

NNPA publishers respond to Joe Biden’s Commitment and Plan for Black America



By Stacy M. Brown
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The commitment by Democratic Presidential Nominee Joe Biden to help increase opportunities and recognize the plight of African Americans as outlined in an exclusive editorial with Black Press USA resonated quite loudly with African-American publishers and national board members from the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

The NNPA is the trade association representing more than 230 African-American-owned newspapers and media companies throughout the United States.

“There is a legacy of racism and inequality that lives still in our institutions, our laws, and in too many people’s hearts that makes it harder for black people to succeed,” Biden wrote in the 1,047-word column published Oct. 19, 2020 on the NNPA Newswire Service.

“These are facts in the United States of America in 2020, and we must all do more to move our nation closer to the ideals enlaid at our founding – that all women and men are created equal.”

NNPA National Chair and *Houston Forward Times* Publisher, Karen Carter Richards, called Biden’s editorial “spot on.”

“Democratic Presidential nominee Joe Biden points out so many critical issues, or as he put it, ‘pandemics,’ that continue to plague the black community,” Carter Richards detailed.

“Just like he also pointed out, these issues can’t be addressed by just putting them on paper, there must be a dedicated plan and commitment to address these important issues immediately. It is refreshing to hear a presidential candidate publicly express his desire and commitment to do so.”

NNPA National Secretary and *Mississippi Link* Publisher, Jackie Hampton, also praised Biden and his plan for Black America.

“I feel that [former] Vice President Joe Biden’s plan to ‘Lift Every Voice in Black America’ will give new voice and new hope with the singing of the Black National Anthem, ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’” Hampton stated.

“Biden has proven over and over again that he understands the plight of blacks in America and with passion and commitment, he wants to rid the country of the injustice and dis-

My plan to Lift Every Voice in Black America

-Joe Biden

crimination which we as a race continue to endure,” Hampton offered.

She continued: “As the hymnal, which was once a poem, reads:

“Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.”

“I am hopeful that Biden’s plan will lead us to the victory we so proudly sing about.”

While the *Atlanta Voice* doesn’t endorse political candidates, it’s publisher, Janis Ware, said she’s impressed with Biden’s plan.

“Having a presidential candidate outline a plan that speaks to African-American people directly through the pages of the Black Press and our social media channels is a bold and powerful move,” stated Ware, the NNPA’s first vice-chair.

“It’s a posture that is unprecedented and bold.”

Fran Farrer, NNPA 2nd vice-chair and publisher and CEO of the *County News* in Charlotte, North Carolina, applauded Biden for what she called his faith in the ability of black newspapers to carry the former vice president’s message.

“It not only speaks volumes to his character but his commitment to lifting every voice in black and brown America,” Farrer remarked.

“His plans, along with those of Vice Presidential Nominee Kamala Harris, will work to support improved healthcare and available healthcare for those without fair treatment by the justice system.

“[Biden’s plan] contains an increased fair minimum wage that allows families to provide a roof over their heads, feed, clothe and educate their families, and reduce the fear of every encounter of police officers across the United States of America.”

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Candidates faced-off over issues for MS Supreme Court seat

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

A virtual candidate’s forum, hosted by the Stennis Institute of Government and the Capitol Corps was held October 9 where Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Kenny Griffis and challenger Judge Latrice Westbrook discussed their platform, experience and qualifications for the high court where Griffis now serves. Frank Riley, a research associate with John C. Stennis Institute of Government & Community Development at Mississippi State University served as moderator.

Griffis from Ridgeland is running for the seat in which he was appointed by former Republican Governor Phil Bryant in February 2019. He is being challenged by Westbrook from Lexington, MS who is seeking to become the first black woman to serve on the Mississippi nine-member court.

The winner will serve an eight-year term in District 1 which includes Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Warren, Yazoo and several other Central Mississippi counties. Throughout its history, Mississippi has had only four women to serve out of 137 total Supreme Court justices. Currently, there is only one that sits on the high court.

Both candidates have a great deal of experience. Griffis served on the Court of Appeals for 16 years and also served as a private lawyer and a certified public accountant. He stated that President Donald Trump said one of the most important decisions that a president makes is that of a Supreme Court judge and that the same holds true for



Griffis

selecting a Mississippi Supreme Court judge, except the decision is determined by an election. He describes himself as a constitutional conservative and says because of this, he is being endorsed by Republicans, even though Supreme Court races are nonpartisan.

Westbrook described herself as one who comes with a diverse background, not just by gender and race but also having worked as the first African American to serve as assistant district attorney for Harrison, Hancock and Stone counties. She served as a public defender and as a municipal judge. She also served as legal counsel for the Jackson Police Department. Westbrook says her diversity of experience will serve real, everyday Mississippians and that the decisions



Westbrook

made by the court impact real people.

Griffis on the other hand didn’t seem to believe having diversity on the courts was important. He said nine people should decide cases based on what the law is, not race or gender.

Kendrick Nash, a recent law school graduate of Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia was asked by *The Mississippi Link* what his thoughts were regarding bringing diversity to the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Nash responded by saying, “The Mississippi Supreme Court needs diversity to combat archaic stereotypes and overbearing generalizations of a group of people based on race and gender. It is necessary to keep a balanced court to repre-

sent the demographics of Mississippi.”

Nash talked at length about his studies in law school. “In law school we were taught that Supreme Court justices interpret the constitution and uphold the law as a collective group. In order to ensure fairness, we need this collective group to be balanced as a demographic. Furthermore, without demographic representation it is likely the outcome of many important decisions will directly or indirectly affect the group not represented”

Nash concluded by saying, “In order to accomplish the goal of a more perfect union we need diversity to combat aforementioned stereotypes and generalizations of a group of people based on race and gender.”

City Councilman Stamps sworn-in as Dist. 66 House of Representative

By Edelia “Dr. Jay” Carthan
Writer

Jackson City Councilman De-Keither Stamps was sworn in as Representative Stamps for District 66, October 16, representing parts of Hinds County. He was sworn in at 10:30 a.m. in the House Chambers.

The ceremony was attended by family, friends, members of the Legislature as well as members of the Jackson City Council and community members. Attendees wore mask and practiced social distancing due to the

COVID-19 pandemic.

Stamps, who is a City Council Representative for Ward 4, is one of a few elected officials that currently holds two elected positions. He was sworn in after winning the special election runoff race for House District 66.

Stamps is replacing Rep. Jarvis Dortch, who resigned in July to serve as the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi.

The new session for the Mississippi Legislature is scheduled to convene January 5, 2021.



MS House Speaker Phillip Gunn swears in Rep. Stamps as wife Shonda holds bible, October 16. PHOTO BY EDELIA CARTHAN

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USA International Ballet Competition rescheduled

The dance world will come to Jackson, Mississippi, in 2023

Mississippi Link Newswire

The USA International Ballet Competition (USA IBC) will take the stage in Jackson, Mississippi, June 10-24, 2023. More than 100 dancers from around the world will compete in Jackson for the 12th time on the stage at Thalia Mara Hall. The USA IBC is among the oldest and most prestigious international ballet competitions in the world.

The USA IBC competition was originally scheduled for June of 2022, but was rescheduled for 2023 when the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted 2020 competitions planned for Helsinki, Finland and Varna, Bulgaria.

“USA IBC leaders worked with our sister competitions in three countries to develop new, coordinated schedules and ensure that despite the pandemic, dancers who had trained for years would still be able to compete and the world would still have the opportunity to come together for these celebrations of art and athleticism,” said Mona Nicholas, USA IBC executive director.

The forced postponements of the 2020 competitions would have moved their new dates to within months of the 2022 Jackson competition. Having three major competitions within two months would have negatively impacted all three of the IBCs.



Princess Reid was one of the dancers representing the United States in the 2018 USA IBC competition. She received a contract with The Joffrey Ballet during the 2018 competition.

The pool of competing dancers would have been diluted and ticket sales would have suffered; the sister competitions would have essentially been competing with each other.

Instead, the four competitions came together to work out a solution. USA IBC led the way by

volunteering to reschedule its competition until 2023.

“Our partners in Varna, Moscow and Helsinki shared our belief that we should work together to make the competitions accessible to as many gifted dancers and as many global audience members as possible,” Nicholas

said. “The pandemic affected the entire world, with countries closing borders and the arts temporarily dark. Now more than ever, the people of the world need art. We need events that unify us and remind us there is still beauty in the world. These competitions do just that.”

The most recent competition in Jackson in 2018 had a total economic impact of \$12.5 million in Mississippi

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In the crucial battleground state of Florida, Bobby Henry, the publisher of the *West-side Gazette* in Ft. Lauderdale, said he was pleased that Biden plans to appoint the first black woman to the Supreme Court. “I also want to see where he would force police departments to hire black psychologists or psychiatrists who would interview potential candidates and weed them out before they got on the force,” Henry strongly voiced. “Biden’s ideas are admirable,” Henry continued. “I think, however, it’s time for all of Black America to be included in making plans for Black America. Not just a hand-picked few.”

Rod Doss, the editor and publisher of the *New Pittsburgh Courier* in the all-important swing state of Pennsylvania, proclaimed that Biden’s plan for Black America “addresses many immediate issues of concern facing African Americans across this country.” “As Biden states, we are in the midst of four simultaneous crises that are especially hard on black Americans,” Doss responded. “This will require a leader that understands and can implement solutions to address the many systemic injustices waged against African Americans. Joe Biden says he is that leader, and he needs our vote.”

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Joe Biden making bid for the office of the President of the United States of America at rally during COVID-19 pandemic. Election Day is November 3.

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Our house is on fire: Suburban women lead charge vs. Trump

By Claire Galofaro
AP National Writer

She walks with the determination of a person who believes the very fate of democracy might depend on the next door she knocks on, head down, shoulders forward. She wears nothing fussy, the battle fatigues of her troupe: yoga pants and sneakers. She left her Lincoln Aviator idling in the driveway, the driver door open – if this house wasn’t the one to save the nation, she can move quickly to the next.

For most of her life, until 2016, Lori Goldman had been politically apathetic. Had you offered her \$1 million, she says, she could not have described the branches of government in any depth. She voted, sometimes.

Now every moment she spends not trying to rid America of President Donald Trump feels like wasted time.

“We take nothing for granted,” she tells her canvassing partner. “They say Joe Biden is ahead. Nope. We work like Biden is behind 20 points in every state.”

Goldman spends every day door knocking for Democrats in Oakland County, Michigan, an affluent Detroit suburb. She feels responsible for the country’s future: Trump won Michigan in 2016 by 10,700 votes and that helped usher him into the White House. Goldman believes people like her – suburban white women – could deliver the country from another four years of chaos.

For many of those women, the past four years have meant frustration, anger and activism – a political awakening that powered women’s marches, the (hash)MeToo movement and the victories of record numbers of female candidates in 2018. That energy has helped create the widest gender gap – the political divide between men and women – in recent history. And it has started to show up in early voting as women are casting their ballots earlier than men. In Michigan, women have cast nearly 56% of the early vote so far, and 68% of those were Democrats, according to the voting data firm I.2.

That could mean trouble for Trump, not just in Oakland County but also in suburban battlegrounds outside Milwaukee, Philadelphia and Phoenix.

Trump has tried to appeal to “the suburban housewives of America,” as he called them. Embracing fear and deploying dog whistles, he has argued that Black Lives Matter protesters will bring crime, low-income housing will ruin property values, suburbs will be abolished. Campaigning in Pennsylvania last week, he begged: “Suburban women, will you please like me?”

There’s no sign all this is working. Some recent polls show Biden winning support from about 60% of suburban women. In 2016, Democrat Hillary Clinton won 52%, according to an estimate by the Pew Research Center.

Talk to women across suburban Michigan, and you’ll find ample confirmation: the lifelong Republican who says her party has been commandeered by cowards. The black executive who fears for the safety of her sons. The Democrat who voted for Trump in 2016 but now describes him as “a terrible person.”

Together, they create a powerful political force.

Goldman started her group, Fems for Dems, in early 2016 by sending an email to a few hundred friends that said she planned to help elect the first female president and asked if they’d like to join her. Four years later, their ranks have swelled to nearly 9,000.

There is one thing Goldman gives Trump credit for. He stormed into the White House on pure guts and bombast, unwilling to acknowledge failure, averse to saying sorry. Those are not natural traits for most women who’ve absorbed societal expectations to please and be polite, she says. But she dug deep within herself to find some hint of them.

A married real estate agent with 12-year-old triplets and a 23-year-old daughter, she became simultaneously the stereotype of a suburban woman and its antithesis: She lives in a 6,000-square-foot home with seven bathrooms, and drinks Aperol spritzers. She also peppers almost every sentence with curse words and no longer gives one damn what people think.

And it’s worked: She described her coalition to a newspaper once as “a bunch of dumpy, middle-aged housewives,” and a few got mad at her, but far more joined.



Goldman canvassing to rid America of Trump.

But she is terrified that the constant cycle of crises has left many women exhausted and that could stall this leftward lurch. The nation is reeling from a pandemic and protests, the death of a revered Supreme Court justice, the hospitalization of the president, a foiled plot to kidnap Michigan’s governor.

“Our house is on fire,” Goldman says, and so she steers her SUV to the next door on the cul de sac.

“Women are pragmatic voters,” said Michigan’s Democratic governor, Gretchen Whitmer. “We care about our kids. We care about our parents. We care about economic security. And so candidates who stand up for those values and show that they can be good, decent human beings is something I know resonates. And I think this moment, with this White House, that is more acute than ever.”

Whitmer nearly doubled Clinton’s margin in Oakland County in 2018. That same year, Democrat Elissa Slotkin flipped a congressional seat that was under Republican control for almost 20 years.

Some of Slotkin’s strongest supporters were Republican women.

Nancy Strole, a longtime elected township clerk in the rural northern part of the county, had not been able to bring herself to vote for Trump. She considers herself an “old-fashioned kind of Republican.” She hasn’t changed, she said – her party was “hijacked.”

“It’s not just Trump,” she said. “It wouldn’t happen unless there are others who acquiesced and were willing to go along with it either by their silence, by their lack of will, by their lack of courage.”

Associated Press journalists David Eggert, Hannah Fingerhut, Emily Swanson and Angeliki Kastanis contributed to this report.

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Janet L. Beaman Walden

August, 1960 - October, 2020



Beaman-Walden

Ms. Janet L. Beaman Walden departed this life to join her Heavenly Father October 8, 2020. She was born August 12, 1960 to Roosevelt Beaman and Evelyn Washington where she was the third child of five beautiful children. Janet was preceded in death by her infant sister, Jeanette and her father, Roosevelt.

Janet was baptized at an early age at New Mount Zion Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi but later joined College Hill Missionary Baptist Church where she was a faithful and dedicated member. Janet served in several ministries at Col-

lege Hill including Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Volunteer and Circle #7, just to name a few.

Janet graduated from Lanier High School in 1978 known to the alums as 833. After graduation she moved to Detroit, Michigan and worked with Michigan Bell Telephone Company. She later moved back home and continued working with South Central Bell/Bell South where she retired with 20 years of service. Janet received a BA Degree in Business Administration from Jackson State University. Janet also worked at Raytheon Technologies in Forest, MS, Sam’s Club in Pearl, MS and the Jackson Police Department until her health failed. Janet was united in holy matrimony to Michael Walden, Sr. and to this union a beautiful baby girl, Milalai Jeanette Jarisha Walden, was born.

Janet leaves to cherish her memories her devoted daughter, Milalai; her loving mother, Evelyn Day, who cared for her until she departed; five sisters, Shirley Lacy (John, deceased) of Canton, MS, Geraldine Beaman (special friend, Tyrone) of Detroit, Michigan, Deborah Ivory (Darryl) of Byram, MS, Diann Day of Byram, MS and Patricia Beamer (Joseph) of Jonesboro, GA; three brothers, Jerry Beaman (Betty) of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, Jerome Beaman (Angela) of Jackson, MS and Kendall Cook of Long Beach, California. Janet also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Services were held Saturday, October 17, 2020.

Sylvia Summers

April, 1958 - October, 2020



Summers

And he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning; nor crying, nor pain, any more; the first things are passed away. Revelation 21:4

Sylvia Summers was born April 6, 1958 in Chicago, IL to Leo Williams (deceased) and Bernita Jones (deceased). She was one of nineteen children.

She grew up serving the Lord. She was a loyal member of Christ Tabernacle Church located at 1201 Cooper Road in Jackson, MS. She worked in the capacity of Sunday school teacher, church educator and choir member. Here hobbies were shopping, dancing, cooking and traveling.

She graduated from Loyola University as a registered nurse. She loved taking care of people. She worked as a nurse for more than 40 years.

Summers is survived by her daughter, Sheretha (Leonard), and her son Christopher. She left behind five grandchildren, DaVaughn, Leonard, Isaiah, Christina and Snow and two great grandchildren, Journee and Amoura. She also left five stepchildren, Mark, Author, Seneca, Urios, Jenkins and three honorary grandchildren (Yolanda-mother) Lakeisha, Kentarius and Meia.

Her surviving siblings are Leo Williams, Leola Strickland, Renee Jones, Ronnie Williams, Velma Williams, Gwendolyn Williams, Aretha Williams and Lazander Williams (Michelle Williams).

Sylvia was preceded in death by Annie Gray, James Douglas, Rosetta Douglas, Mary Trimble, Alton Jones (Al), Herman Jones, William (Bill) Jones, Rodney Williams, Lonnie Williams, and Louegia Williams.

She was funeralized Saturday, October 17, 2020.

Barnie A. Robinson McGee

November, 1933 - September, 2020



Robinson-McGee

Barnie A. Robinson McGee was the fourth of eleven children born to Reverend Talmadge and Melvenia Robinson November 29, 1933. She grew up in Ackerman, MS surrounded by nature in its fullness. She once said, “Consequently, I still feel most peaceful when I am outside working in the yard around flowers, driving my John Deere tractor, fishing and interacting with the splendor it provided.” She found pleasure playing with Kenya, a.k.a. “Big Dog,” and feeding her ducks on the pond. She also was passionate about crossword puzzles.

Barnie was married for more than 58 years to the late Ben Matthew McGee, Sr. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters. For Barnie, motherhood and education were her top priorities. Leading by example, she completed college in three years while caring for five children, and the sixth child was born on the Jackson State University campus. Her diligence yielded much fruit: all six of her children graduated from college.

Those who knew her spoke well of her: “Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.” – Proverbs 27:9

“McGee and I met about 14 years ago. When I think about her affect on me, it feels like I’ve known her my entire life. After the death of my husband, I prayed and asked God to send me someone who understood how I felt, someone who had experienced a loss like mine. The very next day, Sis. McGee walked into my office. Never speaking above a whisper, she took a seat, looked me straight in the eyes and said, Sis. Faulkner, you’re going to be just fine, but you have to be courageous. You have to be faithful. You have to be prayerful. And, you’re going to have to sow into the lives of others: you hear me?” Then she said, “Okay, you’ve got work to do,” and began to rattle off the tasks that required my immediate attention. That was so indicative of Sis. B. A. McGee. Without saying it directly, her message was, “Girl, I love you and I support you. Now, handle your business!” I would reply, “Thank you, Barnie.” I will always value her investment in my life. Until we meet again.” – Sister Thea Thomas-Faulkner

“Barnie was an educator, civic and social leader, with a passionate love for the Royal Blue and White, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

“Once a task has begun, never leave until it’s done. Be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all.” Barnie, to Teresa It would seem that B. A., as I affectionately called her, penned these words to describe her approach to all that she did. I was always amazed at her tenacity in getting things done well. Knowing her as I did, I know that her faith impacted her standards for her work, as unto the Lord. Who but God could position her life circumstances to realize her dream to become a teacher after “the facts of life” interrupted the plan? Who, but God could set her on a path to complete high school, earn a bachelor, masters, specialist and lacking twelve hours and a dissertation from the doctorate? It was this passion for education that led her to establish the “Barnie A. Robinson McGee Annual Book Scholarship” at Jackson State University. It also led her to become actively involved in helping 118 prison inmates earn their GED. I learned a valuable life lesson from this: always walk with God, and you never walk alone. Understanding the importance of love, helping, doing and being your best self brought B. A. an invitation to join Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter in Jackson, MS. Since 1971, B. A. (a Diamond Life Member) demonstrated the founding principles of Scholarship, Service, Sister-hood, and Finer Womanhood. She always likened the sorority’s principles to Proverbs 31, which extols the virtues of a Godly Woman. She would always say, “Soror Green, these are Christian principles.” If you knew B. A., you knew she was Zeta personified. When you saw her, you saw royal blue. When you talked with her, you heard about her Blue and White family, and when you read about her, she was either attending or organizing a Zeta event. In 2002, B. A. was elected the 19th president of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter. She blazed many trails for the chapter, including launching a campaign to build a water well in Ghana on behalf of Alpha Delta Zeta and other chapters in Mississippi. The well provides fresh water to families to this day. In 2008, B. A. was appointed the 14th Mississippi State Director by the 23rd International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. At Every state meeting that she hosted, she emphasized Let Sisterly Love Soar, Mississippi Style! She chartered chapters and established Zeta Auxiliaries across the state, developing relationships along the way. If you were fortunate to have an up-close and personal encounter with B. A. as I did, you should be able to complete this sentence. I love you, my sister. She would always reply, “I love you more.” – Dr. Theresa Bland Green

God called Barnie home Tuesday, September 29, 2020. She was preceded in death by her father, Rev. Talmadge, mother, Melvenia Robinson, husband, Ben Matthew McGee, Sr., son, Ben McGee, and siblings Venia Ferguson, Denotra Seaton, T. L. Robinson, Johnny Robinson, and Abdul Lateef Mutakabbir. Sibling survivors are Inez Smith Cobb, (FL), Alexander (Norma) Robinson, (CA), Victor (Linda) Ali, (MI), Jimmy Robinson, (CA), and James Talib Shabazz (MS). Also remembering her fondly are a host of extended families and friends. It is our prayer to honor her legacy of courage and selfless service for generations to come.

Services were held Saturday, October 17, 2020.



Maholmes

Clarence Lewis Maholmes

March, 1955 - September, 2020

Clarence Lewis Maholmes was born March 12, 1955 to Idella Maholmes-Sanders in Greenville, MS. As a child, he accepted Christ at a very early age at Zion Baptist Church in Greenville, MS., under the leadership of Rev. E.E. Evans. In later years, he frequently attended Evangelist Temple House of Refuge for All Nations Church of God in Christ with his family.

Maholmes graduated from Greenville High School in 1973. While there, he participated in various sports, clubs, productions and organizations. After high school, he attended Jackson State University. Maholmes joined the Alpha Beta(AB) Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma (DBE) Fraternity, Inc. in the spring of 1975. He graduated Cum Laud from Jackson State University in the Centennial Class of 1977, where he re-

ceived a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. After graduating, he received his first job at Banks, Finley, White & Co. Certified Public Accountants.

Maholmes was joined together with the love of his life, Robin Funchess, in 1984. After welcoming together a beautiful baby girl, Kristy, Maholmes obtained the crown jewel of his career, his CPA. After passing his licensure exam to become a CPA, he served as the finance officer for the state of MS. After leaving the state, he went on to have two significant accomplishments in his life, the joyous birth of his daughter Kurtina and the start of Maholmes and Co., CPA.

Maholmes left a legacy for us to follow in his footsteps on September 15, 2020, when he

made his transition to eternal life.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Idella Sanders and his brother Kurnell Sanders. He leaves to cherish his living a loving wife, Robin Maholmes; two daughters Kristy and Kurtina; three grandchildren, Zaylyn, Lawrence Presly, and Greyson, all of Jackson, MS; two aunts, Mary Catherine Jackson, Greenville, MS, and Bernice Little, Chicago, IL; one brother, Roosevelt Sanders, Greenville, MS; four sisters, Lorria (Edward) Hudson, Milwaukee, WI., Eva Maholmes, Jackson, MS, Gretchen Randle, Milwaukee, WI, Virginia Gail (Will) Paul, Greenville, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that he loved dearly.

Maholmes was funeralized September 22, 2020.

Groups dismiss lawsuit challenging absentee ballots

Mississippi Link Newswire

Tuesday, the League of Women Voters of Mississippi, along with other plaintiffs and civil rights groups that challenged Mississippi’s burdensome absentee ballot requirements, celebrated new protections put in place for absentee voters as the state conducts an historic election during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plaintiffs in Parham v. Watson, which has been voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiffs, highlight a new “notice and cure process” for signature match issues on absentee ballots that was implemented by the Secretary of State in response to the litigation. Additionally, voters who may have been exposed to COVID-19 are now eligible to vote curbside so that polling locations remain safe.

“Today’s decision is a huge step forward for voting rights in Mississippi at a critical time, as many voters are practicing social distancing due to the threat of COVID-19,” said Christy Wheeler, co-president of the League of Women Voters of

“The notice and cure process” on absentee ballots

the United States. “The ability for voters to execute their ballot curbside will alleviate some of the long lines that voters encounter at the polling locations and will help poll workers conduct this election more safely. Our litigation provided much need encouragement to our state election officials, and that accountability and partnership with voters is important to our democracy.”

Parham v. Watson was brought by the League of Women Voters of Mississippi, the Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP and individual Mississippians in August, with representation from the Southern Poverty Law Center, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Dechert LLP.

“The Mississippi NAACP

remains committed to the fight for access to the ballot and allowing curbside voting during the pandemic,” said Corey Wiggins, executive director of the Mississippi NAACP. “It is essential that democracy is available to all Mississippians by being able to participate in elections while protecting the public’s health. More importantly, we will continue to work with our partners to fight against voter suppression tactics aimed at limiting voter participation.”

While challenging onerous and unnecessary excuse and notarization requirements for absentee ballots that remain in effect, the litigation also challenged the “cure prohibition” in Mississippi. Put simply, the state previously did not notify voters if there was a signature

match issue, and their otherwise completed and valid absentee ballot was rejected without any opportunity to fix it.

Pushed by the groups’ litigation, Mississippi Secretary of State Michael Watson issued a new rule October 7 that creates a new process for election officials to notify voters when there is a signature match issue on their absentee ballot and provide voters an opportunity to fix, or “cure,” it. Specifically, if a signature on a ballot is rejected, the registrar will offer the voter an “Absentee Cure Form” by mail, email or facsimile within one business day. The voter has ten calendar days after the election to correct the issue and have their ballot counted.

“We are thrilled that our

litigation led to a process that is fairer to absentee voters in Mississippi, and we are working with our local partners to help voters vote as safely as possible in whatever manner they select from now until election day – whether that’s absentee by mail, absentee in person, curbside or in person on Election Day,” said Caren Short, senior staff attorney for the Southern Poverty Law Center. “To ensure Mississippians who vote absentee by mail have their ballots counted, we are encouraging them to include on their ballot their best phone number and email address if they have one so that election officials can reach out if a signature issue arises. It is critical that every Mississippi voter can cast their ballot safely and have their vote counted.”

For the record-breaking number of absentee voters in Mississippi who have already chosen to vote absentee by mail this year – many of them new to the voting method – this new cure process will be critical in ensuring every valid ballot

counts. The groups expect the new cure process to remain in place even after the pandemic is over.

“Just because a record number of voters in Mississippi will vote by mail this year does not mean there needs to be a record number of disenfranchised voters,” said Jennifer Nwachukwu, an attorney with the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. “We are pleased that Mississippi has adopted procedures that will protect voters from having their ballots arbitrarily rejected. This is a key victory in protecting the integrity of our election and ensuring the voice of the people is heard.”

Watson also instituted a rule that voters experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been recently exposed to someone with the virus can vote curbside at their precinct on Election Day, November 3.

Voters wanting more information about curbside voting can reach out to their county election officials via [VOTE411.org/mississippi](mailto:Vote411.org/mississippi).

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Black scholars form group to educate and dismiss election myths on social media

By Stacy M. Brown
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A group of black scholars and activists say they refuse to allow misinformation, alternative facts and other means to discourage African Americans during the 2020 presidential election.

The National Black Cultural Information Trust, a Pan-African initiative led by Washington, D.C.-based cultural communications specialist Jessica Ann Mitchell Aiwuyor, seeks to counter fake social media accounts that often discourage black voters from participating in elections.

The initiative wants to prevent misinformation from turning black voters against other communities of color.

“The disinformation used to target black communities is cultural,” Aiwuyor determined. “It’s cultural disinformation, which uses cultural issues to infuse false information and cause confusion.”

Aiwuyor holds a bachelor’s degree in African World Studies, a Master of Arts in Pan African Studies and a Master of Science.

She noted that fake or covert social media accounts that purport to be behind the American Descendants of Slavery – or ADOS – movement had prodded voters of color to skip the 2020 election.

The misinformation hasn’t dissuaded a long line of voters of color in various states across the country seeking to cast their ballots during early voting.



Aiwuyor

Aiwuyor pointed out one example of the misinformation: how social media used the ADOS hashtag to claim that immigrants, not police officers, were to blame for George Floyd’s death.

Four police officers face murder, manslaughter and aiding and abetting charges in the death of Floyd in May in Minneapolis.

The scholars and activists have pledged to monitor social media posts and flag those spreading misleading and fake stories.

Aiwuyor added that the group would use website tools that show if accounts have “troll-like behavior.”

She remarked that The National Black Cultural Information Trust would actively work to dispel myths and misinformation about voting and slavery.

According to NBC News, the organization’s website will direct users to discussions and stories around black voting and U.S. reparation supporters who reject xenophobic rhetoric and push coalition-building with black immigrants and Latinos.

The scholars argue that diaspora wars can be loosely described as cross-cultural arguments among different ethnicities of African people who express discontent for various reasons.

It’s normal to have a certain level of cross-cultural conflict or discussions, they argue.

However, these conversations take a counterproductive turn when they are internalized and promote anti-black/white supremacist narratives about each other that hyper-focus on divisions instead of how individuals can best

unify for collective freedom, Aiwuyor noted.

She emphasized that “it’s time to move from war to understanding” and the importance of the 2020 vote.

“Black voters continue to face enormous hurdles in the U.S. electoral process. Voter disenfranchisement and suppression are at an all-time high, and this includes poll taxes, polling station closures in black neighborhoods, voters abruptly removed from the rolls, gerrymandering, strict voter-id and registration laws, and much more,” Aiwuyor stated.

“It is imperative that black communities and our votes are protected and that we are informed of the various sophisticated techniques used to suppress, deter, and or stop black communities from voting.”

Mayor and local radio stations announce distance learning campaign

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba and local radio stations, WRBJ, iHeart Radio/WHLH/WJDX and WKXI/WJMI/WOAD, will join with leaders from WTJ and its community partners to announce a Capital Campaign to assist Jackson parents and students dealing with the struggles of distance learning, the digital divide, mental health issues caused by the pandemic, and the difficulties faced by working parents seeking a safe place for students to learn while parents are at work. The overall goal for this campaign is \$1,000,000.

The radio stations have set a goal to raise \$500,000 over the next month with 5,000 donations averaging \$100 a piece. We are calling this part of the campaign “Cash for Connections” because it will connect families to technical support and mental health support. Specifically, this part of the campaign will pay for:

- 1) Digital connection kits to help 5,000 students who currently struggle to connect to the Internet for distance learning;
- 2) Workshops for parents who need support for distance learning and technical assistance,



Lumumba

- and
- 3) “Jackson Scholars Mental Health Warmline,” which will assist Jackson families and students who are experiencing

distress and/or need referrals to resources. We are proud to announce that this Warmline, administered by CONTACT the Crisis Line, went live Wednesday,

October 21.

WTJ has set a goal to raise another \$500,000 to fund “Safe Haven” sites where students of working parents can perform distance learning in a safe and supervised environment. We expect to raise these funds through a challenge to 500 congregations, engaging the business and philanthropic communities and individuals. We believe the community will come together to aid families and students as we all face the struggles caused by this unprecedented pandemic.

A WTJ leader, Savannah Willis, said, “We are all in this together because all the children belong to all of us.”

Jackson Public Schools supports this effort and will be represented at the press conference along with other partners in the campaign.

Anyone wishing to support the campaign can send funds to: WTJ/Safe Haven Campaign at Hope Credit Union, 4 Old River Place, Suite A, Jackson, Mississippi, 39202. Hope CU will receive all (tax deductible) donations.

For more information, contact WTJ or one of the local radio stations.

MCEF deploys top-tier training staff to build Mississippi’s future

Berryhill, Buie, Lavallee prepare students for rewarding construction careers



Berryhill

Buie

Lavallee

The Mississippi Link Newswire

If your goal is to prepare the best craftsmen, you need to recruit the best teachers. It’s a winning strategy for the Mississippi Construction Education Foundation, where the state’s top trade professionals are helping build a skilled workforce for Mississippi’s construction industry.

“Our apprentice programs are led by experts who take pride in their craft and work to instill high standards of performance in their students,” said Mike Barkett, MCEF president. “They appreciate the role that training, education and mentoring played in their success, and they’re making sure their students benefit from hands-on learning experiences provided by MCEF.”

Students who enroll in MCEF’s program work as trade apprentices during the day and attend classes at night. The core program also addresses related subjects such as safety training and communication and job-preparation skills. Apprentice students are usually sponsored by their employers, which makes MCEF training an investment in workforce development.

MCEF instructors are certified by the National Center for Construction Education & Research, and students who successfully complete their programs earn NCCER credentials. Because most instructors completed their certifications through MCEF, they understand the needs and expectations of students who want to excel in their career journeys.

Some MCEF instructors began their educational journeys with different careers in mind, including HVAC instructor Scott Berryhill, who enrolled in college after graduating from Pearl High School to study banking and finance. He soon discovered that he preferred working with his hands to working behind a desk.

“In sheet metal, I feel a sense of accomplishment and take pride in what I’ve done,” said Berryhill, a project manager for Climate Masters in Pearl. “At MCEF, we are helping produce professionals who are well-versed in their craft. There are great opportunities in the construction industry for skilled professionals, and they can start making a good living at an early age.”

Electrical instructor Paul Lavallee wanted to become a professional musician. But after high school, a maintenance job involving electrical work inspired him to change course.

Today, he owns his own company, teaches aspiring electricians at the MCEF Training Center, and plays trombone as often as he likes as a member of the Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra.

“Opportunity is what drew me to the electrical profession,” said Lavallee, who opened Lavallee Electrical Services in Clinton

in 2016. “There will always be a demand in the industry for smart, competent people who are hard-working. It’s also reassuring that I can go anywhere, and my qualifications will go with me.”

Electrical instructor T.J. Buie grew up playing baseball and set his sights early on becoming a teacher and coach. After graduating from Pearl High School, he earned a degree in coaching and sports administration before discovering the profession he enjoys today.

“I came out of college with a lot of student-loan debt, and when I went to my first interview for a coaching position, I realized I would be making more in the electrician apprenticeship program,” said Buie, project superintendent for Buie Electric Service in Florence. “That’s when I decided it was time to make this a career.”

As high-performing trainers and craftsmen, it’s no coincidence that all three instructors were also past division winners in the annual MCEF SkillsUSA State Competition. Seeing their students excel in the competition – and in their professional journeys – is a source of pride for them.

“It’s fun to watch students compete and see how they’re applying what they’ve learned in class,” said Buie, who serves as project manager for the residential and commercial competition for fourth-year students. “The competition is also a friendly rivalry between businesses, and nothing makes me happier than seeing employees from my company win.”

“I’m most fulfilled when I see the impact my classes have made on students,” Lavallee said. “My main goal is to push them to be the best they can be and to solve problems and think for themselves. Sometimes I’ll run into former students who are doing well as professional electricians, and they will thank me. That makes everything worth it.”

“It’s a good feeling to see trainees go out and do a good job and take pride in their work,” Berryhill said. “Employers are making a good investment in the future when they send employees through MCEF training programs. Our goal is to make sure they get the best training possible, and we’re always striving to improve.”

MCEF is a non-profit educational foundation that provides NCCER craft training and credentialing in more than 100 career and technical programs across the state. The foundation’s mission is to train individuals for the construction and manufacturing industries in Mississippi.

MCEF also offers workforce training and credentialing in construction, industrial maintenance and manufacturing trades.

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Asthma and wearing a mask

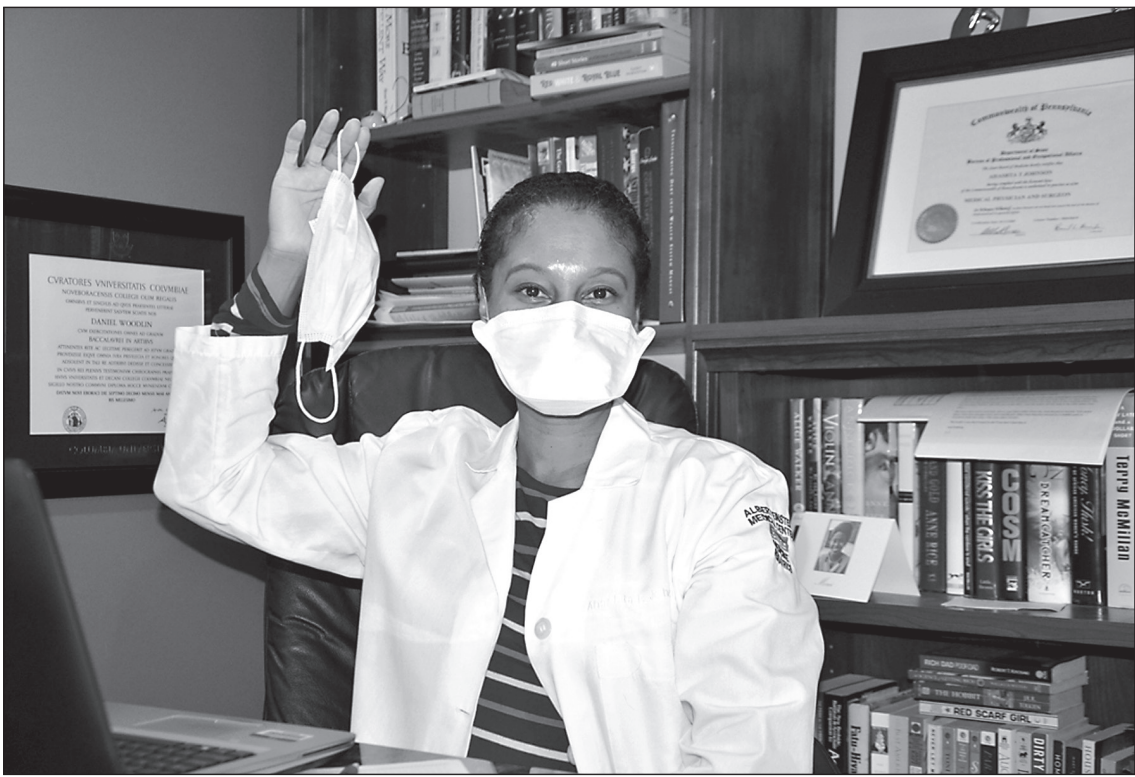
By Vince Faust
Special to The Mississippi Link

After writing the article on wearing a mask a number of readers said they couldn't wear a mask because they had asthma and wanted to know what they should do. The short answer is you still have to wear the mask if you are going to interact with others. If you can't or don't want to you still have to wear one if it's required legally or is a policy to enter a business.

Doesn't a mask make it harder to take in air? You will end up breathing in air that is warmer and moister. If you add a compromised respiratory system to the equation, your mask can feel suffocating. As tempting as it might be to skip the facemask, health experts say that going mask-free if you're in crowded public places during the coronavirus pandemic is not recommended.

I asked a number of doctors for their opinion. Neil Schachter, MD, professor of medicine, pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, stated "I definitely recommend using a face mask for everyone in these times, especially for people with asthma and COPD," "We need to protect those at risk, in particular those with fragile airways." "Most people find that it takes a few days to adjust to wearing a mask, and for those with pulmonary issues like asthma or COPD the accommodation period can be longer because of the increased sense of breathlessness," says Dr. Schachter. "I suggest trying to wear the mask at home (for short periods) to get used to the sensation."

Dr. Ahashta Johnson stated, "If your asthma is bad enough that you can't wear a face covering, perhaps it is best that you stay at home and avoid exposures that could make it worse." According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, there is no evidence that wearing a facemask can worsen your asthma.



According to the WHO, medical masks when worn the right way do not cause you to breathe in more carbon dioxide or reduce your oxygen levels. And a homemade face covering made of three layers probably won't fit tightly enough to affect your oxygen either. A facemask or covering may just be uncomfortable. Try coverings made from fabrics like 100% cotton T-shirt material.

If you can't wear a mask or face covering because of severe asthma or breathing distress, protect yourself from COVID-19 in other ways:

- Stay home as much as possible.
 - Ask others to run errands or shop for you or use delivery services if possible.
 - When in public, keep a distance from others (physical distancing, about 6 feet).
 - Avoid or limit close contact with people who are sick and wash your hands often.
 - Avoid crowds as much as possible.
 - Avoid travel that is not necessary.
- The CDC recommends you follow your Asthma Action Plan.
- Keep your asthma under control

by following your asthma action plan.

- Avoid your asthma triggers.
 - Continue current medications, including any inhalers with steroids in them ("steroids" is another word for corticosteroids). Know how to use your inhaler.
 - Do not stop any medications or change your asthma treatment plan without talking to your healthcare provider.
 - Talk to your healthcare provider, insurer and pharmacist about creating an emergency supply of prescription medications, such as asthma inhalers. Make sure that you have 30 days of non-prescription medications and supplies on hand in case you need to stay home for a long time.
 - Take steps to help yourself cope with stress and anxiety.
 - As more cases of COVID-19 are discovered and our communities take action to combat the spread of disease, it is natural for some people to feel concerned or stressed. Strong emotions can trigger an asthma attack.
- The CDC doesn't recommend mask with valves.
- Remember the purpose of your masks is to keep respiratory

droplets from reaching others to aid with source control. Masks with one-way valves or vents allow air to be exhaled through a hole in the material. This can result in expelled respiratory droplets that can reach others. If you wear this type of mask it will not prevent the person wearing the mask from transmitting COVID-19.

The CDC recommendations for wearing a mask:

- Wash your hands before putting on your mask
 - Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
 - Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
 - Make sure you can breathe easily
 - CDC does not recommend use of masks or cloth masks for source control if they have an exhalation valve or vent
- The CDC recommendations for removing a mask:
- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
 - Handle only by the ear loops or ties
 - Fold outside corners together
 - Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately

The other pandemic: Social determinants of health

By Glenn Ellis
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There is an old saying, "When America catches a cold, black people get pneumonia."

An article from The Brookings Institution goes into detail in describing the data that demonstrates that in 2020, blacks in just about every state (with racial data available) have higher infection rates and higher death rates of COVID-19.

At this point in the pandemic here in the United States, the COVID-19 infection rate is three times higher in predominantly black counties than in predominantly white counties, and the mortality rate is six times higher. Even though there is only racial data available for just 35% of those who have fallen victim to the virus, the pattern of discrimination is undeniable.

This is nothing new; for centuries pandemics disproportionately affect the poor and disadvantaged. Sadly, it's no secret that structural and institutional racism, in our society today, is real.

This column aims to contribute to we what we must know, and do, in order to navigate this system and enjoy the highest quality of life achievable.

The institutionalization of racial inequality was sowed into this nation from its beginning. All of the inequities in community resources and within the entire healthcare system are nothing but the fruits of this harvest. And, when crises like the COVID-19 pandemic occur, inequalities are on steroids rather than reduced.

The media coverage, and our own personal experiences have made it crystal clear that COVID-19 is highly contagious and potentially deadly. But you would be hard pressed to find the news cycles highlighting the fact that the same social determinants (including poverty and most definitely race and ethnicity) that impact the risk of being infected with COVID-19 also influence our disproportionate rates of chronic diseases. We are more likely to work (for those who are employed) in those "so-called essential jobs;" like nursing homes or home health care, grocery stores, fast food, retail, restaurants and mass transit — jobs where we are more likely to come into close contact with people who are sick. No wonder we have such high rates of chronic conditions, like diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease, all known to be risk factors for infection and death from COVID-19.

The term, social determinants of health, was most widely publicized after the World Health Organization, whose Commission on Social Determinants of Health in 2008 published the report, "Closing the gap in a generation: Health equity through action on the social determinants of health."

Why is no one advocating for the school closures/disruptions that have increased food insecurity for children living in poverty who traditionally have benefited from school breakfast and lunch programs. Malnutrition causes substantial risk to both the physical and mental health of these children, including lowering immune response, which has the potential to increase the risk of infectious disease transmission.

And what about the homeless, who are at higher risk of infection and transmission? People experiencing homelessness are vulnerable to COVID-19 due to the risk of transmission and the high rates of chronic diseases.

How much attention and resources are our "leaders" devoting to making sure that access and availability of primary care, and medications are sufficient to address this disproportionate rate of chronic conditions in disadvantaged and marginalized communities?

Kaiser Health News published research that shows the impact of COVID-19 on community primary health centers. Drops in patient visits, and worker shortages has the ripple effect of centers with multiple sites closing or reducing hours. Not only does this negatively affect those in these communities whose chronic conditions require regular primary care, but also how they get their medications.

The New York Times reported that state regulatory agencies around the country are seeing more and pharmacists at companies like CVS, Rite Aid and Walgreens described understaffed and chaotic workplaces where they said it had become difficult to perform their jobs safely, putting the public at risk of medication errors

This is leading a lot of doctors to complain that pharmacies bombard them with requests for refills that patients have not asked for and should not receive. The refills are closely tracked by pharmacy chains and can factor into employee bonuses. It's all a hot mess.

Please, remain vigilant.

The "second wave" of fall and wintertime outbreaks of COVID-19, coupled with the flu season, means that as a member of a marginalized community in this country, it is imperative that you try to understand as much as you can about infectious diseases; all of them — COVID, flu and pneumonia. Learn how they are transmitted, and how to best protect yourself and your families.

Read up on the best type of face masks, and the correct way to wear them; as well as how often you need to replace them. Spend the extra time with the young and the elderly; help them understand the seriousness of the times.

Pay close attention to how "they" are deciding what's safe and effective for any of the many vaccines being researched in this "Warp Speed" race. We have had over six months to witness, firsthand, that all of the experts, agencies and officials, we thought we could look to for credible guidance have failed us.

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

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. I do not dispense medical advice or prescribe the use of any technique as a replacement form of treatment for physical, mental or medical problems by your doctor either directly or indirectly.

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Heart attacks and cholesterol: What you need to know

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Did you know that 25 percent of the 805,000 heart attacks per year in the U.S. are recurrent heart attacks? The American Heart Association reports that once you've experienced a heart attack, your chances of having another one is higher. In fact, nearly one in five patients who've had a heart attack will have another cardiovascular event, such as a heart attack or stroke, within one year.

While there are various factors that contribute to a heart attack, cholesterol is one of the most important modifiable risk factors. Over time, high levels of bad cholesterol can build up in your arteries and create clogs, making it difficult for blood to flow to where your body needs it. This can ultimately lead to a devastating heart attack.

Here are six tips you can implement to help manage your cholesterol numbers:



you have already experienced a heart attack.

2. Eat a heart-healthy diet. A heart-healthy diet is low in saturated fat and trans-fat. You can reduce these fats in your diet by limiting your intake of fried food, red meat and dairy products made with whole milk, and by cooking with healthy oils, such as vegetable or olive oil. Emphasize fruits, vegetables, whole grains, poultry, fish and nuts, while curbing sugary foods and beverages. Eating this way

increases your fiber intake, which can help lower your cholesterol.

3. Be physically active. A sedentary lifestyle lowers HDL (good) cholesterol, which is needed to remove LDL (bad) cholesterol from your arteries. Stay physically active to not only improve your cholesterol, but to also manage your blood pressure. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that adults get 2.5 hours of moderate intensity exercise

per week in order to lower high cholesterol.

4. Quit smoking. According to the CDC, smoking damages your blood vessels, speeds up the hardening of the arteries and greatly increases your risk for heart disease.
 5. Manage weight. Being overweight tends to raise LDL (bad) cholesterol and lower HDL (good) cholesterol. Losing excess weight can improve your cholesterol levels.
 6. Take proper medication. Bad cholesterol can be lowered by lifestyle changes, but diet and exercise alone may not be enough to lower LDL-C. Medications like statins USA-145-82348 are important in lowering LDL-C, but patients who've had a heart attack may need to talk to their doctor about additional treatments to lower cholesterol even further.
- Managing cholesterol requires a multifaceted approach. Understanding the factors involved can help you make lifestyle and treatment tweaks to reduce your risk of another heart attack.

Stop lying on God...the remix

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



There's no other way to put it: the Trump presidency has been a chaotic roller coaster ride of racism, sexism and class warfare; not exactly what those who boldly voted for him in November 2016 expected. Back then, I wrote how one of the most disturbing things I heard since the election results was an explanation by an African-American pastor of why Trump won. He boldly declared that God allowed Trump to win and added that Trump being "raised up" was much like God used Nebuchadnezzar to stir God's people to return to Him.

I still say stop lying on God and twisting the truth of God's word. Nebuchadnezzar is a cautionary tale of the dangers of pride and arrogance. Daniel

5:19 explains: "...because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory."

It is true that the bible is full of many instances when God used flawed people: David was an adulterer, Rahab was a prostitute, Abraham was a liar and Peter had anger management problems. It is also true that God allowed Nebuchadnezzar to rule but I doubt that God's original and perfect plan was to bring his children into captivity in Babylon. Captivity occurred because of disobedience. Ezra 5:12 says, "But because our ancestors angered the God of heaven, he gave them into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar." The Trump win was not necessarily God's perfect will; it might be better stated as part of God's permis-

sive will.

Even if your motivation to vote is because of abortion, support for Israel or a Supreme Court vacancy, there is no scripture to justify voting for a man who has a proven record of racism, sexism and bullying. The sad part is that some have perverted scriptures to justify what Pastor William Barber of North Carolina called a morally and "theologically bankrupt" vote for Trump. This is similar to those who twisted scripture to defend the morally corrupt system of slavery and segregation.

Now, one of the most disturbing things I've heard recently from a different African-American male pastor is that he was still undecided about who he should vote for in this year's presidential election. Huh? How after 4 years of unrepentant lying, corruption, rampant unemployment, not to mention over 220,000 deaths from an uncontrollable

pandemic, can there be confusion about the best choice for the leader of our nation?

God will hold accountable those Christians who continue to turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the inflammatory rhetoric of Trump and did not embrace the truth of Matthew 12:33 which reminds us that to "...love your neighbor..." is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." In other words, no religious practice/belief or political affiliation should be more important than showing love and kindness to others. Voting for a bigot like Trump is not how you show the love of Christ to others.

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PRESERVED Being a blessing to others

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



Why do bad things happen to good people? It could be so that we might be a blessing to someone else. God knows our

make-up because He created us. God knows us, and He knows He can use us to be a blessing to someone else. In 2nd Corinthians 1:1-4 we read, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the Church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia: Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." God comforts us, thank God,

but one of the reasons He comforts us is so that we might be able to comfort other people who are going through hard places.

Most of us know someone who is going through a hard place. No doubt, we have visited others to encourage them, and we left encouraged; they encouraged us.

Why do bad things happen to good people? It could be so that we might share His throne. The Bible tells us there is a special reward for God's saints who suffer. While this is not something that any of us desire, it is a promise that God will keep not only in this life but also in eternity. Notice it says in the last verse that our afflictions do not seem light to us while we are going through them, but God wants us to know that when we do receive His reward, our affliction will seem light and momentary.

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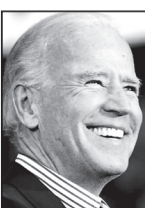
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My plan to lift every voice in Black America

By Joe Biden
US Presidential Candidate



There is injustice in America. There is discrimination. There is a legacy of racism and inequality that lives still in our institutions, our laws, and in too many people's hearts that makes it harder for black people to succeed. These are facts in the United States of America in 2020, and we must all do more to move our nation closer to the ideals inlaid at our founding – that all women and men are created equal.

This year has also brought us too many examples of the dangers black people can face in the course of going about their lives. With grieving hearts, we learned to say the names of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks and many more. I've spent time with the families of George Floyd and Jacob Blake, sharing their grief and anger and seeing the incredible resilience of communities that for too long have had a knee on their neck. And I was inspired by their commitment to turn their pain into purpose.

Today, there are Americans all across this country, especially black Americans, who are exhausted and hurting. Who are disappointed by a system that never seems to deliver for your communities. Who are sick and tired of a cycle where, in good times, black communities lag behind, in bad times they get hit first and hardest, and in recovery, they take the longest to bounce back.

We're in the midst of four simultaneous crises – a pandemic that has claimed more than 200,000 lives, a disproportionate number of whom were black; an economic crash that has hit black workers and black business owners especially hard; a long overdue reckoning on racial justice; and a climate crisis that is already hurting black and brown communities the most.

It is our job to do everything in our power to rip out systemic racism across our society, root and branch. It will be hard work in any case. But we will not succeed without a leader who understands our history and is ready to grapple with our challenges.

President Trump wants to paper over the living wound of racism. He's issued executive orders and established a new national commission designed to whitewash our history – and deny the daily reality of being black in America. He actively appeals to white supremacists and fans the flames of hatred and division in our country, because he thinks it benefits him politically. He ignores the most basic job of every president: the duty to care for all of us, not just those who voted for him.

It's the polar opposite of what I will do as president.

I was proud to serve for eight years alongside President Obama. I watched up close how he filled the Oval Office with dignity and compassion for others. And, together with Senator Kamala Harris as my vice president, we will restore honor, integrity and competence to the White House.

We will build an administration that looks like America, including nominating the first black woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

We will work to unite the country around solutions that will push our country forward, and most importantly, I will listen to those impacted by the long-standing inequities in our system – especially black Americans, Latinos,

Asian Americans and Native Americans.

That's how we will work together to deliver real, lasting change. Criminal justice and policing reforms, but also economic opportunity and financial stability. Building wealth for families of color and passing it down. Closing the racial wealth gap is one of the most powerful ways we can build real equity in our society, and it's going to require a full-court press. That's what my Lift Every Voice plan is a comprehensive agenda to take on the range of issues that drive inequality in Black America.

We'll tackle student debt and invest more in our HBCUs, so higher education is a pathway to wealth and opportunity instead of to debt that prevents you from owning a home or starting a small business.

My plan will empower black-owned small businesses, with short-term relief to get you through this tough time and long-term investments to help you build back better – with access to new capital and financing and government contracts.

Critically, we're going to tackle the racial homeownership gap head on. There is no greater vehicle for wealth creation than homeownership. That's why my plan will restore the steps President Obama and I took toward eradicating housing discrimination, including redlining; end racial bias in how we judge which families are credit-worthy; and provide a \$15,000 down payment tax credit to help millions of young black families buy their first home.

We'll fix our upside-down tax system to finally reward work, not wealth. Trump thinks billionaires deserve more tax cuts. But under my plan, I'll make sure the super wealthy and big corporations pay their fair share, while ensuring that no one making less than \$400,000 a year sees their taxes go up.

And I'm going to fight like hell to defend your family's health care, just like I would my own. Right now, in the midst of a pandemic, Donald Trump is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn Obamacare – all of it. He wants to overturn the very law that expanded coverage to an additional 3 million black Americans. If he succeeds, more than 20 million Americans will lose their coverage, and more than 100 million people with preexisting conditions will no longer be protected against their insurance companies charging them more, or denying them coverage all together.

I'll defend Obamacare and build on it – adding a public option that will automatically enroll 4 million more people that Republicans shut out by refusing to expand Medicaid in their states. We're going to get to universal coverage and lower healthcare costs. We're going to give working families a bigger subsidy to lower their premiums. And we're going to take on pharmaceutical companies, bringing down the cost of your prescription drugs by 60 percent.

As my friend John Lewis used his final words to remind us: "Ordinary people with extraordinary vision can redeem the soul of America."

We cannot be tired. We cannot be hopeless. The choice in this election couldn't be more stark, and we must vote for the future we want for every single one of our children. I'm ready to fight for you and your families, and I hope to earn your vote.

It's up to us to defend the Black Vote

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



from every angle.

After the Supreme Court's conservatives gutted important parts of the Voting Rights Act a few years ago, many states controlled by right-wing Republicans went wild imposing restrictions on voter registration and voting.

This year, they're completely out of control.

Massively funded right-wing extremists are using threats and lawsuits against state and local officials to force purges of lists of eligible voters. The Trump campaign is trying to enlist an "army" of poll watchers to intimidate voters. With millions more Americans expected to vote by mail, Trump's man in charge at the postal service has imposed new work rules that caused chaos and disrupted deliveries.

And those are just a few of the examples of voter suppression efforts around the country.

The Republican legislature and governor in Florida overrode millions of voters who passed a constitutional amend-

ment to return the right to vote to people with criminal convictions once they completed their sentences; Republicans added a requirement that returning voters pay all related fines and fees before voting. That's an unconstitutional poll tax, but courts filled with Trump-nominated judges have let Republicans get away with it.

On top of all that, Republicans are trying to force another Trump justice onto the Supreme Court just in time for the court's conservatives to hear a case in which they could further erode the Voting Rights Act – and undermine black Americans' right to be free from racial discrimination in voting. That justice could also be the nail in the coffin for the Affordable Care Act, which has helped millions of Americans get access to health care.

Even more recently, a couple of far-right activists have just been charged with voter intimidation felonies by Michigan's attorney general after they sent robocalls to voters in Detroit falsely claiming that voting by mail will somehow make people vulnerable to tracking by police and debt collectors.

Attacks on the Black Vote have a long history. In the early 1980s, the Republican Party was sued for intimidating minority voters and the party agreed to a

federal court order not to engage in "ballot security" efforts. That order expired in 2018, and this year, the Republican Party is spending tens of millions of dollars to block election officials' efforts to make voting safer and more accessible.

It is enraging that 55 years after passage of the Voting Rights Act, the blood-bought gains of the civil rights movement are at stake. But this is where we are. And that's why we must defend the Black Vote, and why we must overcome every attempt to misinform, intimidate and suppress black voters.

Black men, especially young black men, are top targets of misinformation campaigns. That's why People For the American Way's Defend the Black Vote Project is reaching out specifically to black men between 18 and 35 to combat voter suppression and encourage turnout.

Since COVID-19 has restricted door-to-door canvassing and public events, we're communicating with black men through peer-to-peer texting technology. Texting lets us reach younger voters in their preferred form of communication.

In key states, where black voters are most likely to be targeted with misinformation, we are reaching them one-to-one with information about how, when, and where to vote – in-

cluding information about new voting procedures during the pandemic.

A well-trained volunteer can text up to 2,000 messages an hour, reaching many more people than by going door-to-door. We're supplementing that with digital advertising, public service announcements on radio and tele-townhall meetings featuring young black elected officials.

Every dollar we spend, and every voter we reach, is worth it because there is so much at stake in November's elections: access to health care, a responsible approach to the pandemic, justice and accountability in policing and voting rights.

Defending the Black Vote means defending the dignity and legal equality of black people. It's up to us.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

Why African-Americans should vote early, in-person and in droves before Election Day

Democracy itself is on the ballot

By Michael A. Grant, J.D.
Pres. United Security Financial



The other day I had a conversation with Bishop Michael Mitchell, president of the Council of Bishops of the AME Church. I was so inspired to hear that his denomination had set a lofty, but achievable goal for itself. The AMEs intend to have 75 percent of their members to cast their votes before November 3 (election day).

Shortly after our conversation, I thought why shouldn't all of our denominations and other organizations follow suit. I do believe that voting early and in person would be impactful. We should follow all of the CDC's guidelines to protect ourselves from the Coronavirus but voting early and in-person will not only have a powerful impact on the outcome of this election, it will also determine whether or not the process will be deemed legitimate.

For me, personally, the election is a time to re-examine priorities, a chance to ponder the larger questions about American democracy and why it is of paramount importance that we protect it in this country. In other words, a passionate patriotism has taken center stage in my thinking.

You see, since my youth, I have wanted to follow the incredible example of those civil rights warriors who put everything on the line to advance black people's progress toward

first class citizenship in a country that we fought for, died for and struggled to enrich. Even with all the injustices that we have encountered as a people, we have known all along that our fate is inextricably intertwined with America's fate.

We excoriated Thomas Jefferson for his duplicity in writing that "All men were created equal" while he, himself, held human beings in bondage. But if we had widened the lens of our understanding and placed Jefferson's words in a broader historical context, we would have really seen that what he and the other founding fathers did – advertently or inadvertently – was to create a standard for governance. They spoke into existence the words of the founding documents: the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. These documents continue to served as a framework and a foundation for the creation of a more perfect union.

In other words, like the awe-inspiring evolutionary process put in place by the Architect of Creation, our founding fathers catalyzed what is today still a work in progress. Our national motto: E pluribus unum (out of many, one) may well have found its origins in the teachings of Jesus Christ of Nazareth who said: "That all may be one."

Our roots have grown deeper in American soil.

Other than the Native American, no other group suffered as sacrificial lambs on the altar of

America's economic success as did Americans of African descent. And yet, as recent incidents of police brutality so vividly remind us, we are still not "A more perfect Union."

However, to claim that African Americans should not be filled with patriotism is to ignore the progress – though hard won – that we have experienced on these North American shores. If you would do a quick study of the public record, it would soon be apparent why African Americans continue to give so much to make this "A more perfect Union."

From Crispus Attucks' role in the revolutionary war, to the slaves' enlistment in the Union army during the Civil War, to the ferocious fighting of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, down to the game-changing impact of Black Lives Matter, we have seen the need to believe in the possibility of "A more perfect union."

Also, there are well-documented instances where our faith in America's founding creed have produced real, tangible results. The following list is not meant to be exhaustive but to merely reinforce the idea that "This is worth fighting for."

- The signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln to free the slaves.
- The U.S. Supreme Court evolved from 1893 Plessy vs Ferguson (separate but equal accommodations) to the 1954 Brown vs the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas decision

that ruled that separate was inherently unequal.

- A Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's led by the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. climaxed with the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

- Forty years later, America elected an African American to the highest office in the land. Yes, this social experiment, e pluribus unum, is worth fighting for.

So during the next three weeks, I will temporarily shift my perennial, parochial passion for advancing black people in America to an absolute devotion to helping serve this great American democracy. For with all its imperfections, America is still the greatest hope on the planet for perfecting e pluribus unum.

So, if you have read this column, please contact everyone you know, regardless of race, creed, color or place of national origin (if they are now U.S. citizens) and implore them to vote in person before Election Day.

It is not hyperbole to say that what is happening in our country is an existential threat to American democracy. This is still "A government of the people, by the people and for the people" and with God's help, it "Shall not perish from this Earth!"

Michael Grant is former president of the National Bankers Association and former president of the Nashville Chapter of the NAACP.



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Notice of Sale
Abandoned Vehicle

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

2005 HD RDK 1HD1FDV165Y707221
Registered to Rouser Brenda or Bridges Geani
Eaglemark Savings Bank, Lien Holder
Date of Sale: October 26, 2020
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

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

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

2012 Ford MGT 1ZVBP8FF3C5252229
Registered to Elliot Ronald
Finance Corporation, Lien Holder
Date of Sale: October 26, 2020
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

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

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND
REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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
Central Mississippi Correctional Facility
RFx # 3160003931

at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contract documents may be obtained from:

Professional: Mid-South Consulting, Inc.
Address: Post office Box 349
Florence, Mississippi 39073
662-397-6959
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 desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

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

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

93684-111020 RFP 36 –Month Maintenance & Repair of City Towers

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV AND WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM

The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of proposal forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, and Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill No 999, 1986 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, and Jackson, Mississippi.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any bid submitted. Bid awards will be made to the lowest and best bidder quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications. The award could be according to the lowest cost per item; or to the lowest total cost for all items; or to accept all or part of any proposal. Delivery time may be considered when evaluating the bid proposal. In those cases where it is known prior to advertising that the City's intention is to award according to the lowest total cost for all items, or in some variation thereof, statements to this affect will be included on the proposal form. Absence of such statement means the City will make that determination during the bid review.

Destiney Williams, Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1533

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Advertisement for Bids

Bid 3151 Child Nutrition Warehouse Food Products

Bid 3152 Child Nutrition Warehouse Paper & Stock Supplies

Sealed, written formal bid proposals 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 Prevailing Time) November 10, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all 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

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

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38517—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods-- Dairy Products- Group IV

38518—111020— 12, Month Supply of Foods- Frozen/Chilled- Group IA- (Breads & Desserts)

39028—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods – Fresh Produce- Group V- (Fruits/Vegetables)

38542—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods— Frozen/Chilled- Group IC- (Meats/ Meat Products)

38596—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods-- Frozen/Chilled- Group IB- (Fruits/Vegetables

39331—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods—Baby Food

39343—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods-- Canned/Dry- Group IIA- (Breads, Cereals, Desserts & Fruit Juices)

39346—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods-- Canned/Dry- Group IIB- (Breads, Cereals, Desserts & Fruit Juices)

39348—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods- Condiments- Group III

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com,bids are also available at www.centralbidding or for assist call 225-810-4814

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Destiney Williams; Purchasing Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1533 or 1025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, November 11, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
A. OLD BUSINESS
1. CASE NO. 2020-21, REQUESTED BY: THEO AND JESSICA DAVIS TO ADD A STORAGE BUILDING AND REPLACE THE EXISTING FENCE AT 1828 LINDEN PL. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

B. NEW BUSINESS
1. CASE NO. 2020-29, REQUESTED BY: SEAN AND VICKI MCGUINNESS TO REBUILD COLONIAL REVIVAL FRONT DOOR ENTRANCE AT 1605 DEVINE ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

2. CASE NO. 2020-30, REQUESTED BY: BARRY W. HOWARD TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING AND BUILD FENCE AROUND THE PROPERTY AT 703 NORTH LAMAR ST. LOCATED IN THE FARISH HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

II. OTHER
1. CASE NO. 2020-10-01, REQUESTED BY: DAVID VAUGHAN TO BRING THE NEWLY REPLACED FRONT DOORS OF THE BUILDING INTO COMPLIANCE AT 815, 817, 819 OAKWOOD ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

III. ADJOURN

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, COMMISSIONERS AND APPLICANTS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING BZHAO@JACKSONMS.GOV TO REGISTER PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 4, 2020.

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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.

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

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

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Electronic Bidding
Advertisement Ad Request for

Bid 3150 Wilkins Elementary School Improvement

Sealed, written formal bid proposals 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 Prevailing 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 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.jps-dmsprojects.com. A \$ 150.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each printed set of bid specs/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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LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 10:00a.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson.

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

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

For the Request for Proposals packet, please contact Beverley Johnson-Durham at 601 960 0383. All proposal must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Proposal for general funds Arts and Community Based Grants. Proposal packets must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 10:00a.m. on NOVEMBER 3, 2020. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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

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

10-22-2020, 10-29-2020

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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.

10-8-2020, 10-15-2020, 10-22-2020



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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.lifesizecloud.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
10-15-2020 10/22/220

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF JACKSON ZONING ORDINANCE

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anywise affected thereby, that the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, will be conducting a public hearing on proposed text amendments to the City of Jackson Official Zoning Ordinance as adopted on May 29, 1974 and subsequently amended.

Amendments to the text of the Zoning ordinance are intended to provide for a more efficient Zoning Ordinance and establish more effective zoning regulations for each of the zoning districts. Copies of the proposed text amendments will be available for review at the Office of City Planning 200 S. President Street, Suite 204, Jackson, and MS 39201. For additional information please submit an email to eainsworth@city.jackson.ms.us.

The said proposed text amendments will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO OCTOBER 20, 2020.

WITNESS my signature this the 29th day of September 2020

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

10-8-2020, 10-22-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING WITH A USE PERMIT ZONING CASE NO. 4104

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Kelvin Williams has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning of the R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District portion of 4106 Medgar Evers Blvd. (Parcel 410-293) to C-3 (General) Commercial District and a Use Permit for 4106 Medgar Evers Blvd. to operate a used car lot in a C-3 General Commercial District for the property located at 4106 Medgar Evers Blvd. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

4106 Medgar Evers Boulevard, Jackson, Mississippi, more particularly described as:

Beginning at the intersection of the southerly line of Stover Avenue and the northerly line of Miller Avenue, thence southerly 60 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence southerly 185 feet; thence northwesterly 123 feet, more or less; thence northeasterly 120 feet; thence northwesterly 7 feet; thence northeasterly 60 feet; thence southeasterly 130 feet to the Point of Beginning, being Lots 1 and 2, Block 14, Greenfields Subdivision, Part 4, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 7 at Page 51, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description, and Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 6 N, Range 1 East and part of closed Miller Avenue.

Less and Except:

Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 2, Block 14, Greenfields Subdivision, Part 4, subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 7 at Page 51; thence runs southeasterly 60 feet to a point on the Northwest line of Lot 1, Block 4, Greenfields Subdivision, Part 1, thence run southwesterly along the Northwest line of said Lot 1 a distance of 125 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 1 and the Northern right of way of Delta Drive; thence run northerly along the right of Delta Drive a distance of 60 feet to a point; thence run northeasterly for a distance of 125 feet to the Point of Beginning. And

Less and Except a ten (10) foot easement as reserved by the City of Jackson upon vacation of Miller Avenue by the City of Jackson.

Parcel I being the same property as described in Warranty Deed recorded in Book 4118 at Page 421.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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

10-8-2020, 10-22-2020

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Advertisement for Bids Labor, Material & Equipment to Perform Various Public Works Water & Sewer Projects City of Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed Bids will be received by the City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 219 South President Street, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 P.M. Local Time, November 17, 2020 for supplying all labor, equipment and materials (as specified) necessary for the project "Labor, Material & Equipment to Perform Various Public Works Water & Sewer Projects".

Contract time shall begin and end on the effective dates shown in the Notice to Proceed with Work Order.

Bidder 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 form to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid for Labor, Material & Equipment to Perform Various Public Works Water & Sewer Projects" Each Bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his Proposal.

Bids shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, Jackson, MS 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.

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, Senate Bill Number 2370, Chapter Number 383, Laws of 2010, 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 non-resident Contractors.

Each Bidder must deposit with his Bid a Certified Check in the amount of five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00), payable to the City of Jackson as Bid security. Bidders shall submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City of Jackson.

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2020 at 10:00 p.m., local time on the 1st Floor of the Hood Building in the Conference Room located at 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All potential Subcontractors, and other interested parties are invited to attend.

Contract Drawings, Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Bidders, Bidders

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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.

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 EBO 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 601-960-1055. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications, and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Room 223, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

The 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 other entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various project or conduct business in the City to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

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, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

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

10-15-2020, 10-22-2020

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Proposal Forms, and other Documents are on file and open to public inspection in the offices of the (1) Water/Sewer Utilities, Department of Public Works, Jackson, Mississippi, and (2) City Clerk in Jackson, Mississippi; Copies of the Instructions for Bidders, Bidder's Proposal and Contract Specifications may be procured at the office of the Engineer between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Local Time, Monday through Friday, upon payment of \$100.00 for each set, which will not be refunded. Checks are to be made payable to the City of Jackson, MS.

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Robert Blaine, Ph.D.
Chief Administrative Officer

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Hint: Quote by Bill Gates

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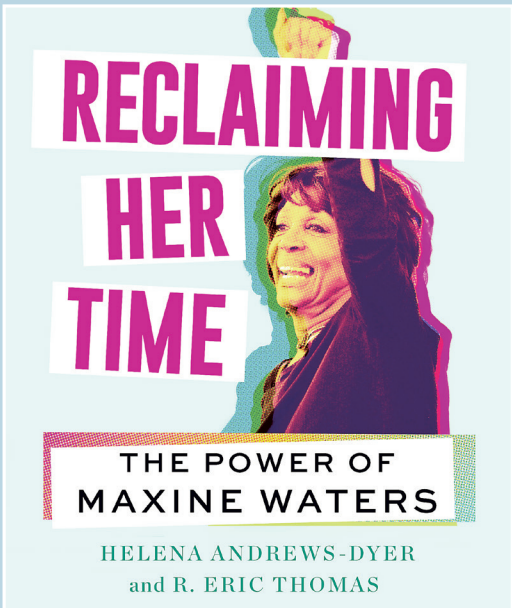
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RECLAIMING
HER TIME

BY HELENA ANDREWS-DYER AND R. ERIC THOMAS

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

“Excuse me. It’s my time to talk.”

Ugh, it’s frustrating when someone doesn’t honor your voice or respect your ideas. When it’s your time to speak, they should at least be quiet, and you shouldn’t feel bad for wanting to be heard. Speak up! As in the new book “Reclaiming Her Time” by Helena Andrews-Dyer and R. Eric Thomas, one politician had no problem doing so.

Born and raised in poverty,

little Maxine Carr had one thing most kids in the 1930s and 40s didn’t have: she had the certainty that if she didn’t open her mouth to speak up, there’d never be any food in it. With thirteen children in the family and just an overwhelmed mother raising them, Maxine and her siblings scrabbled for whatever they got, and they learned to stand up for themselves because nobody else was ever going to do it for them.

Perhaps because of this, Maxine was always a fighter and never let an opportunity

pass her by. She landed a job at age thirteen, so she could buy her own clothing. She worked hard to graduate from high school, knowing that an education was important. At eighteen, she was married, became a mother shortly afterward, and worked to help support her family. When she was twenty-eight years old, someone told her about Head Start, a program for children who needed a boost, and she applied to be a teacher.

“Head Start changed my life,” she said later. It opened up a world for her, and gave her the

opportunity to use other talents to become a community advocate for the people of Southern California, following the Watts riots. Her roots gave her an innate ability to use the power of connections, which led her to volunteer work in local politics and later, to office.

In 1976, she made the leap to state politics with her election to the California State Assembly. She became Maxine Waters when she re-married in 1977.

And in 1990, she became the second black woman to represent California and just the sixth

black woman in the House... Cinderella did it. So did Andrew Carnegie. We love it when someone moves decisively from poverty to pinnacle, and “Reclaiming Her Time” tells the next story in line.

And yet, with side-bars, lots of colorful illustrations, and enough fuss-free slanguage to keep information accessible, authors Thomas and Andrews-Dyer have done more than just write about Congresswoman Maxine Waters, who they insist “is not a celebrity” and “is not your typical politician.” No, in addition

to Waters’ lively and meteoric story, the authors also fully explain how their title words fit into Congressional hearings, firmly promising readers that “reclaiming” is no-nonsense and not rude. This, and other such information here makes this book like having your own personal tour of Congress.

Younger readers will enjoy it, as will adults who like things solidly informative but a little on the lighter side. If that’s you and you love politics, “Reclaiming Her Time” is worth yours.



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Tougaloo College crowns Levell Williams and Sylvionna Horton Mister and Miss Tougaloo College 2020-2021

By Edelia Dr. Jay Carthan
Contributing Writer

Tougaloo College celebrated its 151 Founders' Week October 12 through October 18, and as a part of its tradition, Tougaloo crowned its Mister and Miss Tougaloo College.

On Thursday, October 15, Tougaloo College crowned Sylvionna M. Moten-Horton as the 2020-2021 Miss Tougaloo College, and Levell Williams was crowned Mr. Tougaloo College 2020-2021 during an invite only ceremony because of the COVID pandemic. The ceremony was held at the Kroger Gymnasium which was transformed into a royal court befitting that of a king and queen.

"I truly believe that coronation was more than we could have ever imagined. I definitely feel that our dreams came true at that moment," Moten-Horton said. "I will continue to do what I have been doing, serving and listening to our student body to the best of my ability but on a deeper level."

Moten-Horton is a senior psychology major from Jackson, MS. She is the daughter of Shonna Moten and Nazarea Horton. She graduated from Forest Hill High School in 2017 as the valedictorian of her class.

Moten-Horton began her matriculation at Tougaloo in the Fall of 2017. Since then, she has played an active role on and off campus.

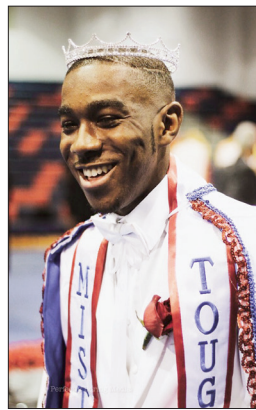
She is a member of the Nation-



Mister & Miss Tougaloo College with president Dr. Carmen Walters



Miss Tougaloo



Mister Tougaloo

al Association for the Advancement of Colored People, American Association of University Women, Pre-Alumni Council, Campus Civitan and Psychology Club. Moten-Horton also served as Miss Freshman 2017-2018, Royal Court Assistant 2018-2019 and Miss Black & Gold 2019-2020. She also organizes a blessing bags drive every year during the Spring to serve her community.

Upon graduation, Moten-Hor-

ton plans to enroll in a graduate program to obtain a master's in clinical psychology in hopes of becoming a child psychologist. She wants to transform the world around her by sharing her story and leaving behind a legacy. Her campaign platform was "Horton Hears The Loo!" which focuses on mental health awareness, new campus traditions, community service opportunities, increased student morale and enhancement of a family atmosphere. She en-



Mothers Shonna Moten-Horton (left) and Alsene Williams (right)

courages each of her peers to reach out to their student leaders so they can be heard and served as best as possible.

"Coronation has always been the most elegant and high-quality student event of the entire academic year," Williams said. "I am glad to say, I think we kept that tradition. Officially dawning the King's crown has made me realize that the work has only just begun. I want to work to add to the connections between Tougaloo and other institutions in order to benefit the school and students for years to come."

Williams is a senior mass communications major and English minor at the historic Tougaloo College. A native of Varnville, SC, he is the second oldest of

Hastings and Alsene Williams. While in high school, Williams participated in Tougaloo's Science Language Arts and Mathematics program, which helped shape him into the student that he would become. Thus, upon graduating Madison Central High School in 2017, he already felt at home at the Eagle Queen.

As a freshman at Tougaloo, Williams became active on campus, joining Tougaloo Ambassadors and Meritorious Scholars, Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor society, and the Tougaloo Harambee Student Newspaper. In the process, he was fortunate to build interpersonal skills and make valuable friendships with his fellow students, faculty and staff. Throughout his matricula-

tion, he would continue to excel academically, becoming a Jackson Heart Study and Ronald E. McNair Scholar, serving as sophomore class president of the class of 2021, and serving as the president of the Harambee Student Newspaper. He also interned with *The Mississippi Link* newspaper this past summer.

His platform, "L.O.V.E. – Let Our Voices Encourage..." focuses on students uplifting themselves, their peers and their illustrious institution. More than a campaign platform, it is a mindset that Williams aspires to share with his campus community everyday.

During his reign as the 20th Mister Tougaloo College, Williams plans to represent Tougaloo highly in diverse social arenas and to inspire his peers to be the example they want to see in their community.

William's Motto: "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." – Martin Luther King Jr."

Horton and Williams were welcomed by the Royal Court and other campus queens and kings. They were crowned by Tougaloo College's 14th and second woman president, Dr. Carmen Walters.

Watch Tougaloo's Coronation on YouTube <https://youtu.be/AETJU7rry4A>

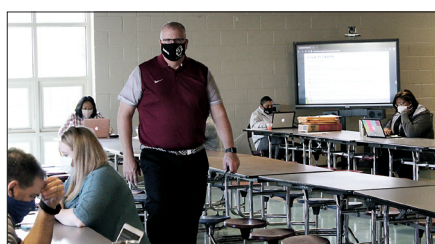
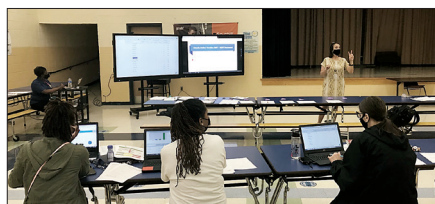
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HCSD Recognize G.G. Ferguson, Architect

The HCSD is please to recognize G.G. Ferguson, the district's architect for his outstanding service, performance and approach to community engagement during the bond issue projects. Ferguson is a graduate of the University of Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He also a holds a bachelor's degree in Architecture and a minor in Fine Art from Mississippi State University. He is currently registered in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Kentucky, Arkansas, Colorado and Texas. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Urban Land Institute, the International Council of Shopping Centers, the Congress of New Urbanism, the American Planning Association and the American Correctional Association.



Ferguson

Ferguson's community involvement includes recognition as one of the Mississippi Business Journal's "Top 40 under 40" State of Mississippi Business Persons. He was the organizer of the design competition for the West Park neighborhood project and is a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. He participated in the Habitat Hideaway Playhouse Design Competition and the CARA Doghouse project. He is past president of the Metro Jackson Rebuilding Together effort. With his Church, Ferguson served multiple terms as chairman of the Board of Trustees, on the building committee and is involved with young adults, evangelism and strategic planning. He is serving as a D-group leader for sixth grade boys and leads an annual mission trip to Costa Rica. He is married and has two children, and currently attends Christ United Methodist Church.

Raymond High Boys Basketball Coach Tony Tadlock Selected as All-Star Coach

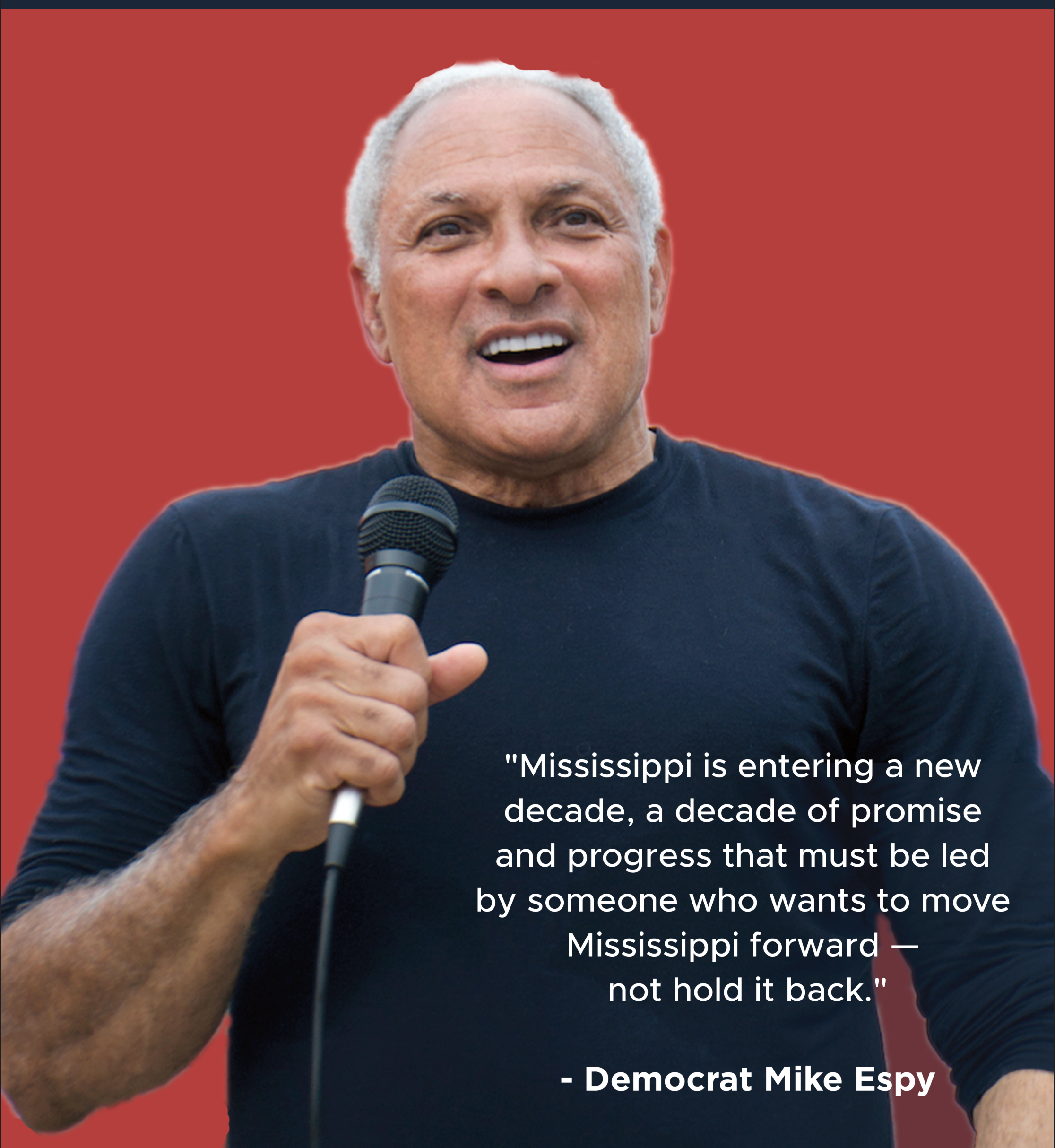
Congratulations to Tony Tadlock, Raymond High School boys' basketball coach on being selected as one of the North/South Basketball All-Star Coached for the 2021 All-star games. Tadlock was an assistant for 6 years in Meridian where we won a state championship in 2017. During his time in Meridian, he was the head 9th grade coach where they went 63-2 and won 4 straight district championships. He is now in his 4th year at Raymond (10th year overall). We are 83-19 during this time at Raymond. Under his leadership, the Rangers have won 2 state championships (2018, 2019) and have been state-runner up (2020) during this time.

When asked how it feels to be selected to coach in the all-star game, Tadlock stated, "I'm very honored to be able to represent the Hinds County School District and Raymond High School in the North/South All-Star Game. This is a tremendous honor that I am grateful to be a part of. I am definitely looking forward to the experience of coaching in this prestigious event."



Tadlock

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