easy to reach, just north of

the South, the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond enjoyed a stellar surgical reputation in the 1960s.

The “MCV” had overcome so much: almost literally, its closets were full of skeletons from Civil-War-era resurrectionists and early-20th-century human experiments. Racism was an ongoing issue, too. But in 1966, the optimism within MCV’s walls came from two surgeons, both hoping to become pioneers in heart transplantation.

Doctors David Hume and Richard Lower were both experienced in transplanting or-

gans in animals and in humans, and both were well-regarded enough for South African surgeon Dr. Christiaan Barnard to request time to work with and learn from them. But transplanting a heart, human-to-human, would be different than anything they’d done before. There was no chance to rush; they had to get it right, while being mindful of ethical matters.

Where is the line between life and death? Technology available in 1967 couldn’t answer that question enough, and therein lay the dilemma. The

obvious best donor then was still alive but not really; the obvious best recipient of a transplant was otherwise in great health. These were not the only considerations, but they were the biggest.

There were laws to follow, and rules to heed, but shortly after Barnard beat Hume and Lower in the race to be first with a human heart transplant, the pressure was on. Waiting in the wings was an ailing white businessman with a bad heart. So when a fifty-four-year-old black man was brought to the hospital with head injuries, the

surgeons made their moves...

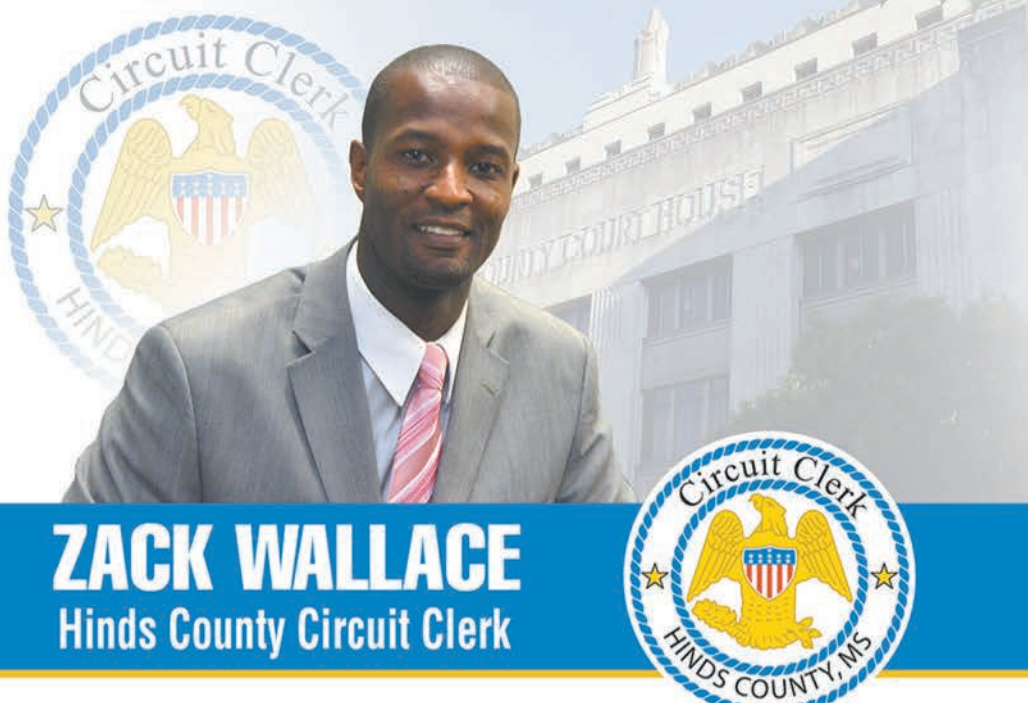
Murder, or medical marvel? When it comes to health-related breakthroughs like that in “The Organ Thieves,” we often read of “firsts” but not-so-often about subsequent, likewise notable, milestones achieved, and even more rarely of controversy tied to the event. But here, author Chip Jones tells all of the above, anchored by accusations of crime with racism at their core, a tale that still lingers for many concerned.

That’s heartbreaking and painful to read about, although some may argue that there was a

modicum of gain here, in medical knowledge and in eventual legislation.

Also up for debate: did a later-famous surgeon have a role in the push to break the rules? Were those rules even broken? Jones leaves courtroom records – and readers to self-argue these details of that day in 1968.

Though this is a nonfiction book, fans of medical thrillers will devour it. Readers who love true medicine stories, history and courtroom drama will love it, too. So find “The Organ Thieves” because you can’t beat it.



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