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The Mississippi Link salutes all veterans on Veterans Day

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President-elect Biden plans to "Build Back Better"

By Jackie Hampton Publisher

After four days of tension and uncertainty, the outcome of the 2020 presidential race was called by CNN and other television networks November 7 when former Vice President Joe Biden crossed the threshold of 270 Electoral College votes with a win from the state of Pennsyl-

As the news spread throughout the world, the defeated president of the United States of America, Donald Trump, was playing golf in Virginia. He is the first incumbent president to lose reelection since Republican George H. W. Bush in 1992. Just prior to the election being called Saturday, Trump tweeted an untrue statement, "I won this election by a lot."

Meanwhile, hearing the news that President-elect Biden and V.P.-elect Harris were victorious, horns began to honk, people danced in the streets in Washington D. C., New York City, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Wilmington, Delaware, other US cities and abroad.

Throughout the evening, people anxiously waited to hear from the newly elected president and vice president who was due



While campaigning in Jackson, MS, March 8, Biden receives warm welcome from New Hope Baptist Church Pastor Jerry Young as San Francisco branch NAACP president Amos Brown looks on. PHOTO BY **KEVIN BRADLEY**

to address the nation at 8 p.m. Saturday from Wilmington, Delfrom them.

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, who will be the first female to hold the office of vice president and the first woman of color, took center stage at 8:11 p.m. She declared, "While I might be the first, woman in this office, I will not be the last. Every little girl in America watching tonight sees this is a country

of possibilities."

The California senator, will aware. America wanted to hear become the highest-ranking woman ever to serve in government. Harris is a graduate of Howard University in Washington D.C, and during her speech, she paid tribute to her late mother, Shyamala Harris, Beau Biden, Biden's late son, the women who fought for the right to vote, and to black women whom she said are often overlooked, but so often proven



Biden and Harris

they are the backbone of our de-

She quoted the late Congressman John Lewis who said before his passing, "Democracy is not a state, it is an act," meaning according to her interpretation, America's democracy is not guaranteed.

Harris told the nation that voters delivered a clear message. "You chose hope and unity, decency, science, and yes truth. You chose Joe Biden as the next president of the United State of America."

Prior to introducing the president-elect to speak to the nation Harris said, "We have elected a president who represents the best in us, a leader the world will respect and our children will look up to."

Biden, after two unsuccessful presidential runs during his almost 50-year span in politics, first made history in 2008 when he became vice president- elect to the first black president-elect of the United States. Biden again made history when he chose Harris, as his 2020 presidential running mate.

Biden, in his victory speech, took the high road as he has so often done. "For all those of you who voted for President Trump, I understand the disappointment tonight, I've lost a couple of times myself but now, let's give each other a chance. I pledge to be a president who seeks not to

divide but unify, who doesn't see red states and blue states, only the United States," he said.

Biden said in his speech that he sought the office of president in order to restore the soul of America, to rebuild the backbone of the nation, the middle class, and to make America respected around the world again."

Biden spoke of the battles his administration will tackle including the battle to control the virus, to build prosperity to secure healthcare, achieve racial justice, root out systemic racism, save the climate, restore decency, defend democracy and give everybody in the country a fair shot.

In order to combat these battles Biden has an economic plan called, 'Build Back Better,' a plan to focus on the pandemic, green infrastructure, healthcare and more.

Dr. Jerry Young, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. and pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson said of the election, "With the new leadership, it is as if America and the world can finally exhale and I believe in the final analysis it spells HOPE. It gives us a tremendous amount of hope, not only in America but throughout the whole world."





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Powell is a graduate of Tougaloo College. He has practiced law in Jackson since 1989. After a stint in law school at Ole Miss, he obtained his law degree while serving in the army at Washburn School of Law in Topeka, Kansas.

The National Academy of Criminal Defense awarded Powell as one of the top ten defense lawyers. He feels the city is moving in the right direction with projects such as the addition to the Children's Hospital, the new Tech Hub development on Gallatin Street, new hotel on State Street, new parking meters and many other projects coming on board.

Attorney Powell can help in the area of crime prevention by bringing fresh ideas to help deal with youth and gang violence, by keeping young people busy through job training and positive new recreational activities.

He wants to see more police visibility in the city while focusing on cleaning up the community, which is an attraction for crime. He feels that a clean community will also attract industry. He plans to focus on enhancing small businesses inside Jackson, as well as attracting new Industry to Jackson.

Powell is new to the public service arena, running in his first election. His legal experience will help in his quest to get things done. He believes in doing what is right for the citizens.

Asya Branch makes history as Miss USA 2020



Miss Mississippi 2018 Asya Branch, discusses her impressions of being a child of an incarcerated parent during a discussion on criminal justice reform at the Mississippi Summit on Criminal Justice Reform in Jackson, Miss., Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018. AP PHOTO/ROGELIO V. SOLIS

By Jackie Hampton Publisher

Aysa Branch, 22, was crowned Miss USA 2020 as she made history as the first black woman to represent Mississippi in the Miss USA competition. She became the first black Miss Mississippi in 2018 when she advocated for criminal justice reform. In a video on the Miss USA YouTube page Branch said that because her father was arrested and incarcerated for 10 years, this subject is one that she is very passionate about.

This year's Miss USA competition took place at Graceland Exhibition Center in Memphis,

Tenn. Fifty-one women from across the nation competed for the title which was originally scheduled to take place during the spring but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was pushed back.

When asked what she thought should be done to unite our deeply divided nation, Branch said, "I think this is an issue of trust. We've lost trust in the systems that seem to keep our country running, from the media to business to our government." She said it is all about restoring the trust and coming together and working together to heal in these systems.

Treasure Fisher, a junior biology major at the University of Mississippi said, "The overwhelming feelings I experienced when Miss Mississippi was crowned Miss USA was beyond proudness; not only is she from Mississippi but she attends the same school as I do. It feels especially great to know that I have something in common with Miss Mississippi."

Fisher said that if she could speak to Asya on behalf of the entire school she would say, "The University of Mississippi is extremely proud of you Asya, MISS USA! Continue to make us proud."

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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Thank You Principals!



This past month was National Principals Month across the nation. On behalf of the Board of Education and my administrative team, I want to personally thank the principals in the Hinds County School District for their dedication and commitment to educating all children.

Over the years being an administrator has become quite challenging, but our principals have continued to work hard to meet every child where they are and provide an engaging and empowering environment that ensures excellence. Every day they educate, innovate and encourage the students to do their very best.

Please join me in recognizing these extraordinary leaders and what they do!

Sincerely, Dr. Delesicia Martin Superintendent of Education



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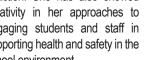
principal

Bolton-Edwards Elementary/ Middle School

During this complex time period, Williams has demonstrated commitment and innovation in creating a school environment in which all students feel safe and supported, while having access to quality instruction. She has also showed creativity in her approaches to engaging students and staff in supporting health and safety in the school environment.



Michell Ray, principal



Byram Middle School Ray consistently displays the necessary leadership qualities of organization, communication and goal setting with all stakeholders at Byram Middle School. She keeps the focus on improved student achievement through positive

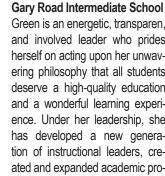


team building.



Gary Road Elementary School Lampkin prides herself in building strong relationships and trust with her staff, parents and students. She believes in being a servant leader who always strives to advocate for what is best for students and empower her teachers to be

Jenetha Lampkin, principal



innovative.

Green is an energetic, transparen, and involved leader who prides herself on acting upon her unwavering philosophy that all students deserve a high-quality education and a wonderful learning experience. Under her leadership, she has developed a new generation of instructional leaders, created and expanded academic programs for her students, and has fostered excitement and success for academic and extracurricular



Taylor is a visionary leader whose purpose is deeply rooted in student achievement. Through his exemplary ability to inspire others, as well as empathize with students and staff, he has created a culture of compassion and excellence that affects all stakeholders of the Raymond Elementary School community. Taylor's unparalleled work ethic, resilience, honesty and integrity make him an outstanding leader who has been a pillar for all those he leads.



Lorenzo Grimes, principal

Raymond High School Grimes is a collaborative leader

who models high expectations for everyone. He is dedicated to the success of all students and has initiated several programs to intervene with student growth and success. He has a clear vision, he exhibits leadership qualities, he is an excellent listener, he is fair and empowers others. The culture of Raymond High School is one of cultural responsiveness for all students and staff.



Cliff Newell, principal

Newell is a visible principal and enjoys interacting with his staff, faculty, and students in order to create a positive culture and climate for his school. He feels that through teamwork and a positive environ-

Terry High School

ment, Terry High School is a place where every student will graduate college and career ready.



Dr. Will Smith, principal

Utica Elementary/Middle School Smith's focus on data-driven in-

struction moved Utica's school grade level from a D to a B. He strives to consistently and authentically engage with those he serves, including students, teachers, staff members, families and the community. He has also showed creativity in his approaches to engaging students and staff in supporting their academic growth and development as they strive to Keep the Utica Promise!



principal

Carver Middle School/Life Skills Academy

Davenport brings a common sense approach to some very complex situations. As the principal of Carver Middle School/Life Skills Academy and the Restart Center that focuses on behavior, she has established a safe, positive learning environment ensuring students succeed with academics and behavior.



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Raymond Elementary School

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America declares to Trump: 'You're Fired'

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

After days of post-Election Day counting, Democrat Joe Biden has defeated President Donald Trump to become the nation's 46th commander-in-chief.

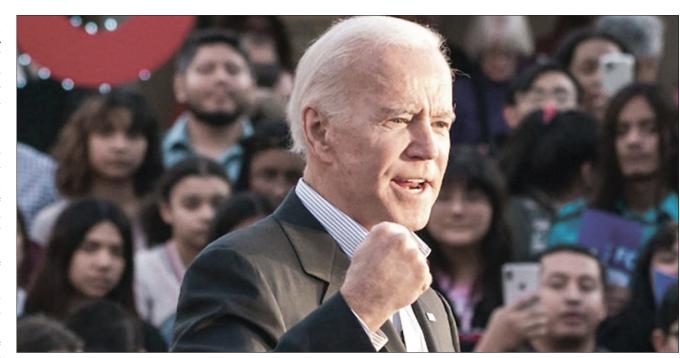
With all eyes on Pennsylvania, Georgia, Nevada and Arizona, it was the Keystone State's 20 electoral college votes that put Biden over the top, and helped America send the message Trump had become known for years earlier during his "Apprentice" reality television show: "You're Fired!"

"Trump finds out Biden won while he's playing golf," Washington Informer journalist Anthony Tilghman tweeted, as Trump played golf at his National Club in Sterling, Va.

Reportedly, it's the 410th day the president spent at one of his namesake properties since taking office.

"This election is about so much more than @JoeBiden or me. It's about the soul of America and our willingness to fight for it," Sen. Kamala Harris, the vice president-elect tweeted alongside a video. "We have a lot of work ahead of us. Let's get started," she added.

When Biden and Harris are sworn-



President-elect Joe Biden pumps fist in victory as the next president while defeated incumbent Trump plays golf.

in January 20, 2021, the California Senator will become the first black vice president in U.S. history.

After what's expected to be the most contentious and violent post-election in American history, inauguration ceremonies will occur. Demonstrators had

already gathered outside of vote counting centers around the nation, mainly as the country waited anxiously for results from Pennsylvania, Arizona, Georgia, and Nevada.

Chants of "Stop the Count! Stop the Count," turned to "Stop the Steal! Stop

the Steal! at state buildings by pro-Trump supporters at state buildings. The president egged on the commotion, tweeting false claims about voter fraud and that the "Democrats are trying to steal the election."

With little question, black voters

pushed Biden over the top.

Biden trailed the president in Pennsylvania, but as the count included predominately black Philadelphia and surrounding counties, Trump's lead disappeared, and the Democrat prevailed.

That scenario repeated itself in Georgia, where Atlanta and Fulton County also came through for the former vice president.

"At this historical moment, the voters have made it clear that they want a country that works for all people. They want a country that is not broken by racism and bigotry," NAACP President Derrick Johnson wrote in a statement.

"They want leadership that can create opportunities for all Americans to succeed in all aspects of society, without fear of over-policing, discrimination and destructive policies at our expense.

"This election transcends party and gives voice to the voters who want affordable health care, economic stability, quality education for their children, and wholesale relief from the pandemic and structural inequality. How we move forward from here and begin to repair our nation is critical."



Analysis: Lawsuit pushed Mississippi to simplify elections

By Emily Wagster Pettus Associated Press

By a wide margin, Mississippi voters have eliminated a remnant of the state's racist history by repealing a complicated, multistep process for electing statewide officials.

Going forward, candidates for eight offices – governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, insurance commissioner and agriculture commissioner – will only have to win a majority of the popular vote.

They will no longer have to win the most votes in a majority of the 122 state House districts. That was roughly the state-level equivalent of winning a majority of the national electoral vote in the presidential race.

The presidential race is decided only by the electoral vote, though. Winning any of the eight statewide offices in Mississippi required both the popular vote and the electoral

The question of simplifying Mississippi's election process might never have landed on the ballot without a strong shove provided by a federal

The suit was filed in 2019 on behalf of black plaintiffs. It was backed by the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, led by former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, who served under President Barack

"This is all about fairness – about electoral fairness," Holder told The Associated Press when the suit was filed. "The election system in Mississippi has really kind of perpetuated a history of racial discrimination that finally has to come to an end."

The Mississippi Constitution was adopted in 1890, and it set up the two-part process for statewide elec-

If no candidate won both the popular vote and the electoral vote, the race was decided by the state House. Because representatives were not obligated to vote as their districts did, an election could be decided by deal-making or even by the whim of a lawmaker who disagreed with the majority of voters in his or her own district.

Mississippi was the only state in the U.S. with this multistep process for electing statewide officials.

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

Currently, about 38% of Mississippi's residents are black. The lawsuit argued that Mississippi's election system violated the principle of one-person, one-vote.

Plaintiffs said Mississippi's history of racially polarized voting meant that candidates preferred by black voters needed a higher share of the statewide vote to win a majority of House districts.

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

Jordan put the lawsuit on hold in December and gave legislators a chance to remedy the system by putting a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot.

About 78% of people who cast ballots in last week's general election agreed to repeal the electoral provision, according to uncertified

Mississippi has not yet elected a black candidate to statewide office. Although the complicated election process was designed to suppress black political power, it was rarely used because most candidates have fulfilled both parts of the checklist.

The last time a governor's race was thrown to the Mississippi House was in January 2000. Nobody received the required majorities in a four-person governor's race in 1999. The top two candidates were white, and each won in 61 House districts.

In January 2000, House members chose Democrat Ronnie Musgrove, a one-term lieutenant governor who led the popular vote for governor, over Republican former U.S. Rep. Mike Parker. At the time, the House was controlled by Democrats. It is now controlled by Republicans.

In future races with more than two candidates, Mississippi will have runoffs if no candidate receives a simple majority in the first round of voting.

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Preventing financial exploitation of the elderly online event

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AARP Mississippi will offer a virtual event, Preventing Financial Exploitation Of The Elderly, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 17. To register for this free online event, visit www.aarp. org/ms.

The event features the following speakers: Paul Greenwood, former San Diego deputy district attorney and Larry Ware, chief investigator of the Public Integrity Division at the Mississippi Attorney General's Office.

When it comes to scams and fraud, most of us are often looking out for unknown con artists. But most financial crimes against older adults are perpetrated by someone they know. Financial exploitation is the most common form of elder abuse in the United States, and the average victim loses \$120,000. These types of crimes are severely underreported.

Social isolation is a significant risk factor for financial abuse, and one of the best ways to combat it is maintaining regular contact with your older loved ones. Some telling signs of financial abuse include sudden changes in mood or behavior, or new financial issues like overdue bills or maxed out credit cards.

If you suspect your older loved one is suffering from financial exploitation, contact Adult Protective Services in your area for guidance and support. If you fear your loved one is in dan-

To register for this event, visit www.aarp.org/

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Junior League of Jackson makes mini-grant funding to JPS



Participating in the check presentation to Jackson Public Schools are (from left) Thea T. Faulkner, director, JPS Partners in Education; Errick L. Greene, superintendent, Jackson Public Schools; Junior League of Jackson representatives Staci McNinch, president, Bethany Smith, community vice president, Michelle Simon, emerging leader and Susan Frazier, director, Donor and Grant Services, Community Foundation of Mississippi

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On October 27, the Junior League of Jackson and the Community Foundation of Mississippi awarded grants totaling more than \$100,000 to Jackson Public Schools teachers.

Teachers from across the district submitted grants to take advantage of this significant funding opportunity. Awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$10,000. In total, \$100,203.28 was awarded to fund 18 projects for the 2020-2021 school year.

"This is an opportunity for JPS teachers to think creatively about how they might serve scholars in the classroom and around the classroom," said JPS Superintendent Errick L. Greene.

"I just want to celebrate the ladies of the Junior League of Jackson," said Thea Faulkner, director of Partners in Education in JPS. "You all have been the epitome of grace, endurance and diligence to make this happen for our teachers. You've worked hard to be creative and intentional to make this year's teacher mini-grant initiative meaningful and memorable. We offer our sincere thanks and appreciation."

Staci McNinch, president of the Junior League of Jackson, touted the long history of the league's teacher mini-grant program.

Funding for this program is made possible through the Education Foundation Trust grant managed by the Community Foundation of Mississippi and extensive

School	Project Title	Grant Amount
Capital City Alternative School	Challenging "Mines" Explicitly with Simple, but Rigorous Instruction	\$4,333.58
Casey Elementary	Use Your Noodle, Develop Your Brain, Body, and Mental Health	\$8,214.05
Casey Elementary	Enhancing School Culture with PBIS	\$5,275.36
Johnson Elementary	COVID (Conducting Online Virtual Instruction and Delivery) in a Library	\$2,670.24
Johnson Elementary	Conquering Literacy from School to Home	\$2,295.74
Johnson Elementary	Pawsitive Expectations	\$10,000
JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School	App'ly Everafter Creation Center	\$10,000
Lanier High School	Read to Succeed	\$8,280
Power APAC	Evo, Pylons, and Ohms	\$4,980.86
Power APAC	Nooks to Books	\$9,748.06
Power APAC	Put a Spark in it!	\$2,698.70
Raines Elementary	Fight against Childhood Obesity	\$10,000
Spann Elementary	The Heart of the Matter: Creating a Community of 'True' Readers	\$5,000
Spann Elementary	Oh, The Places You'll Go When You Read A Book!	\$2,066.53
Spann Elementary	A Healthy Vibe!	\$3,000
Spann Elementary	Turning Tragedy into Triumph	\$6,037.72
Spann Elementary	Breaking the Barriers	\$4,602.44
Spann Elementary	Up We Grow: Developing Great Readers in Our World	\$1,000

fundraising by the Junior League.

"JPS has some of the most passionate, talented educators who are committed to the success of their scholars," said McNinch. "The children of JPS are incredibly loved as we could tell by each submission we received. I cannot think of another profession that demonstrates such renewed passion day after day after day."

Since 1990, the Junior League of Jackson's Public School Mini-Grants program has provided funding to implement high-quality initiatives in JPS schools. The Community Foundation of Mississippi began partnering with the league in 2004, and together these organizations have provided more than \$1 million in grant funding through the program.



Spann Elementary School is this year's top grant recipient with six projects funded for a combined award of more than \$20,000. Assistant Superintendent Pamela Franklin, left, joins Katina McCoy and Candace Gregory of the Junior League, Principal Lori Torrey and Delane Lesh of Spann and Michelle Simon of the Junior League for the mini-grants celebration at Spann.

Tougaloo College receives endowment from AKA Sorority, Inc.



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Tougaloo College has received an initial endowment of \$50,000 from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® in partnership with the AKA Educational Advancement Foundation®. The donation comes on the heels of the sorority's recent third annual HBCU Impact Day initiative where more than \$1.5 million was raised in one day for the support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Last year, AKA began the process of donating to HBCUs through the AKA-HBCU Endowment Fund with the goal to donate \$10 million within four years. The sorority gifted \$1.6 million to the first 32 of 96 HB-CUs at a ceremony held at AKA's International headquarters in Chicago. Each HBCU received \$50,000 in unrestricted endowment funds as part of a phased approach to help schools reduce student debt through scholarships, fund industry-specific research, recruit and retain top faculty and other critical operations.

"Given the current economic state of our world, in which we are dealing with a global health pandemic and widespread injustice against people of color, now more than ever is the time for historically black sororities, fraternities and other HBCU supporters to step up and be of service to our historic institutions of higher education," said Glenda Glover, AKA international president and CEO.

"I know first-hand the immense challenges HBCUs are facing during this time of uncertainty," added Glover, who is also the president of Tennessee State University and an HBCU graduate. "However, I also know that these institutions are resilient and resourceful, which is why Alpha Kappa Alpha is fully committed to investing in our HBCUs and preserving their educational legacy for generations to come."

"Endowment gifts benefit both current and future generations by being invested in perpetuity and by providing ongoing program support. These unique gifts over time, combined with strong investment performance, ensure the long-term stability and growth of the institution. Donations to the college's endowment also help ensure that we continue providing transformative educational experiences for students who otherwise may not be able to afford a college education. Endowments are the financial lifeblood of private institutions like Tougaloo College," said Carmen J. Walters, Ph.D., president of Tougaloo College.

While HBCUs have gotten much more favorable attention in the press over the past few months, COVID-19 continues to have an adverse effect on most colleges and universities. Many HBCUs have adjusted to the

challenges of educating through a global health pandemic, but financial support is still needed to

help maintain daily operations. "Tougaloo College is honored to work alongside Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in strengthening the capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These institutions need strong endowments that provide a source of stability critical to their financial health. The endowment gift will significantly touch and transform students' lives and impact Tougaloo College's endowment now and for the future. We are excited that Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is helping to shape the future of HBCUs, the nation and the world," said Walters.

Although HBCU Impact Day has passed, Alpha Kappa Alpha is still accepting donations to support the AKA-HBCU Endowment Fund \$10 million goal. Interested donors can make contributions by texting AKAHBCU to 44321, giving by mail or online at https://donate.akaeaf.org/pages/HBCU_Community_Impact_ Day. For more information on the AKA Educational Advancement Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, and the sorority's commitment to HBCUs and the endowment fund visit www.AKAEAF.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women dedicated to raising the status of African Americans, particularly girls and women. Through a robust international program of service, Alpha Kappa Alpha continues to institute groundbreaking social initiatives and social service programs that transform communities for the better. Today, these include Target 1: HBCU for Life: A Call To Action; Target 2: Women's Healthcare and Wellness; Target 3: Building Your Economic Legacy; Target 4: The Arts!; Target 5: Global Impact; and The Signature Program #CAPS.

The sorority is comprised of over 300,000 members in more than 1000 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States and internationally. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is a 501 (c)(7) organization. As a tax-exempt organization, AKA does not directly or indirectly participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office.

For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, visit www.AKA1908.

Through the roof prescription drug prices hit communities of color the hardest

Grassroots advocates insist there's got to be a better way

By Hazel Trice Edney www.TriceEdneyWire.com

Seventy-three-year-old Leonard L. Edloe, a pharmacist of 50 years and pastor of a predominately black church in Middlesex County, Va., knows the personal and professional sides of heart disease, stroke and diabetes well. He also knows the astronomical costs of prescription medications and the related financial struggles.

His father – also named Leonard L. Edloe – opened the first of their four family-owned pharmacies in 1948. But he was only 65 when he came home from work one day, sat down, had a sandwich and a beer and then died of a massive heart attack. It was a major emotional blow to lose his father and mentor that way. But then Edloe's sister died at 60 and his brother at 54 also both of heart attacks.

"I had to get out," he said sternly, reflecting on his now determined selfcare through exercise and healthy eating. "I'm 73 now."

For decades, Edloe has been a prominent household family name in Richmond, Va. where his father's first pharmacy was established. Since his family was upper middle class, he acknowledged they had no problem paying for prescription medication. But given his father's legacy and his own community service through his profession and dedication to help people in need, he is known for being on the cutting edge of the struggle to establish health equity. That includes exploring ways to make prescription drugs more affordable and accessible to all.

"The pricing has gone through the roof," he said in an interview. "I mean, insulin – a month's supply for some people – is \$600." That's \$7,200 a year. "Even the generic pricing has gone up," he points out. "That has become worse because so many of the drugs are imported. Seventy-five percent of the drugs in the United States have an ingredient that's made in China, India or Germany."

Edloe explained that "Because there's no control over pricing in the United States, they can basically charge what they want to; whereas in other countries, the government decides."

As a former long-time member of Medicaid HMO Virginia Premier



After 50 years as a pharmacist, Dr. Leonard Edloe spends much of his time advocating for equity in health care. That includes a push for the lowering of prescription drug prices, which he says have gone "through the roof."

C costs \$1,000 a pill. But in Egypt, it is \$1 a pill.

Edloe has expressed these concerns vehemently over the years in various leadership roles, including as chair of the Virginia Heart Association for the Mid-Atlantic Region; president of the American Pharmacists Association Foundation, and board member of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems Authority.

"My blood pressure medicine for myself has tripled in price. I was paying \$15 for three months. Now it's \$45," he said. "Fortunately, that's with my insurance."

For people who lack health insur-

Health Plan's board - Edloe pointed ance, medicine for hypertension can out that the drug used to treat Hepatitis cost upwards of \$300-\$600 a year, which, can be difficult to manage financially along with paying for other medications and bills. "So, it's real serious," Edloe concluded.

Community health workers and researchers around the country have long recognized the increasing costs of prescription drugs and the difficult choices some people must make to afford them.

An article in Harvard Medical School's Harvard Health Publishing, titled, "Millions of Adults Skip Medications Due to Their High Costs" highlights findings from a national survey conducted by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics:

- Eight percent of adult Americans don't take their medicines as prescribed because they cannot afford them.
- Among adults under 65, six percent who had private insurance still skipped medicines to save money.
- 10 percent of people who rely on Medicaid skipped their medicines.
- Of those who are not insured, 14 percent skipped their medications because of cost.
- Among the nation's poorest adults - those with incomes well below the federal poverty level - nearly 14 percent "did not take medications as prescribed to save money."

Those statistics get even worse when exploring prescription drug affordability in the black community. According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, a division of the National Institute of Health, "Elderly black Medicare beneficiaries are more than twice as likely as white beneficiaries to not have supplemental insurance and to not fill prescriptions because they cannot afford them."

Likewise, an AARP survey of 1,218 African-American voters last year found more than three in five (62 percent) said "prices of prescription drugs are unreasonable" and nearly half (46 percent) said they did not fill a prescription provided by their doctor, mainly because of cost.

The inability to pay for prescription drugs - even for those under the age of 65– has significantly impacted blacks, Latinos and other people of color due to economic disparities.

"Though the Affordable Care Act (ACA) reduced the number of uninsured Americans, over 28 million remain without insurance," says PublicHealthPost.org. "More than half (55%) of uninsured Americans under the age of 65 are people of color. For those with no insurance, paying retail prices for medications is often financially impossible."

This is no secret to those who have been working in the trenches on critical health care issues daily for years.

Ruth Perot, executive director/CEO of the Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, Inc. (SHIRE), serves the 92 percent black and largely low-income families of Washington,

D.C.'s 6th, 7th and 8th Wards. She has been working on grassroots health equity isuses in communities of color for more than 23 years.

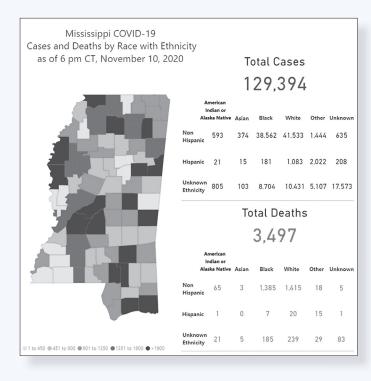
"I am certainly aware of the extent to which folks have to, of course make that choice between the cost of a prescription and the other commitments that they have, whether it's rent or whether it's food on the table or something related to the education for their children," Perot said. "The cost of prescription drugs has always been out of control. It's been a major profit-motive driven industry. That's been true for some time. And so, whatever we see at the national level from a policy perspective still hasn't addressed the fundamental issue that the drug prescriptions cost too much...I don't think the federal government has ever used its power as the principle buyer of drugs to get those prices down. So, it's been a persistent problem for many, many, many years if not decades."

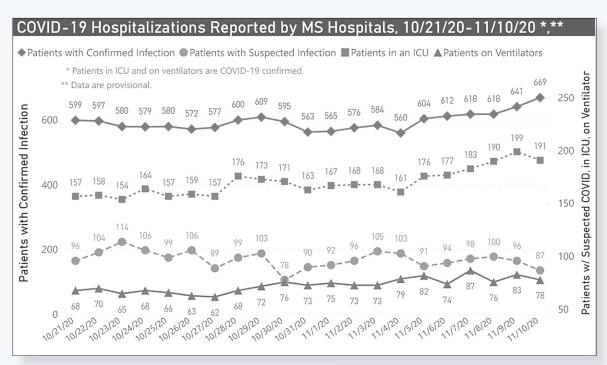
Edloe, having owned pharmacies in predominately black communities, vehemently agrees. In addition to his medical career, he also interfaces with the community as pastor of the New Hope Fellowship Church in Hartfield, Va. As he personally works to avoid his family's history with heart disease, he passes along health lessons to his congregation, and is intimately familiar with their struggles to pay for prescription drugs. Currently working with two groups involving health disparities and pharmaceuticals, he says he believes the answer to achieve equity will ultimately be "some form of universal health care."

But, there must also be a culture change, he said. "Because a lot of healthcare providers still are not trained and the materials are still not designed for diverse communities. So it's all about getting equity – not equality – but equity in health care. Because there's a big difference. If everybody stands beside the fence and the fence is six feet and you're 6 feet 5 inches tall, you can see over it, but other people can't. Equity means you might have to give them a stool to see."

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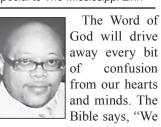
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God is faithful to His Word

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



Bible says, "We ought to heed not only what we hear but how we hear, so that we can understand what 'thus saith the Lord.'"

The devil has worked a terrible work by causing people to think that they can interpret the Bible whatever way they want to, but it is not that way.

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We need to get understanding from the mouth of God and know what "thus saith the Lord." I am glad we can. God has sent us His Word and has blessed us with it. He designed it to drive away confusion. It has become very confusing in the religious world, but I am glad it does not have to be so in the Church of the Living God. The truth sets us free from every false idea and every false way.

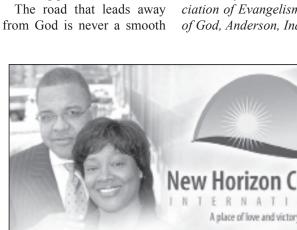
My friends, we must apply ourselves to the Word of God, and as it falls like rain, it will keep us clean. It will keep us

from walking in the flesh and from following our own ideas or anyone else's. We will stay white in the beautiful things of God. Remember, the saints have on white robes. It does not take much to get them spotted.

If we want to buy carpet that does not show much dirt, we have to get earth tone colors. As saints of God, we have on white robes, and we need to be very careful not to spot them. I thank God for His cleansing power.

road. When we walk contrary to God's Word, it is never smooth sailing, but I am glad for the highway of holiness that we can walk on. We can eat the good of the land and be blessed. Our souls can flourish in the things of God, but it costs something to go with God. We must yield to God and put our all into His way.

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God's transition team

By Shewanda Riley Columnist



A number of years ago, I wrote about attending a ministry conference where the speaker Frances Myles brought up the issue of shifts

and transitions. What I remember most was his statement that many people can accept change but can't handle transition.

He then explained how he saw change as a sudden situational shift but that transition was the process of letting go of the way things used to be and grabbing hold of those things as they will be.

Fast forward years later and I can apply his words to this year's presidential election. The change that many in our country prayed for came on November 7 when former Vice President Joe Biden was declared president-elect and Senator Kamala Harris became the first African American and women declared vice president. Crowds poured into streets across the nation celebrating the news that Trump had been defeated in his effort to win reelection.

Now comes the hard part: the transition and beginning the process of moving forward. Some have eagerly embraced the transition because their candidate won; others will fight the transition because their candidate lost. Complicating the issue this year is the fact that Trump is refusing to accept the loss and concede.

One way that we can ensure that we move forward peacefully is by praying for God's guidance. Despite our desires, not all of us can be a part of Biden's team that helps him transition into the presidency. However, we can all do our part and be a part of God's "transition team" by offering prayers for him, his family and his administration.

I'd like to offer this prayer from my former pastor the late Rev. Jerome McNeil that he prayed during the transition time of the Obama administration. I've changed it to reflect our current times. During this time of transition, we should keep in mind the words of Jeremiah 29:11, "I will bless you with a future filled with hope – a future of success, not of suffering. You will turn back to me and ask for help, and I will answer your prayers."

Dear Lord:

We come before you with humility and awareness of your mercy and grace. We seek now a divine intervention for the president-elect and family. We pray for extraordinary wisdom and dependence upon you in the circumstances he faces. May the celebratory actions of the victory not cause us to lose sight of your presence in this outcome. May you inhabit the praises of your people. Surround him with people of integrity and faith. May this nation experience healing in unfathomed proportions. Lord let us as your people not neglect the awareness of our remaining and unchanging dependence upon you. Allow us to handle victory in the solemn awareness of how quick people forget. May we draw strength and peace to know that your hand will never be forgotten. We just want to say thank you for the hope that you always give us and the love you always have shown us. We honor your holy name and pray for the Biden and Harris families now and forever

In Jesus Name...Amen.

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What Kamala Harris' election means to black girls in America

By Edelia Dr. Jay Carthan Contributing Writer



made America history by electing its first woman vice president. Former Vice-president Joe Biden was elected president of the

United States of America along with his running mate, Senator Kamala Harris, the first black woman vice president of the United States of America.

This is not only a historic win for women, but for every young girl of colored that felt like they would never have a chance because of the color of your skin; it's possible. Yes We Can!

Biden and Harris campaigned on the fact that we're "fighting for the soul of America." I think we all can agree that no one eludes and exemplifies the soul of America like black women.

When I think about Kamala Harris and all that she has accomplished, I think about how a little black girl from Oakland, California who is the daughter of immigrants from Jamaica and India; a young lady who graduated from Howard University, a Historically Black College, a member of the Divine Nine, rise to the second highest office in not only America but the world.

Harris was elected district attorney in San Francisco in 2003. In 2010, she was elected the first black attorney general of California, winning reelection in 2014. In 2016, she became the second African-American woman and the first Asian woman to serve in the United States Senate.

but think about our ancestors who in 1851.



the opportunity to vote, who never survived the journey to the new world, who were forced labor into and reduced

Harris second to

class citizens, who were considered property, three-fifths of a man to be exact. When I think about how far we've come as black women, a few key names come to mind.

I think about the first "20 and old" kings and queens that arrived in America and forced into slavery in 1619. I think about Isabella, the first documented woman to arrive in this nation as a slave on board the White Lion in Point Comfort, Virginia, and Mary, who arrived from England on the ship, Margaret, in 1621. I think about the women on the plantations that had to be field hands, wet nurses and concubines while dreaming about a world where women have the same rights and opportunities as men.

When I think about Harris, I think about warriors in the Movement like Harriet Tubman, a former slave who ran away into freedom and made 19 trips from 1850 to 1860 to rescue over 70 enslaved people in the Underground Rail-

When I think about Harris, I think about Phyllis Wheatley, a former slave who was the first African American to publish a book of poetry in 1770 at the ago of 13 and had a collection of 28 poems by the time she was 18. I think about When I think about all Har-Sojourner Truth's "Ain't I Woman ris has accomplished, I can't help speech at the Women's Conference changed the Democratic party.

I think about Margaret Garner who escaped from slavery with her familiy in 1856 and rather than see her daughter returned to slavery, killed her. I think about Claudette Colvin, who was arrested at 15 years old in March 1955 for refusing to give up her seat to a white person, nine months before Rosa Parks, who said she thought about Emmett Till when she refused to give up her seat in December of that same year.

When I think about what Harris' win means to black women, I think about the soul of black women, I think about Mamie Till-Mobley who helped galvanize the Civil Rights Movement by defying the sheriff and having an open casket funeral so the world could see what they did to her 14 year old son in Money, MS. When I think about Harris, I think about Diane Nash who helped organize sit-ins in Nashville in the 1960s and helped integrate lunch counters.

When I think about the little girl from Oakland, I think about the four little girls, Carol Denise McNair, Addie May Collins, Cynthia Wesley and Carole Robinson, who will never get the chance to vote because they were murdered in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in 1963. I think about 3rd grader Linda Brown and 6 year-old Ruby Bridges who had to be escorted to school by U.S. Marshalls.

I think about women like Ella Baker who was a behind-thescenes organizer helping organize sit-ins and help founded organizations like SNCC, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee along with the likes of Fannie Lou Hamer whose televised testimony at the 1964 Democratic Convention

I think about Shirley Chisholm,

the first African-American woman in Congress in 1968 and the first woman and African American to seek the nomination for president of the United States in 1972 from one of the two major political par-

I think about my mother, Shirley U. Carthan, who was the secretary of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in Holmes County, and co-founder of the Committee to Free Eddie Carthan and the Tchula

Because of them, we can! We have and we will continue to carry the torch and be the flame that keeps the movement moving.

Shout out to the Modern Day women who made this possible, who stand on the shoulders of our ancestors, who have picked up the mantle and continues to carry the torch like Stacey Abrams who help flip Georgia from red to blue and Mayor of Atlanta, Keisha Lance-Bottom, LaTosha Brown with Black Voter Matters, Tameka Mallory with Until Freedom, Sharon and Valarie Brown with 1 Flag for All, Danyelle Holmes with the Poor People's Campaign, Rukia Lumumba with the People's Advocacy, Nsombi Lambright with One Voice, Zakiya Summers, Pauline Rogers, Valencia Robinson, Carol Redfield-Mims, Angelique Lee, Jackie Amos, Maisie Brown and countless other women that continue to be not only the soul but the backbone and conscious of this nation which some call 'Black Girl Magic.'

Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,

We are the dream and the hope of the slave.

We rise We rise We rise.

Waiting to Exhale

H Ralph Samuels Jr.

Since 2016 America's been waiting to exhale. As a country, torn and sadly divided we were on the brink to fail

For four years the nation has been smothered under narcissistic leadership; And its hypocritical support who couldn't really give a flip

But there is something about America that has made this country great; It's the ability of her people to rise above deep-seated hate.

The people now have chosen a new president and vice -president elect. Not from cheating and not from fraud, they just had more ballots checked.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are now poised to take the lead; And usher in 'fresh winds of change' so America can finally breathe

The concerns of the masses and the hope of the downtrodden; will now be heard with compassion 'cause Biden is decent and honorable and, he ain't rotten.

And with Kamala by his side she knows exactly what to say. Articulate, kind and amazing herself my Sisters' Soror, an AKA.

So now the sole of the nation rest upon on the nation's soul; Only love and understanding can bind our wounds and make us whole

Away with the "red versus blue states" No more black against white; We are the United States of America one for all and all for right.

So as we make this new transition A brighter future is my prayer; We must do our part together But only God will get us there.

Just as God breathed into man and man became a living soul; May He breathe on us afresh heal our land and make us whole.

He has given us another chance how we respond only time will tell; Let's not waste this shining moment Breathe in America, and now...EXHALE!

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A huge victory – and more work to do

By Ben Jealous

People For the American Way



After four exhausting years of President Donald Trump and four excruciating days of vote counting, the election was called

for President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris Saturday. Hallelujah!

Those days of counting felt agonizingly slow to many of us, but the momentum was always on our side: Democratic voters - mostly black voters - in and around Philadelphia, Detroit, Milwaukee and Atlanta delivered the battleground state votes needed to deny Trump a second term. In Nevada and Arizona, Latino and Native American voters provided crucial

News that Pennsylvania put Biden over the top sparked dancing in the streets and tears of joy in many households. So did the sight of Kamala Harris making her historic appearance as our next vice president - the first woman, first black woman, first South Asian woman, to be elected to the White House.

In his speech Saturday night, Joe Biden made it clear that he understands how much he owes to black folks. "The African-American community stood up again for me," he said. "They always have my back, and I'll have

We will all need to help Biden make good on that commitment with policies that address our communities' needs.

There's a lot to do.

We need a more effective response to COVID-19 pandemic and its particularly hard impact on the health and economic wellbeing of people of color.

We need a vision and a plan for an economy that does not leave black communities behind, an economy where opportunity is widely available and prosperity is widely shared - not one that strips wealth out of middle-class and lower-income families and funnels it to the richest people in the world.

We need to eliminate voter suppression strategies - and resist ongoing efforts by Trump and his allies to delegitimize and overturn his decisive defeat.

We need to confront the systemic racism that leads to police killings of black men, women and children - killings for which justice far too often is delayed and denied.

We need to address the corruption of our federal court system by Trump and Senate Republicans and the hard-right judges they have spent four years packing into our federal courts, which we can no longer count on to uphold our constitutional and civil

All those jobs will be made so much harder if Republicans maintain control of the Senate. The unprincipled obstructionist Republican leader Mitch McConnell has turned that half of Congress into a graveyard for legislation the American people need to advance the vision of a more just society for which we just voted.

So, we have work to do, right now, in Georgia, where two U.S. Senate races are headed for runoffs in early January. Both races feature corrupt, Trump-enabling Republicans who represent the worst kind of politician. Both are being challenged by smart, progressive Democrats who will help Biden and Harris achieve good things for the American people.

Those victories in Georgia are achievable, largely in part to the brilliant organizing work of my dear friend Stacey Abrams. She responded to her own unjust de-

feat in Georgia's race for governor in 2018 by leading a coalition that registered hundreds of thousands of new voters and turned the state blue this year.

She believes Democrats can absolutely win the Senate runoffs, and that the outcome of those races will help determine whether we have access to health care and access to justice in the U.S. The excellent Democratic candidates, Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff, need and deserve all the support we can give them.

Defeating Trump and electing Joe Biden and Kamala Harris was a huge victory. Let's celebrate, get a good night's sleep or a long nap, and get back to work.

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 youngestever 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 Pennsylva**Streaming Videos Interactive Blogs**

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The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking bids for construction and related services in connection with the Solid Waste Management & Recycling Services Project at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport and Hawkins Field Airport (the "Work").

Sealed bids to perform the Work will be accepted by JMAA until 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST), on Thursday, December 10, 2020 (the "Bid Deadline"). Bids shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as fol-

PROJECT NO. 001-21

Email: bids@jmaa.com

By mail or hand delivery: JMAA's administrative office, Suite 300

Main Terminal Building

Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208

JMAA will publicly open and read all bids on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 4:05 p.m. (CST) (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

Questions and communications regarding the bidding procedure and schedule on this project should be directed to: Dr. Nycole Campbell-Lewis, Chief Administrative Officer, nlewis@jmaa.com, and 601-360-8622.

The following identification information must be provided with the bid submission: (i) bidder's company name; (ii) Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number; and (iii) the wording: "Solid Waste Management & Recycling Services at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport and Hawkins Field Airport, Project No.001-21." If the submission is submitted via email, then the identification information must be provided in the email subject line. If the submission is submitted by hand delivery or mail, then the identification information must be marked on the outside or exterior of the bid envelope or container.

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The Information for Bidders and bidding documents for the Work can be found at (https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/). The website will be updated periodically with addenda, reports and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Work.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Video Conference on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (CST), using the following login information:

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

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JMAA has established a Disadvantage Business Enterprises participation goal of 0% for the Work solicited by this RFB

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/s/ Paul A. Brown DATE: 11/11/2020 Paul A. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE WEST CONCOURSE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT THE

JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT JMAA PROJECT NO. 002-20B

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

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By mail or hand delivery:

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Interested parties may register and order plans and specifications from the Jackson Blueprint Online Plan Room website (http://planroom.jaxblue.com). A valid email address is required for registration. There is no charge for registration or to view the documents online. Documents may be downloaded from this website for a non-refundable fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) plus applicable sales tax.

Plans and specifications may also be purchased through the website (http://planroom.jaxblue.com). A printed bid set is \$75.00 plus \$20.00 shipping and applicable sales tax. Bid documents may be picked up or shipped to the party making the request. Documents will not be distributed or mailed, however, until payment is received. For questions regarding website registration and online orders, contact Jackson Blueprint & Supply at (601) 353-5803.

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DATE: 11/11/2020

Paul A. Brown, Chief Executive Officer 11-12-2020

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ZONING CASE NO. 4108

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 Kayla Rodriguez has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a commercial child care center in a C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District for property located at 4417 O'Bannon Dr., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT 11, BLK C MILO PARK SUBDIVISION

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, November 18, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 20th day of October 2020.

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

10-29-2020, 11-12-2020

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI **LEGAL PUBLICATIONS FOR 2021**

Pursuant to Section 21-39-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), seeks competitive bids for the City of Jackson's annual contract for legal publications.

Sealed bids will be received in the Department of Municipal Clerk at City Hall in the City of Jackson, until 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2020 for the publication of the City of Jackson's proceedings, ordinances, resolutions, and other notices required to be published. All submitted bids should be sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Legal Publications" on the outside of the envelope.

Each bidder is responsible for documenting its bid with the necessary attachments evidencing its qualifications and compliance with all relevant criteria set forth in Section 13-3-31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Each bid must be submitted on the bid form provided by the Department of Municipal Clerk. Bid forms may be obtained from the Department of Municipal Clerk. Each bidder must quote a per word rate of a one-hundred-word advertisement to the nearest one millionth of a dollar, e.g. 0.999999. The quoted per word rate must be for a first, second and third publication. Bidders must also include a flat rate for supplying a proof of publication.

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. 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.

The determination of the low bidder will be based on a per word rate of a onehundred-word advertisement, published three (3) times and a single proof of publication. The successful bidder will be awarded a one-year contract for the term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Angela Harris Angela Harris, City Clerk

Bidder Requirements

City of Jackson, Mississippi Bid Specifications for Legal Publications 2021

"Bid for Publication" on the outside of the envelope.

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The bidder must use the bid form provided by the City of Jackson. The bid form must be signed by an authorized representative. Failure to submit the signed bid form and failure to submit documentation that shows qualifications and compliance with all criteria set forth in Section 13-3-31 will result in rejection of the bid.

sissippi Code of 1972, as amended. All bids must be sealed and plainly marked

Bidder shall quote a per word rate of one-hundred-word advertisement to the nearest one millionth of a dollar, e.g. 0.999999. The quoted per word rate will be for a first, second, and third publication. Bidders shall also include a flat rate for supplying a proof of publication.

All prices quoted shall be firm and fixed for the specified contract period. The bid will be used for a period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Term of the Agreement

The term of the agreement is for a one-year period: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Publications will be made on an as needed basis. The method of requesting ads shall be by email.

The determination of the low bidder will be used on a "per word" rate, of a one-

hundred-word advertisement, published three (3) times and a single proof of publication. The quoted per word rate will be for a first, second, and third publication, and evaluated to the nearest one millionth of a dollar (e.g., \$0.999999)

Order of Communications

Questions regarding this bid shall be in written format. Written responses to the questions submitted shall be issued. Bidder questions and responses will be made a part of the bid file.

All questions regarding the Specifications for Legal Publications 2021 should be forwarded, by U.S. mail, to Angela Harris, City Clerk, City of Jackson, P.O. Box 17, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205, or by email to aharris@





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INVITATION FOR BIDS DAVIS PLANETARIUM - DEMOLITION CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, MS, at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201 or at Post Office Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205 until 3:30 PM, local time on December 8, 2020 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for

Davis Planetarium – Demolition City of Jackson, Mississippi

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

Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons Architects + Engineers PA 601-366-3110 extension: 216

The plans and specifications for the Work are being made available via digital and original paper copy. Plan holders may register and order documents from the Jackson Blueprint Plan Room website (http://planroom.jaxblue.com). There is no charge for registration or to view the documents online. Documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. A printed bid set is \$50.00 plus \$20.00 shipping and applicable sales tax and an electronic downloadable set is \$25.00 plus applicable sales tax. Bid Documents may be picked up or shipped to the person making the request. Documents will not be distributed or mailed until payment is received. For questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Jackson Blueprint & Supply at (601)353-5803.

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

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 Application, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact of the Division of Equal Business Opportunity at 601-960-1856. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the Program, as attached, are available at 200 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD – NON-MANDATORY

All Contractors who intend to submit bids are encouraged to attend a pre-bid conference to be held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

Charles Williams, PE, PhD, Director of Public Works

11-5-2020, 11-12-2020

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ANNOUNCEMENT: The Department of Municipal Clerk will be open November 2nd - 6th, 2020 and November 9th - November 13th for absentee voting 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sat. November 7th, 2020 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Sat. November 14th, 2020 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for the Ward 2 Special Election.

The last day to vote by absentee ballot for the Ward 2 Special Municipal Election will be Sat. November 14th, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

11-5-2020, 11-12-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING WITH A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4107

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 Carl D. Bass has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning of Parcel 430-65 from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District with a Use Permit to operate a drive thru restaurant in a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel #430-65

Being situated Lot three 3, of Northview Addition, Part 3, according to the map or plat thereof of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in plat Book 3 at Page 66 thereof, reference to which is hereby made, which is described by metes and bounds

Commence at the Northeast corner of the said Lot 3 and run thence North 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds West, 60.0 feet along the North line of the said Lot 3 to the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence South O degrees 02 Minutes 20 seconds West, 150.0 feet along a line which is parallel with the East line of the said Lot 3 to an Iron Pin: thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds East, 60, feet along a tine which is parallel with the said North Line of Lot 3 to an Iron Pin; Thence South O degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds West, 99.225 feet along the said East Line of Lot 3 to an Iron Pin; thence North 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds West, 145.35 feet along a line which is parallel with the said North fine of Lot 3 to an Iron Pin; Thence North O degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds East, 249.225 feet along the West line of the said Lot 3 to the Northwest corner of the said Lot 3; thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds East, 85.35 feet along the North line of the said Lot3 to the Point OF BE-GINNING, containing 0.625 acres, more or less.

It is Grantors' intention to convey and Grantor do hereby convey all their right, title and Interest in Lot 3 Northview Addition, Part 3, less and except all that property conveyed to M.L. and Tommie Lee McCormick in Book 448 at page 251 and to Harmon W. Broom in Book 672 at page 234.

Parcel #430-64

That part of Lot three (3) of NORTHVIEW ADDITION, Part 3, according to the map or plat thereof of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in plat Book 3 at Page 66 thereof, reference to which is Hereby made, which is described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 3 of NORTHVIEW ADDITION, Part 3, and run thence westerly along the north line of said Lot 3 for a distance of sixty (60) feet to a point, thence southerly and parallel to the line of said Lot 3 for a distance of One Hundred Fifty (150) feet to a point: thence easterly and parallel to the north line of said Lot 3 for a distance of sixty (60) feet to a point on the East line of said Lot 3, which said point is measured one hundred fifty (150) feet Southerly along east line of said Lot 3 from the point of beginning: thence run Northerly along the east line of said Lot 3 for a distance of One Hundred Fifty Feet (150) to the point of beginning.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 20th day of October 2020.

Zoning Administrator City of Jackson, Mississippi

10-29-2020, 11-12-2020

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Three-Year Overall Goal & Goal Methodology for Federal Fiscal Years 2021-2023

This announcement will serve as notice of the City of Jackson's Office of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Overall Goal of 2.50% for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – funded contracts. The overall goal is for a three-year period from October 1, 2020 (Federal Fiscal Year 2021) through September 30, 2023 (Federal Fiscal Year 2023). The City's Office of Transportation will achieve 1.50% of its overall goal utilizing raceneutral and 1.0% race-conscious measures. The overall goal is expressed as a percentage of FTA funds that the City's Office of Transportation projects to expend for the triennial goal period. The goal methodology used is in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) DBE Final Rule, 49 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 26. The triennial goal is established to achieve a "level playing field" for DBEs to participate in the Office of Transportation FTA- assisted contracting opportunities.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

A public consultation meeting will be held with stakeholders, which include minority and women business groups, community organizations, trade associations, and other officials or organizations that may have information concerning the availability of disadvantaged business and comments on the DBE overall goal and goal methodology.

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting Please contact the Point of Contact to receive Meeting invite.

Point of contact: Marilyn Guice, Transportation Planning Manager City of Jackson - Office of Transportation

mguice@jacksonms.gov

Upon request, foreign language translation, sign language interpretation, materials in alternative formats and other accommodations are available to the public for the City of Jackson, Office of Transportation sponsored meetings and events. All requests for reasonable accommodations must be made at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled meeting date. Please telephone 601-960-0864 between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Individuals with hearing or speech impairment may use Mississippi Rely Service 711.

11-12-2020, 11-19-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4106

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 Jonathan C. Trisler has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-3 (General) Commercial District to I-1 (Light) Industrial District to allow for landscaping company business at Part of Parcel 071G-36A-001/00.00, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A tract of land containing 6.349 acres (276,554 square feet), more or less, being a portion of Lot 5, Block 47, of Highland Colony Subdivision as per plat of map thereof as found in Plat Cabinet A/3 and also being a portion of the Adalberto Valdez property as described in Deed Book 3661 at page 858 as both are recorded in the Office of Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi; LESS AND EXCEPT any highway and road right of way. More particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a found nail at the Southwest comer of Lot 5, Block 47 of Highland Colony

Subdivision as recorded in Plat Cabinet A/3, Madison County, Mississippi; from said Point of Beginning thence run along the West Boundary line of Lot 5 and the East line of a 40 foot wide platted road right of way North 00 degrees 06 minutes 09 seconds West for a distance 531.94 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (set) at a point where the West boundary of Lot 5 intersects the north right-of-way line of an electric power transmission line; thence run along said electric power transmission line right-of-way North 89 degrees 46 minutes 32 seconds East for a distance of 417.97 feet to a point where said electric power transmission line intersects the Southwestern right-of-way line of Interstate No. 55 as shown on Federal Aid Project No. I-55-2(24)103 provided by the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) office located in Jackson, Mississippi: thence run along said Southwestern MDOT right-of-way South 17 degrees 41 minutes 39 seconds East for a distance of 591.23 feet to a 6: mag nail in a gravel drive (set) at a point where said right-of-way line intersects the South line of said Lot 5; thence run along the South boundary of said Lot 5 and the North line of a 40 foot wide platted rad right of way North 87 degrees 09 minutes 09 seconds West for a distance of 597.45 feet to the Point of Beginning

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WITNESS my signature this 20th day of October 2020.

Zoning Administrator City of Jackson, Mississippi

10-29-2020 11-12-2020

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Electronic Bidding Advertisement for Bid

Bid 3155 Jim Hill H.S. Site Improvements

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bids 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) December 14, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning this project will be held at 2185 Coach Fred Harris St., Jackson, MS 39204 on November 19, 2020 at 9:30 A.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.jpsdmsprojects. 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 Anderson Ervin at Durrell Design Group, Phone: 601-708-4788, Fax: 601-398-3960 or Email: contact@durrelldesigngroup.com.

11-12-2020, 11-19-2020

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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.

2012 Ford MGT 1ZVBP8FF3C5252229 Registered to Elliot Ronald Ally Financial, Lien Holder Date of Sale: November 13, 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.

10-29-2020, 11-5-2020, 11-12-2020

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Office of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Annual Goal Fiscal Years 2021-2023

In accordance with the regulations of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26, the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation has created a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. It is the policy of the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation to create a level playing field on which DBEs can complete fairly for USDOT assisted contracts, as defined in Part 26. In accordance to the required process and the latest Census Data, the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation proposes an annual overall DBE participation goal of 2.50 percent (2.50%). The City of Jackson/Office of Transportation will also impose project goals where applicable. The proposed overall goal and its rationale are available for inspection from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, in the Office of Transportation for 30 days following the date of publication of this notice. Comments on the proposed annual goal will be accepted by the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation and USDOT's Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Division for 45 days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments directed to the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation should be directed to: Christine Welch, Deputy Director of Office of Transportation, 1785 Highway 80W, Jackson, MS 39204, phone number 601-960-1909, email cwelch@jacksonms.gov.

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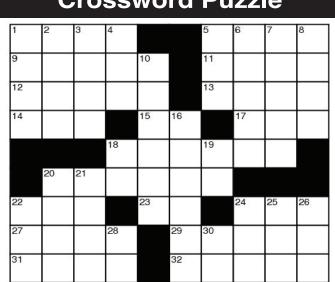
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Alex Trebek, long-running 'Jeopardy!' host, dies at 80

By Lynn Elber Television Writer

Alex Trebek, who presided over the beloved quiz show "Jeopardy!" for more than 30 years with dapper charm and a touch of schoolmaster strictness, died Sunday. He was 80.

Trebek, who announced in 2019 that he had advanced pancreatic cancer, died at his Los Angeles home, surrounded by family and friends, "Jeopardy!" studio Sony said.

The Canadian-born host, who made a point of informing fans about his health directly, spoke in a calm, even tone as he revealed his illness and hope for a cure in a video posted March 6, 2019.

In the video, Trebek said he was joining the 50,000 other Americans who receive such a diagnosis each year and that he recognized that the prognosis was not encouraging.

But Trebek said he intended to fight it and keep working, even joking that he needed to beat the disease because his "Jeopardy!" contract ran for three more years. Less than a week later, he opened the show with a message acknowledging the outpouring of kind words



Trebek

and prayers he'd received.

The program tapes weeks of shows in advance, and the remaining episodes with Trebek will air through Dec. 25, a Sony spokeswoman said.

lebrities and the wider public quickly followed news of his

John Legend tweeted that he was "obsessed with Jeopardy as Messages of grief and respect a nerdy kid growing up in Ohio.

from former contestants, ce- I've loved and revered Alex Trebek since I can remember. What an iconic career."

> Trebek, who became its host in 1984, was a master of the format, engaging in friendly banter with contestants, appearing

genuinely pleased when they answered correctly and, at the same time, moving the game along in a brisk no-nonsense fashion whenever people struggled for answers. He never pretended to know

the answers himself if he really didn't, deferring to the show's experts to decide whether a somewhat vague answer had come close enough to be counted as correct.

"I try not to take myself too seriously," he told an interviewer in 2004. "I don't want to come off as a pompous ass and indicate that I know everything when I don't."

"Jeopardy!" made him famous. He won five Emmys as its host, including one last June, and received stars on both the Hollywood and Canadian walks of fame. In 2012, the show won a prestigious Peabody Award.

He taped his daily shows at a frenetic pace, recording as many as 10 episodes (two weeks' worth) in just two days. After what was described as a mild heart attack in 2007, he was back at work in just a month.

He posted a video in January 2018 announcing he'd undergone surgery for blood clots on the brain that followed a fall he'd taken. The show was on hiatus during his recovery.

It had yet to bring in a substitute host for Trebek – save once, when he and "Wheel of Fortune" host Pat Sajak swapped their TV jobs as an April's Fool

Although many viewers considered him one of the key reasons for the show's success, Trebek himself insisted he was only there to keep things mov-

"I'm introduced as the host of 'Jeopardy!', not the star," he said in a 2012 interview. "My job is to provide the atmosphere and assistance to the contestants to get them to perform at their very best," he explained.

In a January 2019 interview with The Associated Press, Trebek discussed his decision to keep going with "Jeopardy!"

"It's not as if I'm overworked - we tape 46 days a year," he said. But he acknowledged he would retire someday, if he lost his edge or the job was no longer fun, adding: "And it's still fun."

Trebek is survived by his wife, their two children and his stepdaughter, Nicky.

"If you can convince the lowest

white man he's better than the

you're picking his pocket.

best colored man, he won't notice

Hell, give him somebody to look

down on, and he'll empty his

pockets for you."

Economic interest convergence and the future of America

CEO, Humble Ventures

On the verge of electing a new president, many, mostly white liberal Americans, are voicing disappointment, shock and disbelief that nearly 50% of their fellow citizens voted for a ticket that promotes anti-black racism, sexism and xenophobia, to name

"White Americans chose to retain power, supremacy, superiority, even in a failing society. They chose staying on top of decline and ruin, rather than prospering as equals," Umair Haque wrote. However, those that drove the highest black voter turnout in history understand it quite well – white people vote against their own self-interests when it involves black people getting a share. As contributing writer for the Atlantic, Jemele Hill said, "they will vote against themselves to preserve white-

Is America more like the 45th president than we'd like to admit? MSNBC's Joy Reid pondered this possibility on election

"I just wonder what all of this says about us. I think it raises real questions about what America is at the end of the day and whether what Trump is more like what the American character is than people ever, ever wanted to admit.'

Eddie Glaude, the chair of the Department of African American Studies at Princeton University, speaks to American culture, racism in 2019, and how the 45th president is the "manifestation of the ugliness that's inside

A segment of people, maybe a majority, saw Obama becom-



ing president as progress for black people. It's not progress for black people; it's progress for white people. Chris Rock describes Obama's presidency's narrative in his New York Times September interview:

"It's the Jackie Robinson thing. It's written like he broke a barrier as if there weren't black people that could play before him. And that's how white people have learned about racism. They think, when these people work hard enough, they'll be like Jackie."

Rock believes that it's only progress for the person that's taking your humanity. Some might say:

But...

Alexis Ohanian resigned from Reddit's board and urged them to replace him with a black can-

Microsoft, Uber and U.S. Bancorp are urging law firms to enlist diverse legal teams.

PayPal invests \$50 million in black and Latinx-Led Venture Capital Funds.

Impact America Fund II, a \$55 million VC fund, is the largest ever raised by a sole black female general partner.

Yes, this is tremendous progress – for white people. It's taken the national reckoning over racial injustice and COV-ID-19's disproportionate impact to consider systemic racism as the largest market inefficiency of our time. America should be judged not on its words but its actions. The duty to solve America's problems lies with those who created them and economic interest convergence.

Interest convergence is a theory coined by the late Derrick Bell, a law professor who authored the critical race theory study. Interest convergence stipulates that black people achieve civil rights victories only when white and black interests con-

David Shih's A Theory To Better Understand Diversity, And Who Really Benefit explains further:

"The signature example is

Brown v. Board of Education, which happened because it advanced white interests too, Bell argued. Specifically, desegregation raised the nation's prestige in world politics during the Cold War. Eventually, when interests diverged, the enforcement of civil rights was curtailed: Brown was undercut by later cases that sanctioned segregation for decades. Bell pointed to later affirmative action triumphs as examples of renewed interest convergence."

And yet, (white) America's progress is being undercut again. Institutions can drive interest convergence, but not when the president bans diversity training. The argument should no longer be solely wrapped in the interest of diversity. It must be economi-

Voters nationally ranked the economy as the most pressing issue, more than a pandemic, when deciding whom to support. 82 percent of Republican voters surveyed said the economy was the chief concern.

According to a recent Citi study, \$16 trillion has been erased from U.S. GDP over the last two decades due to discrimination. If the US could immediately end "the most severe forms of economic discrimination against African Americans," US GDP would see a \$5 trillion boost by 2025, Bloomberg reported. Closing the gaps between blacks and whites in wages, labor segmentation, education, wealth, housing and investment would be undeniably positive for the U.S. economy.

Racism has been embedded in the American economy and politics since its inception. Voter suppression has been focused on communities of color for decades. They have worked so well that these tactics are being used on groups beyond black communities by disenfranchising as many Democrats as possible.

Whether voting Blue or Red, this has never been a working democracy for black people. "If you can't bring the economy back for everybody, you darn

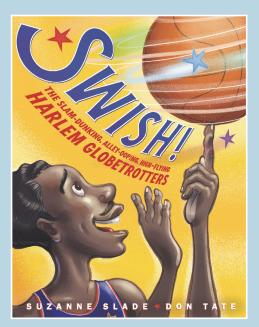
sure can't bring it back for black Americans," BET founder Robert Johnson said.

Lyndon B. Johnson

Centering empathy instead of individualism. Changing systems instead of maintaining the status quo. To begin this process, white Americans must mirror themselves and be aware enough to choose what you pay attention to – making water visible. James Baldwin posited the future of the country depends on it: https:// youtu.be/nAmL3F5uylo

The country's been playing politics for a long time on this hatred. Willful ignorance of that which America is protecting is holding us back from what we can truly become. How long will we continue to convince white people to embrace a history that will set them free? The question remains, but it may be a matter of economic interests.

Harry Alford is co-founder of Humble Ventures, a venture development firm accelerating tech startups in partnership with large organizations and inves-



BOOK REVIEW: SVVIS III THE SLAM-DUNKING, ALLEY-OOPING, HIGH-FLYING HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS BY SUZANNE SLADE, ILLUSTRATED BY DON TATE C.2020, LITTLE BROWN BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS \$17.99 / HIGHER IN CANADA • 40 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer Columnist

Your favorite player loves getting buckets.

And that's good – that's the goal of the game, after all, right? It's called basketball because that's what you're supposed to do: put the ball in the basket, dunk it right in the bucket. You might need help to do that now, but practice, and maybe you'll be a pro someday. Maybe you'll be like the players in "Swish!" by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Don Tate.

Ka-thumpa, ka-thumpa, ka-

thumpa. that's what people heard all day, if they lived near Chicago's South side. It was "those boys" and their basketballs, doing "nonstop layups, all-net free throws and sky-high jump shots."

Sure, they were talented boys. Everyone knew that but they were black and there were not many options for them, so those boys joined a traveling team and they met Abe Saperstein. That was when things really started happening: it was Saperstein's idea to re-name the team the "Harlem Globetrotters," which made it seem like they'd dribbled

everywhere around the world.

It was almost as if they already had: the team played ball nearly every night in small towns all over the country, but their style was different.

Because people didn't like seeing any black players beat the hometown white teams, the boys had to learn new tricks. They did a "One-finger ball spinning." They did their "Rapid-fire mini dribbling." People began to laugh, and they began to enjoy the show as the "Trotters" racked up wins.

But it wasn't all fun: there were

lots of places where the Globetrotters weren't welcome. They couldn't get a drink of water just anywhere. Some hotels turned them away. Sometimes, they weren't allowed in restaurants.

And still, they played because they were athletes. Even when most teams in the NBA wouldn't hire black players, the Harlem Globetrotters were real winners on the court. They proved it by beating the Minnesota Lakers. They could beat anybody.

And then one day, "something incredible happened"....

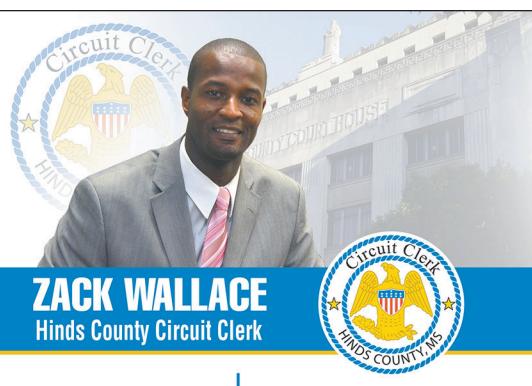
Everything spherical in your

house can be dunked. Your 5-to-9-year-old has proven that, so what next? Well, "Swish!" will give them baskets of joy.

With the kind of quick-paced, wild fun that you get at a Harlem Globetrotters' game, author Suzanne Slade brings that fast action to the page with a story of racism, perseverance and resilience. While there's a main focus on just one generation here – roughly the Depression years through the early 1950s – Slade proceeds to show the overall evolution of the team by including a timeline and additional material.

She also briefly touches upon individual players, but not more recent ones, which may disappoint grown-ups; kids whose hands are practically glued to a round, dimpled ball won't notice that omission at all

This narrative would be the lesser without artwork by Don Tate. Kids will love his movement on the pages; adults will have difficulty not hearing "Sweet Georgia Brown" in their heads. That makes "Swish!" fun, it's fast, and if there's a future NBA or WNBA fan in your house, your child will love it by the buckets.



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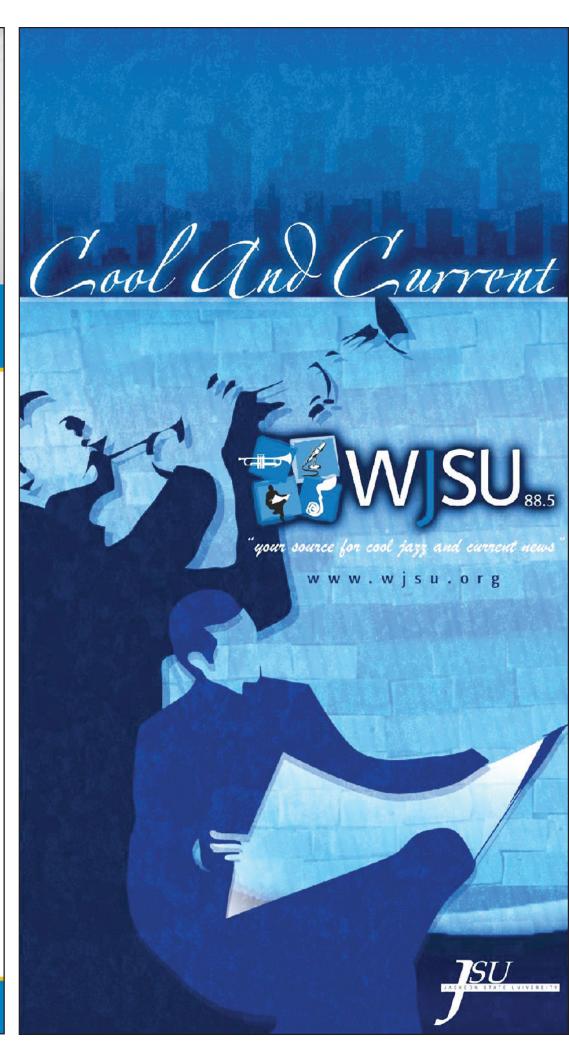
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Underground Railroad announces \$500 scholarship winner

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent Contributing Writer

Kaitlin Elise Myricks, a graduate of Germantown High School in Madison, Miss. and a sophomore at Holmes Community College in Goodman, is the winner of this year's Underground Railroad Re-Run scholarship (UGRRR). The annual scholarship is awarded to a US African-American graduating high school senior or college sophomore residing in Mississippi, Alabama or Georgia. The recipient must hold a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Contestants were required to write a 250-300 word essay on how they were inspired to overcome challenges by the Underground Railroad.

When asked how she felt upon discovering that she had won the essay, Kaitlin remarked, "I was very excited because I had been given another opportunity to help my parents pay for my college education."

Myricks' essay was entitled The Underground Railroad: Preparation, Patience and Persistent. "Each of these words played a role in the Underground Railroad being a success, as well as meeting the challenges faced daily in trying to become free," she explained.

With an optimistic outlook she stated, "For me, the three P's will be used to guide me through life in meeting my career goal of becoming a forensic pathologist."

"Kaitlin's research prepared her for an award winning essay,"



Underground Railroad Re-Run, Who Will Ride For Them? (L-R) founder Walter Gardner, scholarship recipient Kaitlin Elise Myricks and co-founder Gailya Porter PHOTOS BY ERIC MOORE

beamed UGRRR co-founder Gailya Porter. "The essay met all requirements on time. It was well researched and prepared for publication for our committee of judges to score. She related much of what she wrote to real world situations and her personal experiences. You could definitely see the use of the 'writing process' used in the development of her essay," Porter continued.

Since winning the essay competition, Myricks explained that she is a mentor to others. Note her comment, "Several people have contacted me about scholarships and what I did to be successful in winning. I've tried to give them advice on what I did. I'm [also] assisting others in the

band to [strive for perfection]."

Walter Gardner, co-founder emphasized that one of the ways that generations can learn truth is through essay writing. "African-American history must remain in the forefront. It is that 'truth' that is their pathway to freedom," he said.

"UGRRR was founded in 2016. The motorcyclists' organization travels throughout Mississippi, in and out of the country with tour guides who narrate history of stories of enslavement, racism and oppression," stated Eric Moore, member and host of Klutch Radio and Radio Program Ride-Out Nation Radio Show in Atlanta.

According to Porter, riders



UGRRR Niagara Falls (between Ontario Canada and New York), site of the Niagara Movement, co-founded in 1905 by W.E. B. Dubois and William Monroe Trotter)

are accompanied by a truck and trailer for emergencies.

Due to the COVID-19, the Tulsa, Oklahoma trip has been cancelled. Registrants should contact UGRRR for information.

"Young people are educated about our tours through events, activities and all media outlets available to us. Also, parents have taken their children on some of the runs," Porter noted.

For community involvement an annual end of the year roundup banquet-style event is held for riders, their families and public participants in the fall.

To learn more, visit https://undergroundrailroadrun.org/about-the-org/history and Facebook.



Latest UGRRR ride, Oct. 17, 2020 – Natchez, Miss., the oldest Miss. city where Jackson College was originally organized as an institution of higher education for African Americans.

Congressman Bennie Thompson is re-elected for the 13th time



Homeland Security hearing at Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS – Nov. 2019.

Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee (left) from the 18th District of Texas, Thompson (center) and Congressman Al Green (right) from Texas's 9th District participated in the hearing.



Edelia Carthan and Cissye Carthan pose with Congressman Thompson at the annual Congressional Black Caucus Policy Conference in Tunica, MS, August 2019. PHOTOS BY EDELIA DR. JAY CARTHAN

By Edelia Dr. Jay Carthan Contributing Writer

Mississippi Congressman Bennie G. Thompson won re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Second Congressional District for the 13th time during the Nov. 3 election.

Thompson defeated Republican Brian Flowers by securing 157,075 votes, giving him 64 percent of the votes. Flowers received only 88,178 votes which is 36 percent of the votes, falling short of victory. Thompson has a track record of beating his opponents by 60 percent or more according to his last seven race results.

"Congressman Bennie Thompson came up during the early days of the Civil Rights movement. He has a strong foundation of fighting for freedom, justice and liberty. He is one of few black leaders who are still committed to representing his community and I salute my congressman," Dr. Eddie J. Carthan said, former first black mayor of Tchula, MS and former supervisor of Holmes County, Beat 5.

Thompson is the only Democrat and African American who represents Mississippi in Congress. Both senators from Mississippi are white and the three other congressmen from Mississippi are also white.

The long-time incumbent Democrat from Bolton, MS remains undefeated, securing another two-year term in the United States Congress. Thompson, 72, has served the citizens of District 2 since April 1993 after winning a seven-way special election when then Congressman Mike Espy resigned to become U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under the Clinton Administration.

Thompson has seniority in Congress earning him some key positions on some major committees. He is the

first Democrat and the first African American to serve as chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security and has held the position since 2019, previously holding the position from 2007 to 2011.

Thompson held a hearing on the Mississippi ICE raids on the campus of Tougaloo College in November 2019. During the ICE raids, 680 people were detained in Mississippi. The August raids at seven food processing plants in Mississippi were part of the largest single-state operation by Homeland Security in a decade in the United States. ICE prosecuted 119 immigrants. Thompson demanded answers on why so many children were separated from their parents on the first day of school by Immigration and Custom Enforcement agents.

Thompson served as chairman of the 2020 Democratic National Convention where delegates of the Democratic Party formally selected former Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Kamala Harris as the party's nominees for president and vice president who have now secured the victory as the next leaders of the free world.

He is also chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Education and Policy Conference. The CBC Mississippi Policy Conference has been held in Tunica for decades addressing issues facing African Americans such as education and workforce development, healthcare and voter education.

Thompson was elected alderman and then mayor of Bolton before being elected to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors.

"Congressman Thompson has been, and, I'm confident will continue to be, a strong, forceful and positive leader for the State of Mississippi," Pastor James Hull, a long time Democrat, said when asked about hompson.

"Not just for the 2nd Congressional District, but for the entire state. Congressman Thompson, unlike others who represent the state, understands and represents the needs of the underrepresented, the disenfranchised and the marginalized. While I reside in the First Congressional District, I consider Congressman Thompson my congressman."

Thompson, a long-time resident of Bolton, attended Hinds County Public Schools before earning a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the historic Tougaloo College in 1968. He earned a Master of Science from thee Jackson State University in 1973

One of the original plaintiffs in the historic Ayers Case, Thompson continues to be a powerful force not only in the black community, but in the United States Congress as well.



Thompson

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The Mississippi Link is happy to report that our younger generation is well-informed about what the 2020 presidential election means to them. Read their compiled responses below.

Chloe Amerson - age 11



I think that Joe Biden is going to be a good leader for the country because Trump hasn't done anything to protect this nation from COVID. When someone asked him questions at the debate, he didn't answer some of them because he is scared. But I know who can lead this country in a good direction, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. We are going to have the first black woman as vice-president.

Micah Anderson - Age 6



The vice president-elect makes me happy. She looks like us.

Chelsea Evans - Age 11



As a young African American girl the election of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris teaches me that "no dream is out of reach." I was born on January 20, 2009 when President Barack Obama took office. Although I do not remember his Inauguration I have always heard how magical that day was from my family. I will be so

excited to witness the first African-American woman take the oath to the second highest office in our country and this pushes me to dream and work even harder at everything I do in life.

Ethan Franklin - Age 12



As a young AfricanAmerican male, this election was very important.
With all the things that have
been going on in America,
especially over the past few
months, it was very important that we make sure
that our voices are heard.
Over the past four years,
there were many things that
President Trump did to affect our country and in my
opinion, it almost drove

the United States apart. President Trump had many chances to bring us together as a county, but instead, he used it to his advantage to up his reputation and try to make himself look good.

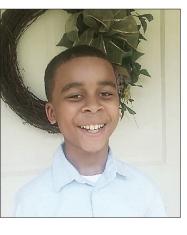
When we come together as a country and encourage our fellow Americans to vote, we play a big part in American history. That one extra American who decided to vote affected many things such as whether the state was red or blue. We did our

part and for that I think we need a standing ovation.

We made history again for the second time since I've been alive. We have a new president elect and for the first time ever, we have an African-American woman who will be the vice president. I believe this is great for America. I am curious to see what President elect Biden will bring at the start of the new

Elijah Green - Age 11

year, but I believe it will be the beginning of positive change.



I think it is amazing that we have a president for everybody. I was so excited to see that Joe Biden had won and that we have a woman of color for vice-president.

Cadria Johnson – Age 6



I am first grade and the election has taught me more about love and to be kind. When you love others you receive blessings like becoming president and vice president just like Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. I can dream big and achieve it all.

Carlin Johnson – Age 7



My name is Carlin and I am 2nd grade. The election has taught me to dream big and to always strive to be the best I can. I know now I can one day become president or vice president of the United States.

Aaliyah Kavanaugh – Age 8



My parents tell me to always work hard and follow my ambition to succeed. Seeing Kamala Harris do what seemed impossible is an awesome example of what I can one day achieve. I want to live up to my dream of becoming a phenomenal cardiologist; something that I have been dreaming of every since I saw the cardiologist doctor caring for my grandmother.

Jadyn Marshall – Age 15



Seeing the many problems in America revolved around race, gender, sexuality and the many other controversial topics in this country, this year's presidential election was important. This was a decision that would not only affect us for the next four years, but it's a moment that will forever be remembered and go down in history.

I'm glad to have our new leaders of this country, President-elect Joe Biden, along with the first female Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, who happens to be a woman of African-American and Asian descent. For the past four years, the history of minorities, specifically African Americans and woman has been heading in the wrong

For the past four years, the history of minorities, specifically African Americans and women, has been heading in the wrong direction. Donald Trump made things no better. From his interviews, press-conferences, tweets, etc. he has shown that he is not educated nor mature enough to lead this country into a better future for all Americans.

This presidential election has given me hope that there is a chance America can get back on its feet and walk toward victory. It may not happen overnight, but I have faith that we will eventually get there.

Tosh McGee - Age 21



The recent election was one that will be remembered for years to come. This election represented many first for me. My first time voting in a presidential election, the first time a president acknowledged systematic racism, and not only the first woman to be elected VP, but the first black woman.

While 2020 has been a year of chaos and suffering

from the current pandemic to social injustice it finally seems that we are on the path to healing as a country. Not only does the victory of President-elect Joe Biden and VP-elect Kamala Harris give minorities and the common person a sense of relief and hope, but it shows what America should truly represent — and that is equal opportunity. Having felt the pain and frustration during the outbreak of riots and protests earlier this year, and now feeling the joy of relief and a sense of change, truly made me smile.

Clay Morris – Age 19



While this election is a momentous occasion and a turn back in the right direction for America it has also further clarified America's darkest truths. Despite Joe Biden and Kamala Harris winning an historical amount of votes, Donald Trump was still able to garner over 70 million votes. This explains that racism, arguably the main force within Trump's campaign,

is still sustaining its place as a political selling point for over 70 million Americans. So with the hope of this election there is also an unshakably deep sense of despair, as racism still managed to win even though its puppet did not. This election asks the question of what will it take for America to bury its relationship with race and is that even possible with the current systems in place? Is America a product of racism or is racism a product of America? Those 70 million votes indicate that the answer is most likely the latter, and that as we celebrate the boldness of the Biden-Harris victory, we must still be vigilant and tireless in the fight to repair America and defeat the discord of racism.

Meredith Morris – Age 23



For me, the election represents a turning point in the nation. It was not the overwhelming political and moral victory we wanted, but it is a great start that shows America is capable of being better. More importantly, this fresh start could not have happened without a coalition of all types of people and could not have especially without the support of black wom-

en. Black women have never lost sight of what was at risk for this election from Stacey Abrams making Georgia blue to Kamala Harris becoming not only our first female vice president, but also our first black vice president. Thanks to black women, this was an election of many firsts and here's hoping they won't be the last.

Joven Patton - Age 12



What this election means to me is that it will help me grow as a person. I feel that this will greatly affect the way this country is moving. With an African-American vice president woman in the white house, I think this will greatly inspire young lives. All in all I think that this change will be better.

Jarret Patton II - Age 15



To me, this election gives me hope for the future. It made me happy to see the country voice their opinion towards change through this election. With Kamala Harris being the first woman of color to be elected vice president, it shows the possibilities that the country holds.

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Decades ago, this would

generation, it shows the possible opportunities of the country.

Perella Smith – Age 30



The 2020 presidential election was by far the most important election of my lifetime. Americans are in dire need of a positive leader, someone who will bring hope and change to this nation. I am very pleased with the outcome of this election. I am excited to see what President-elect Biden does during his term.

Personally, I am looking forward to the student loan

forgiveness program he plans to carry out and his response to COVID-19.