

How Deion Sanders changed 2 Jackson football coaches’ lives



Taylor

By Tyler Horka
The Associated Press

TC Taylor and Otis Riddley looked at each other with wide-eyed amazement.

The two Jackson State assistant coaches knew their lives were going to change significantly because of the man everyone was gathered to see at the Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center Sept. 21. Taylor and Riddley were still in awe as their new boss stepped out of an SUV that had been driven onto the floor of the arena.

Their new boss, of course, is Pro Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders.

“I kind of looked at TC and was like, ‘For real?’ It was surreal,” Riddley said. “You go from being just an everyday football coach, and now, you’re working for one of the most known people in football, period. You got a lot of people looking at what you’re doing, and the level of respect that comes with working for someone like that goes without being said.”



Riddley

The spotlight by assuming his new role as JSU’s head coach has come with plenty of fanfare for everyone involved. He has made appearances on countless TV and radio shows. He has shined a positive light on historically black colleges, specifically Jackson State.

Riddley still has to pinch himself sometimes when he fires up his laptop and it’s Sanders he sees on routine Zoom calls. Taylor simply laughed when asked how recruiting has changed at JSU since Sanders was named the program’s new coach.

“It’s a lot easier,” Taylor said.

It hasn’t all been easy, though.

Taylor and Riddley have not been bombarded with media appearances. They have tried hard not to get too caught up in the glitz and glamour Sanders has naturally brought to the program. Instead, they’ve been busy making sure the program is in good shape when Sanders arrives on cam-

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IHL Board announces Hudson new JSU president

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent
Contributing Writer

Beginning in February of this year, Thomas Hudson served as interim of Jackson State University until he was officially named permanent president by the College Board of the Institutions of Higher Learning Thursday, November 19. Hudson replaced former president William Bynum Jr. who was arrested in Clinton and charged with simple possession of marijuana, a prostitution sting and a false statement of identity.

Prior to the college board’s appointment, JSU Faculty Senate rendered Bynum a vote of no confidence.

Black lawyers unsuccessfully filed a lawsuit in Hinds County Circuit Court to halt the college board’s decision.

During a call meeting of the JSU family after Bynum’s arrest in February, Jean Claude Assad, co-chair of the JSU Search Committee, stated, “It is one of the most painful experiences that one can experience in participating in what’s supposed to be a collegial process. The board let us know in no uncertain terms, it was their decision.”

“What kind of vetting are we doing putting people in that the JSU family does not want?” was the question Professor Timothy Turner, Biology Department chair posed.

Prior to Bynum’s appointment, Carolyn Meyers resigned as president. She was president from 2011-2016. Under her reign, student enrollment decreased from 10,000 to approximately 7,000. Meyers submitted a letter of resignation within days after the college board hired

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Student loan debt widens racial wealth gap

By Stacy M. Brown
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President-elect Joe Biden wants to immediately erase student loan debt, a move that could prove more meaningful for African-American students who, on average, owe much more than anyone.

With the freeze placed on student loan repayments set to end December 31, Biden has gotten behind the Democrat-led House’s HEROES ACT, which calls on the federal government to pay off up to \$10,000 in private, non-federal student loans for economically distressed borrowers.

“People having to make choices between paying their student loan and paying the rent...debt relief should be done immediately,” Biden stated during a news conference November 16.

NPR reported that Senate Democrats also are pushing for much more debt relief.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) co-authored a resolution in September with Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) calling for the next president to cancel up to \$50,000 of outstanding federal student loans per borrower.

According to data from the U.S. College Board, that would mean eras-



“People having to make choices between paying their student loan and paying the rent ... debt relief should be done immediately,” Biden stated during a news conference, November 16. PHOTO: ISTOCKPHOTO / NNPA

ing all debt for more than three-quarters of borrowers.

Andrew Pentis, the student loan debt policy expert at Student Loan Hero, pointed to an analysis published by his company, which shows student loan portfolios now total \$1.67 trillion.

Further, the data shows that debt

distribution is more massive among borrowers of color, particularly black students.

Nearly 9 in 10 black students take out federal student loans to pay for college, compared with 7 in 10 white students.

African-American students are far more likely to have large student debt

than their white, Hispanic or Asian classmates, with 59.5 percent of African-American students borrowing more than \$29,500.

Pentis noted that the black borrowers are more than twice as likely as white borrowers to default on their student loans, which he said is a by-product of a U.S. median household

income that’s about \$25,000 less for black families than whites.

The end of the federal loan moratorium would disproportionately impact black and brown borrowers, Pentis warned.

“Student loans have long been seen as a tool to make the wealth gap in this country better,” Pentis said.

“We are seeing that those loans are actually making the racial wealth gap worse because the loans become a burden on families that are already disadvantaged in terms of having a lower household income, having a lower net worth, and student loans can be a hindrance for families trying to achieve financial goals like buying a house instead of helping those families sort of climb the social ladder and increase their financial wherewithal.”

Student Loan Hero’s student loan debt analysis also revealed that large amounts of debt could act as a roadblock to completing college on time.

Data showed that 42.6 percent of students in the Class of 2017 graduated in four years or less. However, that number drops to 28.8 percent among black students and 29.7 percent among Hispanic students.

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Daniel W. Larry

June 8, 1943 – October 28, 2020



Larry

Daniel W. Larry, also known as Buck and Billy by his family and friends, was born June 8, 1943. He was the son of the late James and Mary Larry. He grew up in the Washington Addition area of West Jackson and attended Jackson Public Schools. He was an outstanding All-Star basketball player at Jim Hill High School where his teams won many district and state championships.

Marshall Ray Evans, a 1964 graduate of Jim Hill and a teammate of Larry’s,

remembers him fondly. He said, “Buck was ‘a great brother and a serious basketball player. We give thanks for him and his family.”

Larry was an avid fan of the Alcorn State University football team and would often wear his Alcorn cap and jersey as he cheered for the team on game day. He never attended Alcorn University but loved the purple and gold of the Alcorn Braves.

Daniel was employed by the City of Jackson Water Department for several years and he also worked at Sheppard and Frierson/Bailey Lumber companies.

In later life, Buck married Christabelle Pendleton. They had two sons, Thomas and Daniel Dante (BeBe). His wife Christabelle and son Thomas preceded him in death. He later married Frances Smith, who also preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his legacy a son, Daniel Dante (Charlotte); three brothers, George, Bennie Earl (Jackie), and Ernest (Varria); three sisters, Betty, Maxine (Franklin) and Mary Lillian; several grandchildren; four great grandchildren, many nephews, nieces and cousins. His parents and two brother, Johnny and Elder James Larry, Sr. also preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Marl Grove Church of Christ Holiness USA, Byram, MS.

Paul E. Covington

July 26, 1934 – November 22, 2020



Covington

Paul E. Covington, 86, born July 26, 1934, passed into eternal life Sunday, November 22, 2020. He was the son of the late C.J Covington and Nancy Gentry.

He was a member of College Hill Baptist Church and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior when he was a young man.

An exceptional student and athlete, Covington selected JSU from one of twenty-three athletic and academic offers he received after completing high school. During his playing tenure at JSU, he was named to Midwestern Athletic Conference

twice. He lettered four years in basketball, one in tennis and one year in baseball and was team captain from 1954-1956. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Jackson State and his master’s degree from the University of Kentucky.

After graduating from JSU in 1956, Paul Covington spent two in the army where he served as the first African American in the Presidential Honor Guard at Arlington National Cemetery.

He took his first coaching job at Higgins High School in Clarksdale, MS winning three conference titles in four years. His next stop was Coahoma Junior College in Clarksdale, MS where he guided Coahoma to the State Junior College Championship. He serviced as assistant basketball coach from 1964-1967, under his former college coach Harrison Wilson.

He served as the head basketball coach at Jackson State from 1967-1986. He earned six SWAC championships, was named five times SWAC Coach of the Year, and six post season tournament appearances. His team had two NAIA National tournament appearances and was ranked number one nationally in NCAA Division II poll in 1975. He won seventy percent of all the games he coached over three decades.

Sixty-five percent of his net-

swishers earned undergraduate degrees; three earned Doctor of Philosophy degrees, two earned juris doctorate degrees, four entered the ministry, six joined basketball coaching ranks and seventy were drafted into the National Basketball Association.

Covington was inducted into the Jackson State University Hall of Fame (1988), Southwestern Conference Hall of Fame (2003) and the Mississippi Hall of Fame (2008).

As an avid golfer, he was a proud member of the 9 Iron Golf Club and loved playing in tournaments around the city and the state.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of sixty-three years, Marian Gilmore Covington; two daughters Sheryl C Matthews and Vivian C McDaniel (David); one son, Paul E Covington, Jr.; four grandchildren, Patrise M. Matthews, Paul E Covington, III, David J. McDaniel, Dana McDaniel and one great grandson, Jordan P. Lanier.

He is survived by one sister, Sheila Payne of North Carolina and one sister-in-law, Patricia Covington of Lexington, KY.

Visitation will be Friday, November 27, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Westhaven Funeral Home. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 28, at Westhaven Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.



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a CPA firm to examine JSU’s finances following cash reserves dwindling from \$37 million to \$4.2 million.

Reflecting on a series of virtual listening sessions among the JSU family, neither a local nor national search was conducted. The board determined that Hudson was ideal for the position.

Board member Steven Cunningham remarked, “As a Jackson State University alumnus, I am extremely pleased that we have identified one of our own to serve as president. We have witnessed the great strides he has made over the past nine months and have full confidence that he will continue to demonstrate the great love he has for this university by providing outstanding leadership for the students, faculty, staff and alumni.”

JSU Faculty Senate president Dawn Bishop McLin commented, “My hope is that this historical event marks the first day of many more noteworthy achievements for our beloved Jackson State University.” In advancement of mutual interests in shared governance, faculty pay equity, improving research infrastructure and university welfare during and after COVID-19 crisis, McLin stressed that the Faculty Senate is looking forward to strengthening their relationship.

Rosella L. Houston, president of the JSU Staff Senate, pinned that the senate is looking forward to continuously working with Hudson in his new role.

“Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc. is committed to working alongside President Hudson as we promote academic excellence, grow our student enrollment and expand our university programs... We all stand united and elated as ONE JSU Family,” said Earlexia Norwood.

Not as optimistic were several voices. Sophia Leggett, professor of public health and long-time Faculty Senate member reacted: “I have seen how IHL has done things and not listened to the voice of Jackson State. I hope this is not an exercise. I think we must do due process.”

Retired JSU professor and dean, Ivory Paul Phillips stated, “I was a bit surprised that there was no national search, especially since I had heard several prominent alumni, including the national alumni president and a state legislator, call for such. That would have been a way of securing the best person and it would have shown respect for the status of the university.”

Alfred Rankins, the commissioner of higher education, responded to various issues. “The board listened to the input from the Jackson State family and based on that input made a decision to hire Thomas Hudson as the president.”

“Many expressed a desire to have an alumnus leading the university...Although some wanted a national search, there was overwhelming support for the current leader to continue serving,” responded Cunningham.

“I am extremely appreciative and beyond humbled for the opportunity to continue to build upon Jackson State University’s extraordinary legacy...It is an extreme honor and privilege to serve my Alma mater...and the community I grew up in...It’s about family, history and legacy,” Hudson commented.

Since 2012 Hudson has been a member of the JSU staff, served as chief operating officer/chief diversity officer, chief diversity and EEO officer/Title IX coordinator. He graduated from JSU with a B.S. degree in political science and graduated from the University of Mississippi in law. He also founded his own law practice and was an EEO specialist for the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA in Clinton.

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pus on Dec. 1.

“It’s been too hectic to enjoy,” Riddley said. “It’s been a whirlwind.”

“On a day-to-day basis, I’m just trying to make sure things are up to par when he gets in here and we’re ready to go as a football program,” Taylor added.

Even recruiting isn’t as easy as Taylor originally made it out to be. While Sanders has been blitzed by the media, Taylor and Riddley have received too many messages from prospective players than they can count. Making sure they pick out the right ones for the program has been paramount.

“You have to sift through a lot of guys to make sure you’re getting the ones that not only fit what coach Prime wants, but what fits Jackson and Jackson State’s culture as well,” Riddley said.

Taylor and Riddley are the only two assistants Sanders retained from Jackson State’s previous coaching staff. Riddley said he was nervous when he learned Sanders was getting the job because he didn’t know if he would be a part of Sanders’ vision or not. It was a huge relief for him when he was informed that he would indeed be included in that vision, but he also knew it meant it was time to get to work.

Taylor did too.

“You can’t just go to a guy like Deion Sanders and tell him how good of a football coach you are,” Taylor said. “You have to prove it to those types

of guys. That’s what myself and coach Otis talked about. We’re going to show our value.”

Taylor and Riddley are both Mississippi natives. They know the lay of the land in the Magnolia State much better than Sanders does, and that knowledge will be invaluable once Sanders officially starts his duties in a few weeks.

“I want to make sure he understands the city, understands where he’s at and what’s going on here and there,” Riddley said. “I want to make sure when he steps into that office, there is a level of comfort so he can focus on what he needs to focus on, and that’s ball.”

“And also making sure he has a good understanding of the players,” Taylor added. “He doesn’t know these kids. This is his first time being around them. That’s a big thing for me and coach Otis, making sure he gets acclimated with the guys.”

Sanders has already made it clear to the players what he wants from them. It’s nearly time for that to start manifesting on the football field. Once it does, Taylor said he anticipates his alma mater being a force in the game for years to come.

That’s the expectation.

“That’s why he’s here,” Taylor said. “He’s going to expect the team to play hard for four quarters. He’s told them that. They understand that. The expectation is through the roof. You’re playing for a guy who has excelled at all levels. They know once he gets here they’re going to have to bring it.”

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For white and Asian students, Student Loan Hero said the rates were higher than average at 46.7 percent and 48.5 percent, respectively. Conversely, more black students – 40.7 percent – took over six years to graduate college, compared with 35.2 percent for Hispanic students, 25.3 percent for white students, and 19.7 percent for Asian students.

“It’s proven that earning degrees allows students to earn more income,” Pentis remarked.

“So, if you have students not able to graduate, they’re carrying debt into careers that may not be able to pay for it. Black students are borrowing at higher amounts because of the racial wealth gap in this country.

“Typically, white and Hispanic students might borrow at relatively high rates, but they’re not borrowing as much.”



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Alcorn celebrates 2020 Spring & Fall Commencement

Songs, dance, prayers, motivation & awards

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Despite the Coronavirus global and lethal assault, Alcorn State University, established in 1871, celebrated its spring and fall 2020 commencement ceremonies November 21, 2020.

Against the backdrop of soothing and splendid sunshine, congratulatory speeches, inspirational music and certificate awards distinguished the colorful though low-key occasion sprinkled with applause and ovation.

Alcorn State University's decorated Jack Spinks-Marino Casem Stadium, housed the event. Alcorn's 20th and first female president, Felecia M. Nave, Ph.D. presided. Ontario S. Wooden, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs efficiently served as the program guide.

2020 Special Class

In her message, Nave said, "the class of 2020 is special. Despite the spring 2020 graduates not being rec-

ognized in the traditional graduation format due to COVID-19 restrictions, you remained diligent and determined because of your passion for achieving excellence. Your journey as alumni now begins. Utilize the power of your Alcorn degree to become staples in society."

The honorary degree recipient and commencement speaker, Bonner C. Upshaw III, in a powerful congratulatory message, offered three pieces of advice to the students: be focused and hardworking, engage in an endeavor you have a passion for and be ready to take risks at all times."

Short and Sweet Program

The program started with a processional and proceeded with the welcome, invocation, greetings, platform guests' introductions, a musical selection by the Fine Art's Department choir, and the presentations of golden diplomas and the honorary degree. The commencement speaker was led to the podium.

Honor student recognition, presentation of degree candidates, introduction of candidates by deans followed

suit. Degree conferral, pledge, closing remarks, the Alcorn Ode, fanfare and recession closed the momentous event. Sororities, fraternities and other group performances, dance, songs and jubilation crowned the epoch-making ceremony.

Powerful Speaker

The commencement speaker was witty, precise and inspired encouragement. The honorary degree graduate and commencement orator, Bonner C. Upshaw III, is an Alcorn alumni, who hails from Michigan. His inspiring speech congratulated graduates and wished them well. He impressed upon the graduates that, as they progress in life, they should focus, embark on pursuits they have a passion for, work hard and take risks. He said his daily life bears manifest testimony of these incentives.

Two Ceremonies

The ceremonies held in the morning and evening were empowering, encouraging and enlightening. This might have also been the first of its kind.



Curtis Flowers defense team receives human rights award

The Associated Press

A human rights award has been presented to the defense team for a Mississippi man who was freed from prison in December after more than 20 years and this year had all charges dropped against him.

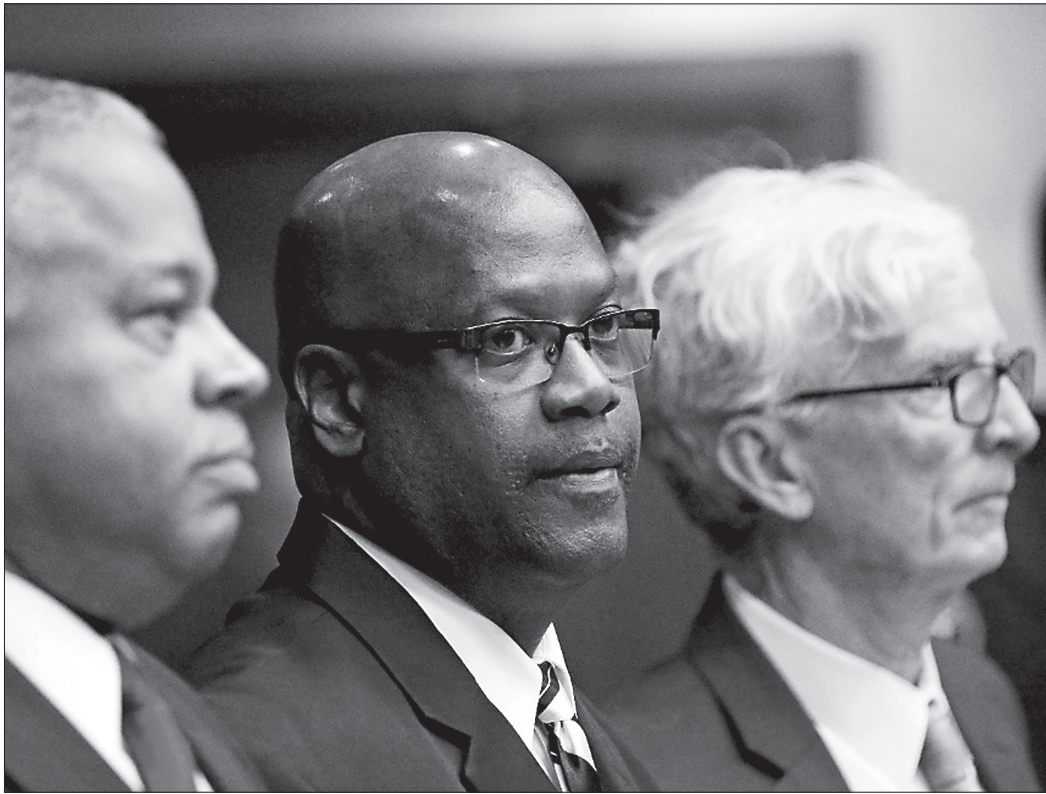
The Curtis Flowers defense team, which includes the George C. Cochran Innocence Project at the University of Mississippi, won the 2020 Frederick Douglass Human Rights Award, The Southern Center for Human Rights announced recently.

Flowers was convicted multiple times in a slaying and robbery at a small-town furniture store in 1996. The U.S. Supreme Court threw out the most recent conviction in June 2019, citing racial bias in jury selection.

The award was presented online at the 24th Annual Frederick Douglass Awards ceremony, which featured remarks from members of the defense team and from Flowers.

“I will never forget the day the judge granted bail and I walked out of jail,” Flowers said, according to a University of Mississippi news release. “I will never forget the day, some months later, when my lawyers told me and my family that the charges had been dropped, and I was truly a free man again.”

Four people were shot to



Defendant Curtis Flowers, center, stands with his attorneys Henderson Hill, left, and Rob McDuff at his bail hearing in Winona, Miss., Monday, Dec. 16, 2019

death July 16, 1996, in the Tardy Furniture store in Winona. Flowers was convicted four times in the slayings: twice for individual slayings and twice for all four killings. Two other trials involving all four deaths ended in mistrials.

Each of Flowers’ convictions was overturned. In June 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court tossed out the conviction and death sentence from Flowers’ sixth trial, which took place in 2010. Justices said prosecutors showed an

unconstitutional pattern of excluding African-American jurors in the trials of Flowers, who is black.

The Supreme Court ruling came after American Public Media’s “In the Dark” investigated the case.

The Frederick Douglass Human Rights Award recognizes people and organizations that have made significant contributions to the enhancement of human rights in the justice system, said Sara Tonochi, SCHR executive director.

“With this award, SCHR honors their bold advocacy, unshakable commitment to speaking truth to power and the palpable compassion that they express for those whom society would discard,” Tonochi said of Flowers’ defense team.

Previous honorees include U.S. Rep. John Lewis, the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery and Bryan Stevenson, executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative and author of “Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption.”

US sues 3 Mississippi apartments over racial discrimination

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

The U.S. Department of Justice Thursday sued the owners and manager of three apartment complexes in Mississippi, saying they violated the Fair Housing Act by discriminating against black potential renters.

The lawsuit is against SSM Properties, which owns Oak Manor Apartments, Pearl Manor Apartments and 468 Place Townhomes, all in the Jackson suburb of Pearl.

It is also against the married couple who runs the company, Steven Maulding Sr. and Sheila Maulding, both of Pearl; and a manager for the three complexes, James Roe of Pearl.

Roe repeatedly steered white renters to Pearl Manor and away from Oak Manor, and he failed to tell black renters about apartments available at Pearl Manor or 468 Place Townhomes, according to the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Jackson.

People from the Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center conducted four tests between November 2016 and November 2017 to evaluate whether the three apartment complexes in Mississippi were complying with the Fair Housing Act, according to the lawsuit. It said that in one instance, Roe told a black woman that he could not rent an apartment to her at Pearl Manor because people there would think he had let the “zoo” out.

The Associated Press left phone

messages for Roe and the Mauldings at the apartment complexes Thursday evening. They did not immediately call back.

Eric Dreiband, assistant attorney general for the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division, said in a news release that the Fair Housing Act is designed to ensure landlords cannot prevent people from living where they want based on their “race, color, or other protected characteristics.”

“All Americans should be free to live anywhere in the United States without regard to the color of their skin,” Dreiband said. “No one’s housing choices should be limited because of race or color or by more subtle differences in the way home-seekers are treated when they ask about available properties.”

The lawsuit said the Mauldings are responsible for Roe’s behavior because he is their employee.

“Treating people differently in housing based on the color of their skin is not only morally and ethically reprehensible and incompatible with American principles, but against federal law,” Mike Hurst, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, said in the news release.

The lawsuit asks a judge to find that the defendants violated the Fair Housing Act and to issue an order preventing such conduct in the future. It also seeks civil penalties against the defendants and unspecified compensation for victims.

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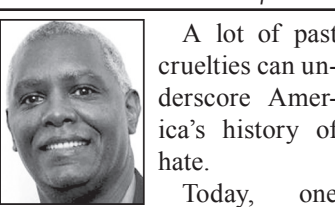
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Biden-Harris Administration tasked with dismantling America’s history of hate

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A lot of past cruelties can underscore America’s history of hate.

Today, one could capture that hate through the lens of at least some of the more than 74 million people casting a vote for President Donald Trump.

Often described as a racist, chauvinist, and one whose policies separated immigrant children from their parents and put them in cages along the Southern U.S. border, Trump supposedly embodies the very qualities that much of America – including many of its major corporations and our next-door neighbors – protested against when they stood with Black Lives Matter demonstrators.

Yet, he received the second-highest vote count of any presidential candidate in history.

Even now, Trump and his campaign have specifically sought to have officials toss out many of the votes that were legitimately cast in heavily African-American populated cities like Atlanta, Detroit and Milwaukee. Ironically, their actions would include disenfranchising thousands of Republicans whose votes were also submitted by other means than in person at a polling place.

In the specific instance of the effect on the black vote, seeking ways to deny African-American voters our Constitutional right to make our voice known at the ballot box is a tactic used since, during and after Reconstruction.

African Americans have not been alone on the receiving end of our nation’s history of hate-driven actions.

“The history of the United States over the past 200 years has been largely a struggle to define who might enjoy the rights and privileges of full citizenship,” offered Sarah Silkey, a professor of History at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Penn.

“Each successive gain made in broadening the definition of American citizenship was quickly followed by a backlash. Jim Crow segregation, the convict lease system, redlining, the war on drugs, and other systems created to maintain white supremacy denied access to full citizenship for generations of Americans,” Silkey wrote in an email.

“By defining personal success solely as a product of individual initiative and effort, the popular myth of the American Dream served to reinforce white privilege, perpetuate damaging racial stereotypes, and absolve white politicians from responsibility for dismantling entrenched systems of inequality,” she added.

“The crises of 2020 exposed vast inequities of health, wealth, safety and political access to a broader cross-section of the American public. That growing public awareness of systemic inequalities has created an opportunity for the next administration to enact meaningful change,” Silkey



As American families prepare for another Thanksgiving, many are left to ponder just what they should celebrate. PHOTO: ISTOCKPHOTO / NNPA

concluded.

As American families prepare for another Thanksgiving, many are left to ponder just what they should celebrate.

“The US was built on powerful myths of equal opportunity in the pursuit of happiness and the city on a shining hill. The reality was less uplifting,” observed Nora V. Demleitner, a Roy L. Steinheimer Jr. Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University in Lexington City, Va.

“Racism, racial exclusion of immigrants, and the vilification of ethnic and religious groups have long been an integral part of US history,” Demleitner posited.

“There has been substantial progress in the creation and enforcement of civil rights for all especially during the civil rights era, yet it has been uneven, and rising economic inequality and the impact of climate change threaten to undermine some of that progress.”

The playbooks of racial and ethnic vilification were never entirely discarded.

They are coming back as seen in the demand for “law and order,” widespread suppression of minority voters, and unwillingness to invest in infrastructure and education to support all, Demleitner offered further.

Tim Powell, a University of Chicago journalism master’s student, discards the myth of an America that welcomes labeling as a melting pot.

“Consider that the colonists left England to rebel against religion, and when they arrived here, we had a colony of rebels to some degree,” Powell relayed.

“The administrations can only do so much to counter the inherent unacceptance of races by a white, male American. It will be up to the next generations that will determine the acceptance of differences.”

“The best administrations will be those that do not stoke division.

“Look at McCarthyism as an example of the people demanding we rid America of ‘communists.’ It was not McCarthy himself, but the people demanding it. Without a market, a leader of a campaign – like Trump’s immorality – the leader has no followers.”

The 14th Amendment was meant to give slaves – only slaves – equal protection of the law, Powell added.

However, in nearly all relevant court cases since 1860 – Plessy, San Mateo v. Southern Pacific, Citizens United, Hobby Lobby – it has rarely given Amendment protections to blacks but to corporations and other entities deemed as ‘persons.’”

Photographer Michael Freeby expressed that, “It’s not just the kids in cages, as if that weren’t bad enough.”

“Let us not forget ICE abducts perfectly law-abiding citizens in the middle of the night, performs cruel unethical unasked for surgeries on them, and that a disproportionate number of coronavirus deaths have been taking place in ICE captivity.”

“As a Mexican who lives close to ICE’s headquarters at the USA/Mexico border, it especially sends chills down my spine,” Freeby objected.

“Once people are placed in ICE captivity, they lose all rights. We are the United States of America, a country whose entire premise was based on people fleeing from elsewhere to start fresh and pursue their dreams. Picking and choosing based on skin color is not right. We are not animals – we are people.”

Terrell L. Strayhorn, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Virginia Union University, where he also serves as Professor of Education and Director of the Center for the Study of HB-CUs, noted that African Americans are the only group denied access to education by law.

“No matter how uncomfortable or unpopular to admit, it was once legal to punish or kill an African American, but you could not educate them,” Strayhorn submitted.

“Teaching blacks to read and write was prohibited by law. In the year 2020, there are over 4,300 colleges and universities in the United States, collectively enrolling over 20 million college students. Virtually 2 million are African Americans, with the vast majority (two-thirds) being black women.

“And when African Americans enroll in college, approximately half do not graduate, accrue high amounts of educational debt, or report experiencing hostile, unwelcoming environments at predominantly white institutions.”

Strayhorn asked that the incoming Joe Biden/Kamala Harris administration do all

it could to reduce, or remove, those challenges.

“A new administration, comprised of individuals who reflect the diversity of their constituents, can champion culturally-relevant initiatives, create equity and foster racial healing,” Strayhorn proposed.

As a black and Indian American, a plan of Kamala Harris should include equality for black women in the workplace, opined Dr. Carey Yazeed, the editor of the anthology, “Shut ’em Down: Black Women, Racism and Corporate America.”

“Malcolm X stated it best, ‘The most disrespected person in America is the black woman. The most unprotected person in America is the black woman.’ This country has done little to help uplift black women, yet we are the ones who continuously come to its rescue,” Yazeed remarked.

“Although black women are often the lowest paid in Corporate America, we often outwork and outperform our peers in the workplace,” she continued.

“When corporations talk about diversity and inclusion, black women are usually excluded from those conversations, which is reflected in our salaries and how we are treated. Black women often walk away from Corporate America traumatized by the racial injustices that they endure and are left to carry that pain around for years.”

Actress and mental health advocate Samantina Zenon concluded that many white people remain disconnected, still seeing African Americans as maids or even slaves.

“History continues to rewrite itself. In every avenue, black people consistently get mistreated,” Zenon said.

“In order for real changes to happen, the new administration needs to give more black people a platform to be seen and heard, not just black celebrities or politicians.

“Real people face daily challenges for being Black in America. Part of the narrative on their campaigns was Donald Trump divided the country and has given white supremacists a platform to be racist, and they want to bring us back together. While that is true, the new administration needs to be held accountable for making those changes because black people showed up for them at the polls, make racism wrong again.”

Thanksgiving 2020: Grateful for new hope and new direction in our nation

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



This hasn’t been a normal year, and it isn’t going to be a normal Thanksgiving.

Instead of looking forward to family and feasting, many of us are listening to health officials begging us to avoid large gatherings, and we’re weighing the risks against our deeply felt desire to be with our loved ones.

Let’s be honest. 2020 has been a brutal year. Many are grieving the loss of loved ones. Many have lost jobs and businesses and the security they bring our families. Students and educators have had to learn and teach in new ways. Some struggle with isolation and others with forced confinement in uncomfortable or unsafe situations.

On top of that, we have all been let down by our national leaders, especially a president who played politics with public health – and is now trying to undermine whatever faith Americans still share in our democracy.

And still, Thanksgiving is here.

My faith encourages us to try to be thankful in all things. I think that may be most important during the hardest times in our lives. During a year like this one, I appreciate the wisdom of our having a national tradition of pausing to count our blessings no matter what else is happening.

Thanksgiving means family to me. I’m thinking about my 104-year-old grandmother, who has given thanks through periods of war, civil strife and economic devastation. I’m grateful for the lessons her life teaches me about commitment, calm, courage and perseverance.

I am also thinking about my children, and my gratitude that this election gives me hope for their future. It renews my faith that together we can create a country that will give them every opportunity to follow their dreams.

Thanksgiving and nationalism can be mixed in unhealthy ways. Yet this year, I feel a spe-

cial patriotic gratitude to live in a country where we are free to choose our leaders.

And I’m proud that black people showed once again that we can shape our future by pushing back against the corruption and unprincipled power plays and institutionalized racism that are used to try to keep us from participating fully in our democracy.

I am grateful for the multiracial, multigenerational social justice movement that has been brought into being to challenge unjust policing. I’m grateful for all the young people who made their first run for public office. And I am especially grateful for leaders and organizers who use their God-given talents and their hard-won skills and experience to organize, motivate and mobilize our people – leaders like Stacey Abrams and so many others who worked to bring change to their cities and states – and our country.

Of course, there’s more to do. We have important Senate elections coming up in Georgia. And next year, we’ll make many demands on local, state and national officials to address the issues that affect our lives and our future.

For now, let us be grateful for new hope and new direction in our nation, and for everyone who has given of themselves to help our neighbors and strengthen our communities.

And after we pause to give thanks for our freedom and our accomplishments, let’s resolve to be, in the words of the great gospel song, “in no ways tired” of seeking justice and creating positive change. Then we’ll have even more to be grateful for next Thanksgiving.

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The power of trust and truth

Getting and sharing the facts about COVID-19, trusting science can help turn tide for pandemic-strapped communities of color

By Gary H. Gibbons, M.D.
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COVID-19 has killed more than 230,000 people in the U.S., and the death toll continues to rise at a rate of about 1,000 per day. We know, however, that families and communities don’t count their losses in thousands or hundreds; they count them one-by-one – a father, a teacher, a sister, a friend, a nurse, a son, a Tribal elder, a church member. And these losses hurt.

But some communities feel the impact of COVID-19 more than others. Latinos, along with African Americans and American Indians, account for more than half of all COVID-related cases, even though they represent just a third of the population. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), these groups require hospitalization at a rate about five times higher than whites, due to the severity of their illnesses or lack of early access to health care. And the mortality outcomes reflect this as well: Latinos and American Indians die at 1.5 times the rate of whites, and African Americans, at 2.4 times the rate.

As scientists and NIH colleagues with more than 60 years of combined research experience in health disparities, we are not surprised by these discouraging statistics. But these awful numbers also feel deeply personal: they represent our



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friends, our family, our loved ones, too, as our roots are in these very communities – Philadelphia’s African-American neighborhoods, Miami’s Cuban immigrant diaspora.

COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, has simply shone a spotlight on health disparities that have long affected underrepresented communities like ours. We know, for example, that obesity, diabetes and heart disease are more prevalent among people of color. If you have any of these conditions and contract COVID-19 you run a much higher risk for severe complications and death.

But biology and behavior are just part of the picture. Where we work, whether we have access to quality health care, what we eat, and other socioeconomic conditions also drive

health disparities.

As we grapple with the effects of these health inequities on our daily lives, we can take simple public health measures to help prevent the immediate spread of this disease, starting with wearing a mask, washing our hands and maintaining six feet of distance from others. But that won’t be enough to end the pandemic in communities of color.

As the leaders of two public health research agencies, we know we can’t just devise solutions from Washington, D.C. We must also work with those who are most trusted, respected and closest to these hard-hit communities. Through joint local efforts, we believe we can ensure that the best, most accurate information reaches these communities, and that they are informed about, and included in, diverse research studies essential for developing safe, ef-

fective treatments, and vaccines for all. That is why the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has issued a \$12 million award to support teams in 11 states to establish the Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) Against COVID-19 Disparities.

This Alliance has already brought together community- and faith-based organizations, doctors, patients, researchers, community advocates and minority-serving educational institutions. For weeks, from Sacramento, California to Jackson, Mississippi, we have been listening carefully – to concerns, fears, very practical questions, and ideas. Our sincere hope is that, working together, we will find ways to overcome COVID-19 in a manner that takes into account the history, cultural differences, and unique input and needs of the people it affects most.

How do we do this? We start

by offering reliable and easily understood information based on science, by dispelling myths, and by explaining the importance of research. CEAL is working with trusted members in communities like yours to ensure access to information that can be shared through virtual town halls, infographics, animated videos, and in many other ways – like social media posts.

Importantly, we also will be encouraging participation in research studies designed to stamp out COVID-19 in high-risk communities. That’s because clinical trials, the fundamental part of the scientific process, show whether new medicines and vaccines are effective at protecting you against disease. When a drug gets approved and your doctor prescribes it for you, you are not wrong to wonder whether it has been tested and shown to work – and especially shown to work for people like you.

This is why it is so important for research studies to include people from all races, genders, ages, socio-economic classes and more. We simply need to learn who is likely to benefit the most from any given treatment. In other words, we can’t develop effective drugs and vaccines to conquer COVID-19 in communities of color without the active participation of the people who live there.

We strongly believe that when done right, inclusive research leads to solutions that get us where we need to be.

We already have safeguards in place to ensure historic wrongs are not repeated, and that safe and ethical standards are practiced consistently. The Food and Drug Administration, review boards, and expert panels at the NIH – indeed, each institution and company conducting medical research – rigorously review every phase of a clinical trial, from before it begins until after it ends. These review boards include not just scientists, doctors and experts, but also community advocates who keep a watchful eye on the process.

While these factors are critical to ending this public health emergency, we must keep our eyes on an even bigger prize – a nation without the disturbing health inequities that compromise the health of our whole society. As clinicians who have cared for countless patients of color, as mentors who have supported underrepresented groups, and as members of communities where each one teaches one, we fully understand the power of community to make a difference in the long fight against this conquerable problem.

We firmly believe that by traveling this journey together – by sharing sound information, by squashing misinformation, by being responsible citizens and building trust in science – we can push this deadly pandemic into retreat. Hopefully when that happens, we can embark on a path of inclusion that gives everyone in America a fighting chance for a long and healthy life.

Staying safe during the holiday season

By Aaron Terrett
Student Intern



It is that time of year again. The leaves are falling, the temperature is lowering, Christmas decorations are starting to go up, and nearly every house is filled with the aromas of Thanksgiving foods. This year, however, is different. Unlike any other year, this year has been plagued by a worldwide pandemic. The CDC recom-

mends celebrating Thanksgiving with a virtual meal. Others recommend simply hosting the Thanksgiving dinner outdoors, socially distanced.

Social distancing during the year is one thing, but social distancing during the holiday season is another temptation altogether. Given the current state of the country, many families are opting to go without a formal Thanksgiving dinner with their families this year.

Among those that choose to refrain from attending a family

Thanksgiving dinner is Jackson native, Lawrence Jones.

“I have some family that I haven’t seen in years, but with the way the virus is ramping up, it’s in all of our best interests to hold back from having a family gathering right now,” says Jones.

The CDC suggests that mindset is what will keep more people safe, as COVID-19 cases continue to skyrocket. Some more recommendations from the CDC include: limiting guests, disinfecting frequently, having

guests bring their own food and drink, and using single-use utensils.

Another Jackson native, Kenneth Barnes, states, “I decided that I’m going to stay at home and have dinner with just my mom, dad and my siblings. It saves a lot of stress, and since we already live together, it’s a lot safer.”

This has become a reality for some families across the country. Rather than having a physical gathering, some families have chosen to prepare a dish

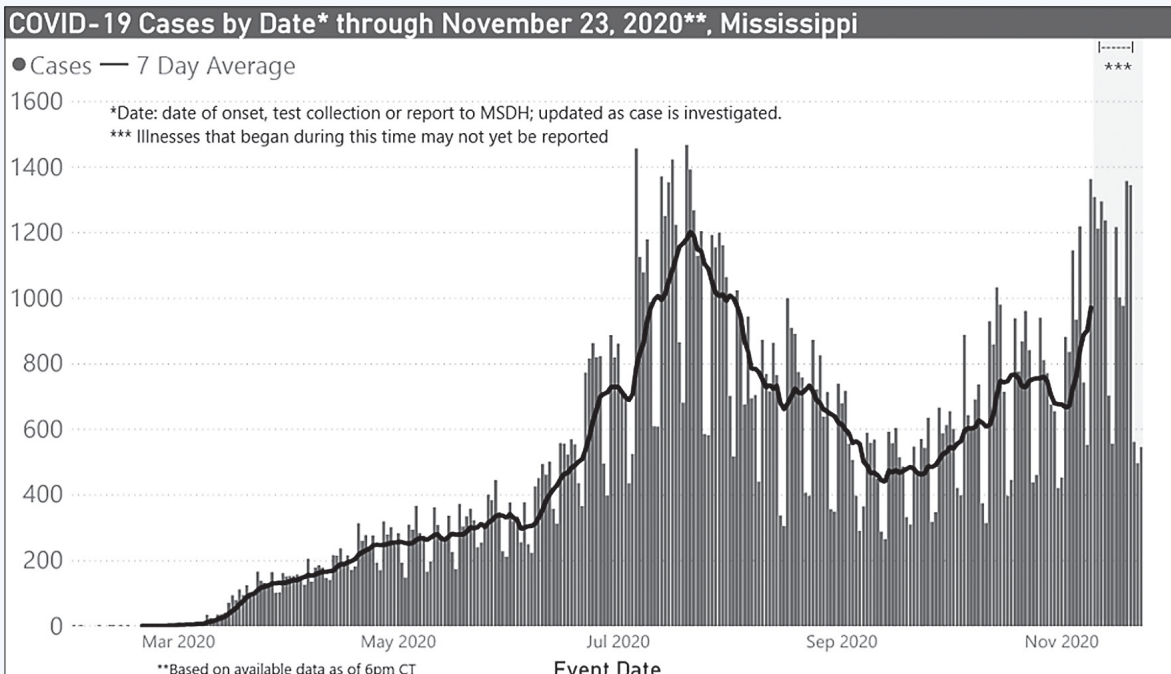
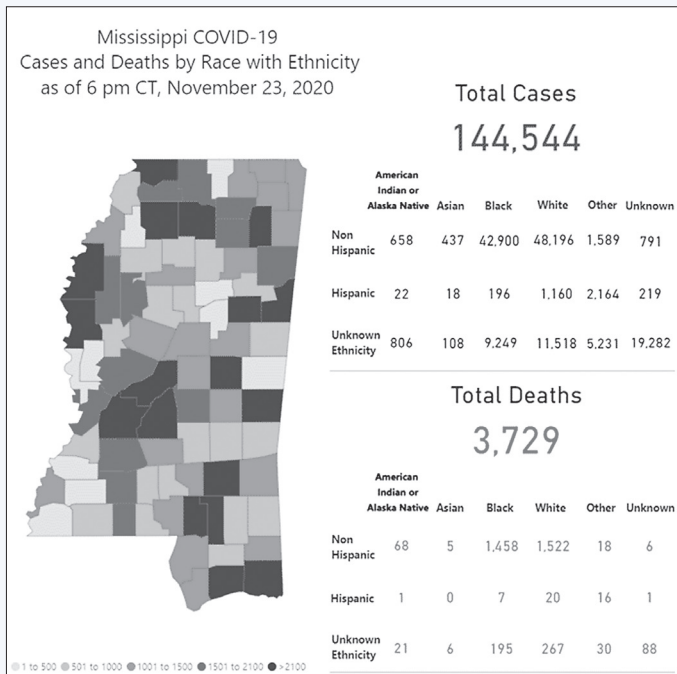
at home and deliver it to other family members without making contact, in order to reduce the chance of catching or spreading the virus.

According to Dr. Jose Mayorga, the medical director of the UCI Health Family Health Center, “due to the change in weather patterns and forcing individuals indoors ... we should limit or avoid indoor gatherings with individuals outside our household.” This is a sentiment echoed by healthcare workers nationwide. The naive spread

of the virus during a time of the month that is typically busy for healthcare workers can lead to some going untreated and healthcare workers being put at an even greater risk.

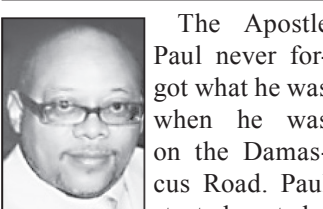
To ensure the safety of you and your family members during this Thanksgiving holiday, taking all precautions is a necessity. Wear a mask, keep a 6 foot distance between you and people you do not live with, wash your hands often, and get tested if you feel any of the symptoms of COVID-19.

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In everything give thanks

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



The Apostle Paul never forgot what he was when he was on the Damascus Road. Paul started out by giving God thanks for choosing him. Paul never felt that he chose Jesus, but rather that Jesus chose him. It was as if he was throwing his life away, and Jesus suddenly brought him to his senses. He thanked Jesus because Jesus trusted him, appointed him to serve and empowered him, knowing that Jesus never gives a person a task without giving him the power to do it. “God did such a work on me that it is hard to even imagine what I was before God saved me. I certainly

was hell bound, and if I had kept going in that direction, I doubt that I would be living today.” Sometimes, God’s people have a tendency to forget what they came out of, how they got out and who brought them out to the place where they are today. God does such a great work on each individual that many times it is hard to imagine that we all were once steeped in sin without hope. We read in First Timothy 1:12-14, “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love

which are in Christ Jesus.” It is good, every once in a while, to remember what God delivered us out of and where He has placed us today. The Psalmist said in Psalm 40:1-3, “I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.” This is how the Psalmist saw it, and this is what God does for us. God told the Israelites, in so many words: “Don’t forget Me. I am going to bring you into a new land, and I am going to give you homes to live in. You will not have to dig

a well or plant the vineyards. Somebody else is going to plant them, but you will reap the harvest. I will run the people out of that land, and you can have it, but don’t forget Me.” Dear ones, let us not forget the Lord. Someone may say, “Don’t you know the Scripture says, “Forgetting those things which are behind? Yes, you are to forget those things that you relied on in place of God. Paul said that he forgot all the attainments that he achieved while he was a Pharisee, but he never forgot what God did for him. We should not forget either. Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

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Seeing through eyes of thankfulness

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



French author Marcel Proust wrote, “The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.”

What I like about this quote is that I believe it provides insights on how to move forward as we end one of the most divisive Presidential political campaign seasons in recent memory. It may seem like the racist and sexist bigotry that characterized the campaign exposed problems that both Democrats and Republicans blame the other for.

I remember similar divisions in 2000, 2004 and 2016 after the Presidential election. Even though they were disappointed with election loses, some Democrats expressed relief that the burden and responsibility of responding to things like the terrorism of the 911 attacks rested squarely on the shoulders on the Republican led Congress and President Bush. It didn’t seem like it at first, but eventually Democrats saw the loses as good things.

In much the same way, we complain to God and initially get frustrated when he doesn’t answer our prayers when and how we like. We are devastated when the house that we pray for gets sold to someone else. Spiritual temper tantrums are the norm when we invest our hearts into someone and they marry someone else. Eventually, time passes and we choose to see our lives with new eyes and realize that God has a better plan for us. We spend so much time focusing on what we didn’t get that we miss what God has for us on the

other side of that disappointment: a challenge to trust Him and his awesome sovereignty again. One benefit of seeing things with new eyes is that it makes it easier to trust God again as we pass the test of being able to congratulate the person who got what we wanted. An even bigger test is praying that God would bless that person when we see them run into difficulties with their new blessings. Being able to pray that kind of prayer requires that we choose to see with new eyes and to be thankful in all things at all times regardless of the reason why we believe He didn’t allow it to happen for us. As we continue in this season of Thanksgiving, many people reflect on their many blessings from God. But have you ever thanked God for not giving you something? It seems a little odd to thank God for not giving you something, but this kind of thankfulness forces us to take a crash course in spiritual maturity as well as see the world through the eyes of a stronger and more trusting faith.

Psalm 9:10 says, “Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.” Some of you may be greatly disappointed that your candidate didn’t win and think that God hasn’t answered your prayer. It could be in the loss that God wants you to earnestly seek after him and learn to trust Him again. Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.



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<div>LEGAL</div> <div>Office of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Annual Goal Fiscal Years 2021-2023</div> <div>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.</div> <div>10-29-2020, 11-5-2020, 11-12-2020, 11-19-2020, 11-26-2020, 12-3-2020</div>	<div>LEGAL</div> <div>Advertisement for RFPs RFP 2020-21 Next Generation Firewall</div> <div>Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), December 09, 2020 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bidder's voice call will be held at 1:00 P.M. (local prevailing time) December 03, 2020. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened.</div> <div>Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing adevans@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.</div> <div>11-19-2020, 11-26-2020,</div>	<div>LEGAL</div> <div>ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS 2020 FLOOD DISASTER STREET RESURFACING PROJECT Jackson, Mississippi</div> <div>Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of 2020 Flood Disaster Street Resurfacing Project. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.</div> <div>The entire project must be completed within (60) calendar days. The contract will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) per calendar day for each consecutive calendar day in which the contract time is exceeded.</div> <div>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 precondition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) plan. Failure to comply with the City's ordinance 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 Yika Hoover Minority Business Development Manager at (601) 960-1611 or thoover@jacksonms.gov. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the Program are available at 200 South President Street, Warren Hood Building, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.</div> <div>Contract Drawings, Contract Specifications, and Proposals forms are on file and open to public inspection on the 4th floor (Engineering Division) of the Warren Hood Building located at 200 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205. One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be procured at the Engineering Division office on the 4th Floor of the Hood Building, upon payment of \$50.00 dollars for each set, which will not be refunded. All request and questions regarding plans and specifications can be directed to Tony Howard, Project Construction Manager, (601) 960-1651 or thoward@jacksonms.gov. The Standard Specifications adopted by the City Council may be procured from the Department of Public Works, if desired upon payment of \$5.00 dollars for each specification.</div> <div>A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on December 18, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. local time, in the 5th floor conference room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.</div> <div>"Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic 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."Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi law and possess a certificate of responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid. Each bidder must deposit with its proposal, a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid for the work, payable to the City of Jackson, as the bid security.</div> <div>The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney.</div> <div>Proposals shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City of Jackson's City Clerk prior to the hour and date designated above. Each bidder shall write its certificate of responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing its proposal.</div> <div>The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities</div> <div>Charles Williams Jr., PE, PhD Director of Public Works/City Engineer</div> <div>11-26-2020, 12-3-2020,</div>
<div>LEGAL</div> <div>Advertisement STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION (SOQ) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO UPDATE THE CURRENT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN</div> <div>The City of Jackson (City) is requesting qualified firms submit a Statement of Qualifications for the purpose of updating the current solid waste management plan and other related professional services as they arise on a task order basis.</div> <div>The proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience, company background, qualifications and references as demonstrated in similar engagements• Expertise of key personnel to be assigned to the contract• EBO Plan and commitment to exceeding MBE and FBE participation goals</div> <div>The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provision of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder, or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1055. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Room 223, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.</div> <div>Attendance by Proposers intending to submit on the project is required. All potential Subcontractors and other interested parties are invited to attend.</div> <div>Proposals (one signed original plus five copies) and the EBO Plan (one signed original plus five copies included with the proposal) shall be submitted in a sealed package and plainly marked on the outside of the package: "STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO UPDATE THE CURRENT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN". Proposals must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 by no later than 3:30 p.m., local time, on Tuesday January 5, 2021.</div> <div>Interested firms may obtain a copy of the detailed Request for Proposals at no charge from the City's Website at http://www.jacksonms.gov/bids or from:</div> <div>Lakesha Weathers, Solid Waste Manager City of Jackson Department of Public Works Warren Hood Building 200 South President Street Jackson, MS 39201 lweathers@city.jackson.ms.us</div> <div>Dr. Charles Williams Jr., PE, Director Department of Public Works</div> <div>11-26-2020, 12-03-2020, 12-10-2020</div>	<div>LEGAL</div> <div>Advertisement for RFQ RFQ 2020-02 Property Manager and Commercial Real Estate Broker</div> <div>Sealed, written formal rfq proposals for the above rfq 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), January 05, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfqs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfq if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfqs are opened.</div> <div>Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing adevans@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.</div> <div>11-26-2020, 12-3-2020,</div>	<div>LEGAL</div> <div>Advertisement for RFPs RFP 2020-22 ACT Support 2020 RFP 2020-23 Standards-Aligned Assessment for Student Practice and Enrichment</div> <div>Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), December 11, 2020 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened.</div> <div>Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing adevans@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.</div> <div>11-26-2020, 12-3-2020,</div>
<div>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</div> <div>NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi will host a public hearing to be held in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room of the Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The City of Jackson has prepared a Facilities Plan for proposed improvements to the Wastewater Collection System. The Facilities Plan will be presented at the public hearing to explain the current facilities planning effort, the proposed improvements to be constructed, why the improvements are needed, environmental assessment of the proposed improvements, and the phases of the proposed project. Seven project phases are planned over a multi-year period with a currently estimated total cost of \$195,000,000. The first phase will be performed in 2021-2022 and is estimated to cost \$30,000,000. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the Facilities Plan, receive further suggestions and comments, and answer questions.</div> <div>The City of Jackson will begin a public comment period on December 15, 2020. The comment period will allow citizens to review the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Facilities Plan and offer additional comments.</div> <div>A copy of the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Facilities Plan is available by email request to Clyde Burnett, PE at cburnett@ajaservices.com. Written comments, suggestions, and questions may be submitted to Clyde Burnett at cburnett@ajaservices.com until January 19, 2021.</div> <div>Charles Williams Jr., PE, PhD Director of Public Works/City Engineer</div> <div>Terry Williamson, Legal Counsel</div> <div>11-26-2020, 12-3-2020, 12-10-2020</div>		

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2006 DODG Vin: 1D4HD48N46F174662
Registered to: Evans, Michael or Remona
TGS Auto Sales & Titlemax, Lien Holder
Date of Sale: Dec. 11, 2020
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services;
6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
A. OLD BUSINESS

1. CASE NO. 2020-21, REQUESTED BY: THEO AND JESSICA DAVIS TO ADD A STORAGE BUILDING AT 1828 LINDEN PL. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

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

3. CASE NO. 2020-30, REQUESTED BY: BARRY W. HOWARD TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING AT 703 NORTH LAMAR ST. LOCATED IN THE FARISH HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. CASE NO. 2020-31, REQUESTED BY: KARL N. TAYLOR TO DESIGNATE THE KAZERY HOUSE AT 4920 ROBINSON ROAD EXTENSION TO JACKSON LOCAL LANDMARK.

2. CASE NO. 2020-32, REQUESTED BY: CHARLES TURNAGE TO REPLACE THE ROTTEN DOORS AND WINDOWS WITH THE SAME LOOK AS THE EXISTING AT 1346 LINDEN PL. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

3. CASE NO. 2020-33, REQUESTED BY JANEAH SAKALAIKUS TO INSTALL 6FT STEEL PICKET FENCE WITH TWO WALK GATES TO ENCLOSE THE SIDE AND BACK YARD OF THE PROPERTY AT 1001 BELHAVEN ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

4. CASE NO. 2020-34, REQUESTED BY DAVID BLOUNT TO REMOVE TWO PINE TREES IN THE BACKYARD OF THE PROPERTY AT 1305 ST. MARY ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

II. OTHER ITEMS
1. ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED COAS.

2. CASE NO. 2020-25, REQUESTED BY: JEFF SEABOLD TO AMEND THE APPROVED COA TO SQUARE OUT THE SCREEN PORCH AND UPDATE NORTH AND WEST ELEVATIONS AT 1320 ST. ANN ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

III. ADJOURN

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, COMMISSIONERS AND APPLICANTS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING BZHAO@JACKSONMS.GOV TO REGISTER PRIOR TO DECEMBER 2, 2020.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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, Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

New Fire Station #20, 4445 Medgar Evers, Jackson, MS 39213
City of Jackson Project No. 15B7003-401

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 follows:

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A copy of the Bid Documents (including plans and specifications for the Work) are being made available via digital and original paper copy. Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents from the Jackson Blueprint Online Plan Room website <http://planroom.jaxblue.com>. There is no charge for registration or to view the bid documents online. Bid 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 approximately \$150.00 plus shipping and applicable sales tax and an electronic downloadable set is \$25.00 plus applicable sales tax. 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 consideration for an award.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Jackson (City), Mississippi is requesting proposals from qualified engineering firms for selecting a consultant with which to negotiate a Professional Service Contract for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements design, bidding, and construction phase services described in the RFP. The proposals will be rated based on criteria including, but not limited to, the following:

- Proposer's qualifications, experience, and client references.
- Demonstrated understanding of the scope of the project and ability to complete the work in conformance with project requirements.
- Experience and qualifications of Project Manager, key staff, and subcontractors assigned to the project.

Qualifications must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 by no later than 3:30 p.m. local time, on Tuesday, December 22, 2020.

Interested firms may obtain a copy of a detailed Request for Proposals, any proposal addenda, can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic Proposals may be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions related to the electronic proposal submission process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Interested firms who are interested in receiving a detailed Request for Proposals, any proposal addenda by email can send a request to Charles Williams Jr., PE, PhD, Director of Public Works/City Engineer at cwilliams@jacksonms.gov.

One copy of the offeror's Proposal together with a PDF file of the Proposal on a flash drive or disk shall be deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated.

A Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2020 at 1:30 P.M., local time, at the Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205. Attendance is encouraged for all proposers and prospective subconsultants on this project.

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

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

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

All Contractors who intend to submit "BIDS" are encouraged to attend a pre-bid conference to be held Tuesday December 8, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the First Floor Conference Room, Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, MS

Charles Williams, Jr., PE, PHD PW Interim Director of Public Works	Vanessa Henderson Deputy Director Housing & Community Development
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The City of Jackson hereby notifies all proposers 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 proposers will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, in consideration for an award.

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- ACROSS**

1. Fire remains

4. Subclass including ticks and mites

10. Perish

11. Building face

12. Sign language

13. A number between 1 and 20

14. African nation

16. Devour

17. Late

18. Fortissimo, fortissimo (abr.)

20. Low frequency (abbr.)

22. Straightforward

26. Ornament

29. Isolated

31. Looter

33. Fled

34. Discrimination based on age

35. Trinitrotoluene

36. Far Eastern religion's diety

37. Precedes an alias
- DOWN**

1. 20th century black and white photographer

2. Strong rope fiber

3. Salutation

4. Not many (2 wds.)

5. Islam's head

6. Expert

7. Gush

8. Thought

9. Indent

15. Hole punching tool

19. Female (abr.)

21. Newly made

23. Artery

24. Didn't smell good

25. Rumormonger

26. Middle East dweller

27. Prego's competition

28. Equal

30. Writer Bombeck

32. Does

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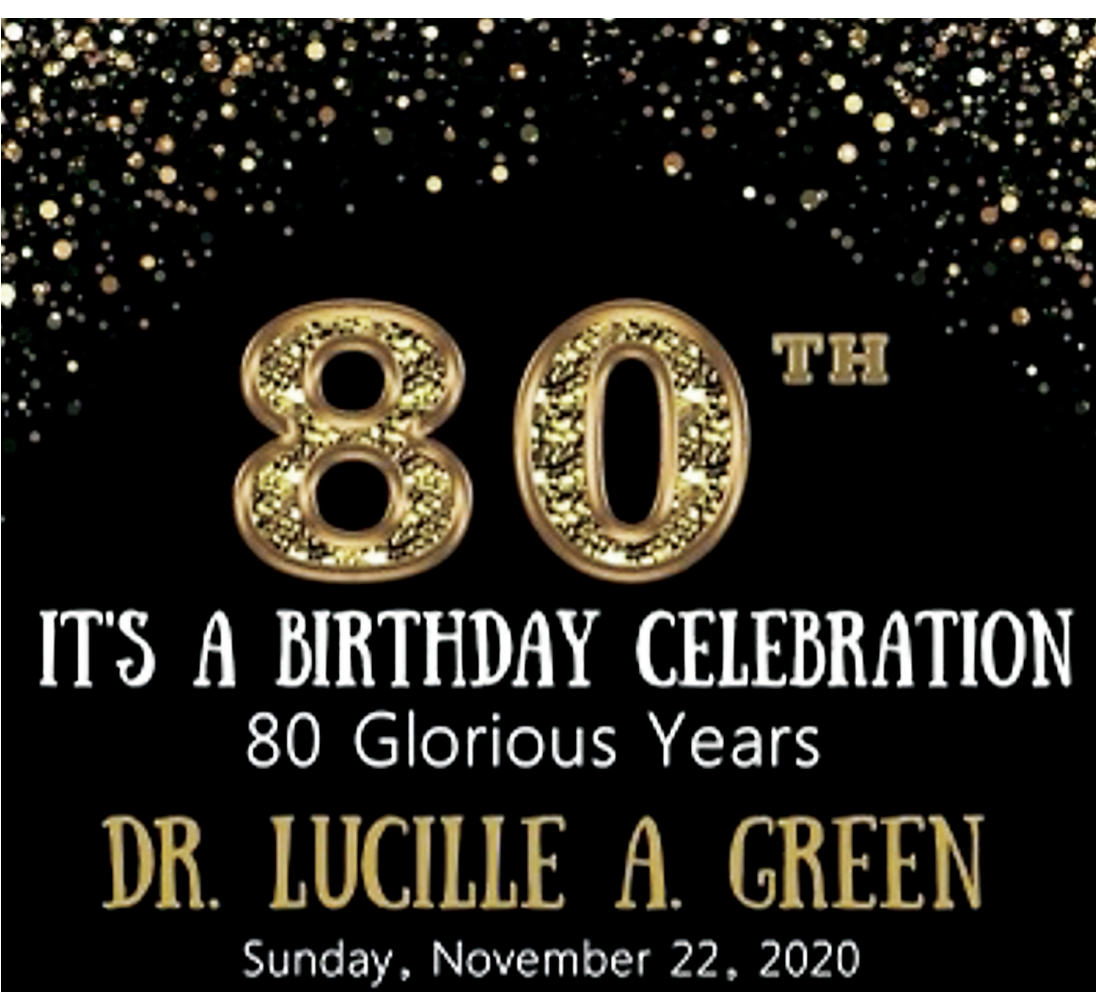
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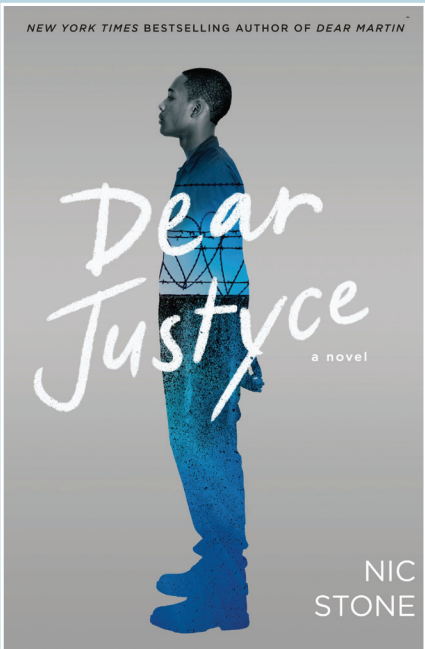
Lucille Green, a National Black College Alumni (NBCA) Lifetime Achievement 2019 inductee, celebrated her 80th birthday Nov. 22 with a home drive-by parade event. An estimated fifty cars of friends, family, church members and former co-workers showed up in their masks and bearing gifts to honor her.

Green said it was overwhelming. “When I saw all the crowd coming I thought to myself, I must have touched some lives somewhere.” She had personally prepared a full course Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings, including dessert, for her guests to take home.

Green, a 28 year cancer survivor, said she asked God for a pretty Sunday for her birthday and He granted it and so much more.

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BOOK REVIEW:

DEAR JUSTYCE

BY NIC STONE

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Your birthday card had a Black History postage stamp on it. As always, it was from grandma and though it’s kind of corny, you look forward to it ever year: a blue or red envelope outside, a sentimental saying with a few bucks tucked inside. Other than bills, ballots and ads, she’s the only person you know who snail-mails anything, but in “Dear Justyce” by Nic Stone, help can be delivered, too.

The first time Vernell LaQuan

Banks ran away, he was nine years old.

His mother’s new man had been beating her again and though Quan hated leaving his little brother and sister there, he knew it was safer for them if he left the house. And so he went to the park, where he met Justyce McAllister, who was also taking an after-dark break from home.

They kinda knew one another; they lived a block apart in Southwest Atlanta and as it turned out, Justyce’s best friend was Quan’s cousin but that was

it. See, Justyce kept clean, stayed in school, studied hard, and went to some fancy white college after graduation, while Quan was arrested the first time at age thirteen for stealing a deck of cards from a convenience store. The second time was for possession of a firearm. His third arrest got him labeled as a “career criminal” and three months in youth detention. By then, his mother had stopped caring what happened to him.

And so Quan found his own family. He joined the Black Ji-

hads, led by a man named Martel who ruled his “men.” Suddenly, there was someone who cared where Quan was and that he had something to eat. The Black Ji-had took care of their own.

And in return, Quan took care of them when something happened, quick-quick-quick.

Once, Justyce had visited Quan in prison and Quan never forgot it. On his darkest days, he thought of Justyce and how their lives were so different. And so he took out a piece of paper and took a chance at friendship...

Argue this: sometimes, is a choice really a choice? Or is it like a narrow alley with one way out, and somebody’s pushing from behind? That’s one of the hard questions inside “Dear Justyce.”

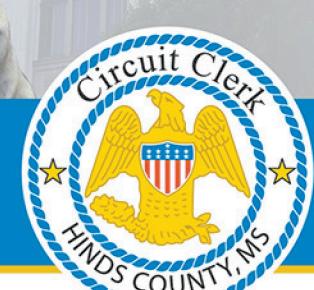
Really, the entire first part of this book is hard, starting with author Nic Stone’s note to her readers, explaining how this book came to be. It sets you up for what’s about to happen in the story, though it can’t prepare you enough. Not to be a spoiler, but Quan’s letters to Justyce are

a gut-punch and what’s toughest to take is that teens – particularly boys, particularly black boys – may recognize the raw authenticity of every page of it.

The second half, though, is more fictional, with a Hollywood-worthy courtroom drama that’s a little predictable but that’ll nonetheless please an adult as much as it will a 14-to-17-year-old. So hand this book to your teen, and be sure to sneak it back for yourself. “Dear Justyce” deserves both your stamps of approval.



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S.T.A.R. Development works to open new doors of opportunity for HBCU basketball talent

Chicago is a mecca of basketball talent. High school ballers have had tremendous success at top colleges and universities, and some have gone on to impressive NBA careers. S.T.A.R. Development wants to connect Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to the Midwest’s pool of talent, especially in a COVID-19 environment that has affected many of these schools’ ability to travel.

“Our goal is to support the HBCU athletic structure and assist budget restricted small school programs,” said Anthony Welch, founder and president of Serious Threat Athletic and Recruitment (S.T.A.R.) Development. “Our work focuses on helping to develop college athletic recruitment plans, mentoring athletes and parents and working as a liaison between college recruiters and



student-athletes. Ultimately, we want to help increase our youth’s chances of receiving financial assistance for higher education.”

Welch brings years of basketball experience to his work with HBCUs and small schools.

He played under the legendary coach Lou Henson at the University of Illinois, helping the team win the Big Ten Championship in 1984. He was drafted in 1986 by the Dallas Mavericks, later played in the Continental Basketball Association and overseas.

In 2011, he launched a sports marketing business designed to showcase high school athletes. His interest in and support of HBCU basketball deepened

when his sons went to HBCU Livingstone College and played on the school’s first ever team to win a CIAA Basketball Championship in 2014.

Most of the more than 100 HBCUs are in the South and are not able to make recruiting trips to Midwest cities like Chicago, Detroit and Indianapolis. According to Welch, while big name talent is heavily recruited, there is still a wealth of talent with skills that would be tremendous assets to college programs, particularly HBCUs that are getting more media attention with the signing of top talent like five-star high school basketball recruit Makur Maker who chose to attend Howard University.

S.T.A.R. Development provides talented student-athletes that are under the radar and coaches with limited recruiting budgets access to one another through a free recruitment platform of services from athlete scouting reports to recruitment profile development to distribution of player videos to college coaching staffs. The website also has a feature called S.T.A.R. Watch, which highlights talented players. Post pandemic, S.T.A.R. is planning a spring HBCU prospect recruiting event to bring together some of the Midwest’s best high school talent.

The S.T.A.R. Development team’s passion for their work and commitment to supporting HBCUs has been well-received by college coaches. “Serious Threat Athletic and Recruitment Development is great stuff. We are big supporters and value their assistance in recruiting from Chicago,” says Lonnie Blow Jr., head coach at the Virginia State University.

As HBCU coaches plan for basketball during and after the pandemic, S.T.A.R. Development is dedicated to providing no-cost recruitment support that can assist them in their work to build winning teams.

For more information on Serious Threat Athletic and Recruitment (S.T.A.R.) Development, visit www.serious-threat.com.

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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From the Superintendent’s Desk: Veterans Day Recognition



Dear Faculty, Staff Parents and Community Members;

This year, I am reminded of how many of our district family and community members have served in the armed forces as we host our Annual District Veterans Day Recognition. It is a proud time to be able to recognize so many men and women in our District family for their service and we are humbled that they have now chosen to serve the students and families in our community.

Although events to recognize our veterans’ efforts may be different in the schools this year due to the pandemic, I am honored to be a

part of a district that continues to place great emphasis on celebrating our veterans. As a nation, we will come together to celebrate these individuals, their service and our freedom. It’s a responsibility that we should all honor and work toward preserving for generations of Americans.

I would like to send a wholehearted thank you to all veterans in the Hinds County School District family and community, especially those who are parents, guardians, mentors, role models and educators for our students. Your service shows us the strength of our country and

allows our district to educate children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

The service and sacrifice of our country’s veterans allow us to continue to be a District of Innovation while providing an engaging and empowering environment that ensures excellence for all students.

Thank you for your service.
Delesicia Martin, ED. D.
Superintendent of Education
Hinds County School District

THS AJROTC Highlights

RHS AFJROTC Highlights



LTC Donald O. Young

Lieutenant Colonel Young is a native of Goodman, MS and graduated from William Sullivan High School in Durant, MS in 1987. LTC Young joined the Army in 1991, earning his commission through the Reserve Officer’s Training Corps (ROTC) at Jackson State University - Jackson, MS. LTC Young has spent 27 years of military service occupying a vast array of assignments throughout the Army. He has deployed in support of combat operations in Iraq in 2003, and supported humanitarian assistance during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. LTC Young currently resides in Goodman, MS.



SFC Tennell Burnett

Enlisting and serving 20 years in the United States Army was my greatest accomplishment. The Army gave me the chance of a lifetime to travel to many states and foreign countries throughout my 20 years which included four combat tours. Serving in the Armed Forces permitted me the chance to mature and build strong everlasting relationships.

SFC Burnett retired on April 30, 2009, and was hired on July 27, 2009, as a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, JROTC, instructor at Lanier High School in Jackson, MS. He now serves with the Mighty Terry High School JROTC Bulldog Battalion starting the school year 2017-2018.



LTC Tyrone A. Williams, Department Head and Senior Aerospace Science Instructor

LTC Tyrone A. Williams is a Raymond, Mississippi resident and a Distinguished Alumni Fellow for the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering Technology and Business from Mississippi State University in 1988. He is the department head for the Raymond High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. Prior to that position, Colonel Williams served as maintenance operations squadron commander for the Mississippi Air National Guard. He has commanded the Air National Guard’s first Air Education and Training Command C-17 Field Training Detachment; organized, staffed, directed, coordinated, and budgeted resources to meet operations; and overseen aircraft and facilities valued at \$3.5 billion. He earned his master’s degree in military operational arts and science from Air University’s Air Command and Staff College in 2009.



Master Sergeant Sara Armstrong, Aerospace Science Instructor

Master Sergeant Armstrong is a proud graduate of Raymond High School and is honored to be a part of her student’s education. She believes that Raymond Rangers should be nourished with knowledge to ensure they are prepared and ready to make extraordinary differences in this world. It is her belief that a person who can think logically can accomplish and achieve any goal they set for themselves. In her classes she teaches analysis and interpretation to shape her students into deep thinkers. Master Sergeant Armstrong has over 20 years teaching experience and has enjoyed each year, finding that through her students she experience new elements that add to her own education as well as her outlook on life.



District Office Highlights

Nancy Tillman, EL Coordinator and US Army Veteran



Nancy G. Tillman is entering her 4th year as the Hinds County School District English Learner Coordinator. Tillman worked in the education field as a State testing U.S. History teacher and a Spanish teacher. Tillman was instrumental in starting the Prom Closet for Harrison Central High School, Murrah High School and Terry High School.

She is a United States Army veteran. She served in HHB DIVARITY, Baumholder, Germany, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey Korea, 3 tours in Ft. Polk, Louisiana, and served as a drill sergeant in Ft. Dix, New Jersey during Desert Storm.





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