



# ‘Always There’ Dr. John Warren earns 2021 NNPA Lifetime Achievement Award

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It seemed only fitting that immediately after presenting the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award to *San Diego Voice & Viewpoint* Publisher Dr. John Warren, legendary singer Miki Howard performed her classic, “Always There.”

Warren, who accepted his prestigious award virtually while battling an illness, has remained a steady hand among the more than 230 African-American publishers and media company owners who are members of the Black Press of America.

On Friday, Jan. 29, the NNPA saluted the dedicated publisher and community leader for his decades-long hard and inspiring work.

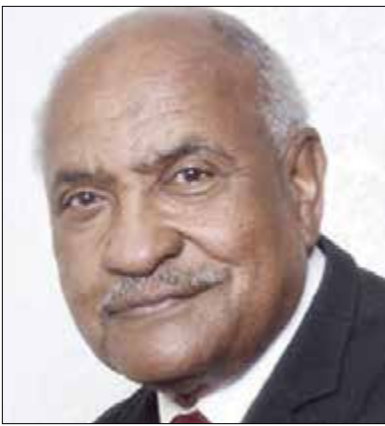
“I am deeply humbled with this award and what it represents coming from those I have grown to love and respect over these decades,” Warren wrote in a statement accepting the honor.

“I see the Black Press as a sacred trust, and I am glad to be both a part of its 194-year history and future now being made.”

Warren’s freedom fighting path began early, as many who know him expressed their admiration for the zeal he has always demonstrated when advocating for freedom, justice and equality.

In 1979, Warren served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Memphis, Tenn., where he met his wife, Gerri.

For five years, the couple lived in Washington, D.C. while Warren pursued and completed his law degree.



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The two returned to San Diego in 1985 and, two years later, took over the *San Diego Voice & Viewpoint*.

The newspaper set standards in San Diego and around the country with its reporting and poignant editorials.

The *Voice & Viewpoint* has routinely earned journalism and innovation awards and has set standards in telling stories from the perspective of African Americans.

With Dr. and Mrs. Warren guiding the popular publication, the *Voice & Viewpoint* has grown as the city’s largest African-American newspaper.

Its news features have highlighted people and events in the most comprehensive manner, while its editorial and opinion section is viewed among the most intriguing.

The newspaper, which can be found in all 89 San Diego zip codes, appears on more than 350 newsstands across the city.

Gerri Warren died in 2009, and Warren and his family have continued the mission of printing and

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# Chavis named among 100 Most Influential Blacks Today



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National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., was named to the inaugural CORE Multimedia Group’s 100 Most Influential Blacks Today.

The CORE 100 honorees, which include changemakers like Stacey Abrams, Attorney Ben Crump, NBA superstar LeBron James and Oprah Winfrey, mark and remind the world of the beauty, boldness and brilliance of Black Excellence at a time when the cultural, economic and political landscape in the United States has grown increasingly more hostile towards blackness.

“I am grateful for the recognition

from the respected CORE Magazine,” remarked Chavis, who in addition to his tireless work for the NNPA, hosts a weekly national talk show on PBS and PBS World called “The Chavis Chronicles.”

“On behalf of the NNPA, representing the Black Press of America, and on behalf of The Chavis Chronicles on PBS TV, I accept with rededication the global struggle for freedom, justice and equality,” Chavis concluded.

The CORE 100 was unveiled in a series of communications that led to the full presentation in the CORE 100 Special Issue Magazine on Feb. 1, 2021.

The addition of the CORE 100 Most Influential Blacks Today to the CORE brand supports the vision of former professional baseball player, coach and



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Pastor Jerry Young receiving Covid-19 vaccination.

# Black pastors receive COVID-19 vaccine, hoping to encourage others

## Pastor Jerry Young receiving Covid-19 vaccination

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

On Monday, about 20 Mississippi African-American ministers gathered at New Hope Baptist Church to publically get the COVID-19 vaccine in an effort to encourage those that are reluctant to get their shots.

Even though there are many individuals in Mississippi that are frustrated because they have not been able to make appointments to receive the vaccine, there are others that are hesitant to even take it, especially African Americans.

Fueled by a history of distrust, it has been reported by various news outlets that many African Americans have a fear of taking the vaccine. According to a late summer poll by the Kaiser Family foundation and The Undeclared, 70% of black Americans believe that people are treated unfairly based on race or ethnicity when they seek medical care, whereas some just want to wait and feel sure that the vaccine is safe.

One such individual is Christopher Winters, president & CEO of

Chris Winters Construction, LLC. “I am not planning to get a shot just yet due to the vaccines being new to the market. In the past it has taken drug companies years of R & D along with numerous amounts of clinical trials just to get a product submitted to the FDA for approval,” Winters said. “We just need to continue to monitor the current volunteers for the vaccines and not rush into a situation with a drug we really have not had the time to research the possible long term side effects, or its effectiveness in protecting us

against the virus.”

Though not yet eligible to receive the vaccine, graphic artist Marcus Johnson, who practices safety guidelines of social distancing, hand-washing and mask-wearing when in public asked, “Why do I need a solution for a problem I am not having?” Johnson went on to say he needs more time because the vaccine was rushed and he needs more evidence that there are no issues associated with the vaccine.

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# New administration’s biggest challenge: Biden launches head-on attack against COVID-19

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A Senate impeachment trial, the aftermath of a deadly insurrection, racial tension boiling and a myriad of foreign policy and other issues are among the many challenges facing President Joe Biden’s administration. Perhaps the biggest – or at least of most immediate concern – is the coronavirus pandemic, which many maintain former President Donald Trump mostly (and dangerously) ignored.

The underlining challenge of the pandemic is health care. A challenge which only heightens when one considers that Trump spent the last four years weakening and attempting to completely dismantle the Affordable Care Act, which protects health care for tens of millions of Americans.

President Biden unveiled a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief plan, which he titled “American Rescue Plan.”

The plan includes direct payments in the form of \$1,400 stimulus checks to struggling Americans, increased federal unemployment benefits from \$300 to \$400 per week through the end of September and raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

The president also proposed a new \$15 billion grant program for struggling small business



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owners, separate from the existing Paycheck Protection Program, along with a \$35 billion investment in local financing programs that provide businesses with low-interest loans.

He stated that the package would provide additional support for American workers and families until the COVID-19 vaccine is more widely available.

“A crisis of deep human suffering is in plain sight and there is no time to wait; we have to act now,” the new president

said.

“In this moment of crisis, we cannot afford inaction. These investments in jobs will prevent long-term economic damage and the benefits will far surpass the cost.”

President Biden’s overall plan also calls for the restoration of emergency paid sick leave, \$350 billion in aid for state and local governments, and \$170 billion to assist K-12 schools and higher education.

Additionally, the plan includes extending eviction and

foreclosure moratoriums until the end of September, with \$5 billion pledged to help tenants struggling to pay rent.

The ambitious plan contains \$50 billion for coronavirus testing, \$20 billion toward a national vaccine program. What’s more, the president seeks to increase SNAP benefits by 15 percent through September and raise the Child Tax Credit to \$3,000 per child – and \$3,600 for children under 6. President Biden said he desires to make the Child Tax Credit refundable

for the year.

Because of Trump’s assault on the Affordable Care Act – and health care in general, the percentage of uninsured Americans rose dramatically in the three years since President Barack Obama left office.

In November, the Supreme Court heard arguments by Republican attorneys general and the Trump administration, seeking to repeal Obama’s signature legislation.

President Biden’s team estimates that roughly two to three million people lost employer-sponsored health insurance between March and September of 2020.

The president said even families who have maintained coverage might struggle to pay premiums and afford care.

Further, going into the pandemic, 30 million people were without coverage, limiting their access to the healthcare system in the middle of a pandemic.

To ensure access to health coverage, President Biden has called on Congress to subsidize continuation health coverage (COBRA) through the end of September.

He is also asking Congress to expand and increase the Premium Tax Credit’s value.

President Biden said he wants to lower health insurance premiums for most Ameri-

cans and potentially eliminate them altogether for the poor, ensuring enrollees in government-sponsored healthcare exchanges (including those who never had coverage through their jobs), will not pay more than 8.5 percent of their income for coverage.

“During this pandemic, millions of Americans, through no fault of their own, have lost the dignity and respect that comes with a job and a paycheck,” President Biden said.

“The very health of our nation is at stake.”

In acknowledging the toll the pandemic and racism have taken on Black America, the president also seeks to address racial disparities.

He promised to increase funding for community health centers.

With America’s jails and prisons disproportionately populated by African Americans, President Biden added that he wants to financially support efforts to help mitigate the impact the virus has had behind bars.

He addressed the growing hunger crisis that also primarily affects minority communities.

“More than one in five black and Latino households in America report that they do not have enough food to eat,” the president remarked. “It’s wrong. It’s tragic. It’s unacceptable.”



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speaking truth to power.

“Each year, a distinguished publisher is honored who has served decades to keep the Black Press of America alive,” NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., said during the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The presentation occurred during the NNPA Midwinter Training Conference Friday, Jan. 29.

“It is indeed our pleasure to present Dr. John Warren, publisher of the *San Diego Voice and Viewpoint*, with the 2021 NNPA Lifetime Achievement Award, for his contributions in leadership and a lifetime of outstanding service to the community,” NNPA Chair and *Houston Forward Times* Publisher Karen Carter Richards announced.

In tribute to Warren, Chavis concluded, “Tonight, we are pleased to give the award to Rev. Dr. John Warren. He has done an outstanding job as the distinguished publisher of the *San Diego Voice & Viewpoint*. We thank you for your leadership and we recognize your contribution to the Black Press’s sustainability.

“You are always on the frontlines speaking truth to power and publishing truth to power. On behalf of the NNPA, we are so honored to take this time to honor you for your decades of service, your decades of commitment and for opening the door and being a trailblazer for other publishes to follow. You represent the best of the NNPA.”

The award contained the inscription:

“For outstanding and meritorious lifetime contributions to the Black Press of America, with the highest standards of professional journalism and the consistent voice of being a transformational freedom fighter and NNPA publisher.”

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executive; and magazine founder, Bo Porter, to address the void of black-owned, historical and culturally diverse publications.

“CORE Magazine blazes a trail with uplifting articles and a showcasing of unsung heroes often not found in mainstream media outlets,” the magazine noted in a news release.

CORE – Champion of Real Excellence – debuted Oct. 1, 2020.

Each quarterly issue contains distinct and recurring feature stories like “Ball2Business,” former athletes who successfully transitioned to the business sector; and “ME2me, professionals providing inspiration by sharing their lessons learned to their ‘younger selves.’”

# Biden Administration in push to put Harriet Tubman on \$20 bill



Tubman

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After four years of push back from the administration of Donald Trump, Underground Railroad heroine Harriet Tubman may finally appear on U.S. currency.

“The Treasury Department is taking steps to resume those efforts to put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill,” White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said Monday, Jan. 25.

“[The Biden administration] is exploring ways to speed up that effort. It’s important that our notes, our money reflect the history and diversity of our country, and Harriet Tubman’s image on our new \$20 note would certainly reflect that,” Psaki commented.

In April 2016, then-President Barack Obama announced that Tubman would replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill. Obama wanted the release of the new bill to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment in 2020 that gave women the right to vote.

However, Trump had expressed an affinity toward Confederate figures and sang the praises of Jackson, claiming that he had led the U.S. to great success during his two-terms in office from 1829 to 1837.

Jackson, a slave owner, joined the Confederate army after Virginia seceded in 1861. He served under Gen. Robert E. Lee during the Civil War.

Tubman, an escaped slave, led countless people to freedom. Trump

suggested that he might consider placing her image on a \$2 bill, but not replace Jackson.

President Biden has vowed to right the many wrongs of the Trump administration, including working toward improving race relations in America and offering more opportunities to people of color. Tubman would be the first African-American woman featured on U.S. currency.

“The \$20 currently features a former president, Andrew Jackson, who not only owned slaves, but ordered the death march of thousands of Native Americans,” NNPA’s General Counsel A. Scott Bolden wrote in a 2019 editorial.

“Euphemistically called ‘Indian Removal,’ the Trail of Tears made way for white settlers to claim millions of acres of southern land,” Attorney Bolden wrote.

He continued:

“The attempted erasure of Tubman represents yet another move in the Trump playbook to disconnect racial reality from white fantasy. Harriet Tubman should be a respected and lauded icon for people of every race and ethnicity. Did she not personify American ideals, at the risk of her own life? As a black woman in antebellum times, she was vulnerable to capture, prison, assault or lynching, but did she falter? Did she not refuse to kneel to any man or any king? Did she not fight for freedom against overwhelming odds? Are these not the qualities we hold dear in our American heroes?”

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First lady Helen Young about to receive Covid-19 vaccination while several members of the New Hope Health Ministry look on.

Jerry Young, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church and president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. was amongst the pastors who received his vaccine along with first lady Helen Young. He said, “There is no other time that I can remember when it is more important for leaders to lead by example in order to insure the safety, security and health of our community.

Wanda Lovell, though not African-American, said, “Two weeks ago my perception of receiving a COVID vaccine was one of fear. I have a medical history that includes allergic reactions to antibiotics on three different spectrums. Today I am less afraid of receiving the vaccine as the allergic reactions do seem to be small in number and most are controlled, however, I would prefer to receive the Moderna vaccine because it seems to have less chance of producing an anaphylaxis reaction.

Andrea McDaniel, an African-American female, has a strong mistrust of physicians. She said, “Doctors are prescribing us medicine which is poison, and are injecting our infants with poison. I am against the COVID vaccine, because I am looking to heal my body through the holistic approach, which is using herbs and food I consume, and not using medicine AKA poison.”

McDaniel said COVID -19 came and took the world by storm. She sees it as another way for the government to make money. She said, “Just think about how much money they have made by having consumers buy masks to cover their faces. Now they have really outsmarted us with the vaccine, because they know insurance companies will automatically pay for it.”

McDaniel, a resident of Edwards, MS, said, “The Spanish

flu caused a worldwide pandemic just like COVID-19 but it took the pharmaceutical companies almost 20 years to ‘perfect’ a vaccine. Since I have a feeling of the vaccine being rushed, not trusting the doctors and having a holistic view on medicine, I will not be taking the vaccine.”

Dr. Claude Brunson, executive director of the Mississippi Medical Association, said “We do know there is hesitancy in the African-American community to take the vaccine for a number of reasons. We also know that the black church has always been important in the African-American community, the place where African Americans have gone for solace, refuge and advice from their faith leaders.”

Brunson says that some of the hesitancy comes from past experiences such as the Tuskegee Study when public health officials, including the CDC, studied untreated syphilis in African-American men and never gave them the cure when it became available. Brunson said that we have to recognize and address these concerns and that the event at New Hope, sponsored by the Mississippi Health Department and the Mississippi Medical Association, was a step in the right direction.

Young said, “This virus is ravaging our community and it is critical that our community join the war on this virus by wearing masks, practicing social distancing, washing our hands and being vaccinated. That is why I called all of the Baptist State Convention presidents throughout Mississippi together to collectively, not simply declare that we should receive the vaccine, but to demonstrate that we should be vaccinated. By receiving the vaccine ourselves, we aim to show how critically important the vaccine is in bringing an end to this unprecedented pandemic.”



Seven members of the New Hope Health Ministry

# Vicksburg Mayor seeks third term

By Aaron Terrett  
Student Intern

Vicksburg mayor, George Flags Jr., is running for a third term. Flags, initially elected in 2013, and re-elected in 2017, left the Democratic Party in 2018 in favor of running as an independent. He was a member of the Mississippi House of Representative, serving as chair of the corrections committee.

When asked about his plans for the city if re-elected, Flags said that he plans to continue working towards economic development. Some plans include building a port, bringing more jobs to Vicksburg, introducing more housing and resurfacing roads.

Flags’ time in office has not been without controversy, however. In the wake of the BLM protests in 2020, Vicksburg Fire Chief Craig Danczyk made social media comments that seemingly threatened protestors with violence. Flags stood behind Danczyk during the controversy. The comments have since been deleted.

If re-elected, Flags has stated his plans to continue to enforce the mask mandate recommended by the CDC. When asked about this decision, Flags said, “All I want to do with the mandatory masks is mitigate the spread of the virus and cut down on the number of deaths.” So far Mississippi has seen 6,056 deaths from COVID-19, with 109 deaths in Vicksburg.

After his run as mayor of Vicksburg concludes, Flags says that he has no plans to pursue another elected position. He urges the citizens of Vicksburg to vote June 8 for whoever they think is the best candidate for the city.

Flags stated, “I think people will vote for the best candidate that they think can best represent this city and I hope I’m that best candidate.”



Flags



# Cicely Tyson

By Mark Kennedy  
AP Entertainment Writer

Cicely Tyson, the pioneering black actor who gained an Oscar nomination for her role as the sharecropper's wife in "Sounder," won a Tony Award in 2013 at age 88 and touched TV viewers' hearts in "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," died Jan. 28, 2021, at age 96.

Tyson's death was announced by her family, via her manager Larry Thompson, who did not immediately provide additional details.

"With heavy heart, the family of Miss Cicely Tyson announces her peaceful transition this afternoon. At this time, please allow the family their privacy," according to a statement issued through Thompson.

A onetime model, Tyson began her screen career with bit parts but gained fame in the early 1970s when black women were finally starting to get starring roles. Tyson refused to take parts simply for the paycheck, remaining choosy.

"I'm very selective as I've been my whole career about what I do. Unfortunately, I'm not the kind of person who works only for money. It has to have some real substance for me to do it," she told The Associated Press in 2013.

Tributes from two former presidents and from across the worlds of Hollywood and Broadway poured in, with many praising her careful approach to her career and activism. "She took pride in knowing that whenever her face was on camera, she would be playing a character who was a human being — flawed but resilient; perfect not despite but because of their imperfections," wrote former President Barack Obama, who awarded Tyson the Medal of Freedom in 2016.

Former President Bill Clinton wrote online that Tyson "brought complex characters to life with dignity and heart, and humanity and depth, always remaining true to herself." "She used her career to illuminate the humanity in black people. The roles she played reflected her values," wrote Oprah Winfrey.

Tyson's memoir, "Just As I Am," was published this week.

Besides her Oscar nomination, she won two Emmys for playing the 110-year-old former slave in the 1974 television drama "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman." A new generation of moviegoers saw her in the 2011 hit "The Help."

In 2018, she was given an honorary Oscar statuette at the annual Governors Awards. "I come from lowly status. I grew up in an area that was called the slums at the time," Tyson said at the time. "I still cannot imagine that I have met with presidents, kings, queens. How did I get here? I marvel at it."

Writing in "Blacks in American Film and Television," Donald Bogle described Tyson as "a striking figure: slender and intense with near-perfect bone structure, magnificent smooth skin, dark penetrating eyes, and a regal air that made her seem a woman of convictions and commitment. (Audiences) sensed... her power and range."

"Sounder," based on the William H. Armstrong novel, was the film that confirmed her stardom in 1972. Tyson was cast as the Depression-era loving wife of a sharecropper (Paul Winfield) who is confined in jail for stealing a piece of meat for his family. She is forced to care for their children and attend to the crops.

Her performance evoked rave reviews, and Tyson won an Academy Award nomination as best actress of 1972.

In an interview on the Turner Classic Movies cable channel, she recalled that she had been asked to test for a smaller role in the film and said she wanted to play the mother, Rebecca. She was told, "You're too young, you're too pretty, you're too sexy, you're too this, you're too that, and I said, 'I am an actress.'"

In 2013, at the age of 88, Tyson won the Tony for best leading actress in a play for the revival of Horton Foote's "The Trip to Bountiful." It was the actor's first time back on Broadway in three decades and she refused to turn meekly away when the teleprompter told her to finish her acceptance speech.

"Please wrap it up," it says. Well, that's exactly what you did with me: You wrapped me up in your arms after 30 years," she told the crowd. She had prepared no speech ("I think it's presumptuous," she told the AP later. "I burned up half my time wondering what I was going to say.")

She reprised her winning role in the play for a Lifetime Television movie, which was screened at the White House. She returned to Broadway in 2015 opposite James Earl Jones for a revival of "The Gin Game."

In the 1974 television drama "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," based on a novel by Ernest J. Gaines, Tyson is seen aging from a young woman in slavery to a 110-year-old who campaigned for the civil rights movement of the 1960s. In the touching climax, she laboriously walks up to a "whites only" water fountain and takes a drink as white officers look on.

"It's important that they see and hear history from Miss Jane's point of view," Tyson told *The New York Times*. "And I think they will be more ready to accept it from her than from someone younger"



Tyson

At the Emmy Awards, "Pittman" won multiple awards, including two honors for Tyson, best lead actress in a drama and best actress in a special.

"People ask me what I prefer doing — film, stage, television? I say, 'I would have done 'Jane Pittman' in the basement or in a storefront.' It's the role that determines where I go," she told the AP.

Tyson made her movie debut in the late 1950s with small roles in such films as "Odds Against Tomorrow," "The Last Angry Man," and "The Comedians." She played the romantic interest to Sammy Davis Jr.'s jazz musician in "A Man Called Adam."

She gained wider notice with a recurring role in the 1963 drama series "East Side, West Side," which starred George C. Scott as a social worker. Tyson played his secretary, making her the first black woman to have a continuing role in a dramatic television series.

She played a role in the 1968 drama "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter" that was hailed by a reviewer as "an absolute embodiment of the slogan 'Black is beautiful.'"' In "Roots," the 1977 miniseries that became one of the biggest events in TV history, she played Binta, mother of the protagonist, Kunta Kinte, played by LeVar Burton.

She also appeared on Broadway in the 1960s in "The Cool World," "Tiger, Tiger Burning Bright" and other plays. Off-Broadway, she appeared with such future stars as Maya Angelou, Godfrey Cambridge and James Earl Jones in a 1961 production of French playwright Jean Genet's "The Blacks."

She won a Drama Desk award in 1962 for a role in the off-Broadway "Moon on a Rainbow Shawl."

She complained to an interviewer: "We black actresses have played so many prostitutes and drug addicts and house maids, always negative. I won't play that kind of characterless role any more, even if I have to go back to starving."

She continued with such films as "The Blue Bird," "Concorde — Airport '79," "Fried Green Tomatoes," "The Grass Harp" and Tyler Perry's "Diary of a Mad Black Woman."

She won a supporting actress Emmy in 1994 for "Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All." She was nominated for Emmys several other times, including for "Roots," "King," "The Marva Collins Story," "Sweet Justice" and "A Lesson Before Dying."

In recent years, she was part of a panel discussion for "Cherish the Day," an eight-episode OWN anthology series created and produced by Ava DuVernay. She played the mother of Viola Davis' character on "How to Get Away with Murder."

Tyson's parents moved from the island of Nevis in the Caribbean to New York, where Cicely (her name was spelled early on as Cecily and Sicely) was born in 1924, the youngest of three children. When her parents separated, her mother went on welfare. At 9 Cicely sold shopping bags on the streets of East Harlem.

When she graduated from high school, she found work as a secretary at the Red Cross. Her striking looks prompted friends to advise her to take up modeling and that led to acting schools, theater, movies and television.

"My mother told me I could no longer live in her house because I was determined to be an actress," she told an interviewer in 1990. "I said 'OK,' and I moved out."

Tyson was married once, to jazz great Miles Davis. The wedding was held in 1981 at Bill Cosby's home in Massachusetts, attended by show business notables. They divorced in 1988.

Tyson was never hard to spot. She tried to say no to wearing a terrifically large hat to Aretha Franklin's 2018 funeral, only to be overruled by her designer. The hat would become a viral highlight.

"I never thought in my career that I would be upstaged by a hat. And I did not want to wear it," Tyson said later. "I said, 'I can't wear that hat, I will be blocking the view of the people behind me, they won't be able to see and they'll call me all kinds of names.' He just looked at me and said, 'Put the hat on.'"

She came around, telling the AP she thought of the hat as homage to Franklin's appearance at Obama's inauguration.

# A Celebration of Life Rosie Mary Harris

January 20, 1937 - January 29, 2021

Rosie Mary Harris was born January 20, 1937, in Calhoun City, MS to the late Oliver Enochs and Sammie Mae Mims.

She graduated from Bruce High School in 1957 and earned a RN license from Mississippi Vocational College, later renamed Mississippi Valley State.

On September 29, 1959, she married the love of her life, Willis Harris Jr. and to this union three sons were born.

She became a Christian early in life, joining Pleasant Ridge C.M.E. Church in Calhoun City, MS. Later, she became a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church and Cedar Grove M.B. Church in Vicksburg, MS where she once served as president of the choir. She also served faithfully on the mother's board.

Rosie transitioned January 29, 2021 at Merit Health River Region Hospital in Vicksburg.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life her loving husband of 61 years, Willie Harris Jr.; two sons, Reginald Harris and Terry Harris (Sharon); eight grandchildren, Courtney Harris Cooley, Bracey Harris, Terrence Harris, Myia Harris,



Harris

Morgan Harris, Cole Harris, Madison Harris and Chandler Evans; four siblings, Pearl Pryor, Ella McQuirt, Oliver Enochs Jr., all of Toledo, OH and Earlene Frazier of Calhoun City, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is proceeded in death by her father, Oliver Enochs Sr.; mother, Sammie Mae Sims, son, Fredrick Harris (Areda)

and brother, Dennis Enochs.

Homegoing services for the family will be held Saturday, February 6, at Cedar Grove M.B. Church in Vicksburg, with Pastor Desmond A. Guyton, officiating.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by W.H. Jefferson Funeral Home, Vicksburg, MS.

Face coverings and social distancing will be observed.

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## Murrah High School has earned the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award

Mississippi Link Newswire

Murrah High School has earned the College Board AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded girls' access in AP Computer Science courses.

Out of the 20,000 institutions that offer AP courses, 1,119 achieved either 50% or higher female representation in one of the two AP computer science courses or a percentage of the female computer science examinees meeting or exceeding that of the school's female population during the 2019-2020 school year. That's nearly 37% more than the 818 schools recognized last year. In 2020, Murrah was one of 831 recognized in the category of AP Computer Science Principles. In Mississippi, only six schools received this recognition:

Computer Science Principles Award:

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- Northwest Rankin High School, Rankin County School District
- Ocean Springs High School, Ocean Springs School District
- Ridgeland High School, Madison County School District
- William B. Murrah High School, Jackson Public Schools

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"I appreciate the distinction and I am proud of the work that our Computer Science Principles teacher, Mr. Derrick Chapman, has done to provide his students with innovative and quality learning experiences," said Dr. Alvanette Buchanan, principal at Murrah.

"During an unprecedented year, Mississippi female students have demonstrated per-

severance and dedication in their study of AP Computer Science," said Carey Wright, state superintendent of education. "We could not be more proud of Mississippi's female students for staking their claim as the next generation of STEM and computer science professionals. We can't wait to see their passion for next generation technology lead to lifelong success."

"Murrah's students need the power to shape technology, not just cope with it," says Stefanie Sanford, College Board chief of global policy and external relations. "Young women deserve an equal opportunity to become the next generation of entrepreneurs, engineers and tech leaders. Closing the gap in computer science education empowers young women to build the future they want."

The first year of AP Computer Science Principles in 2016-17 attracted more students than any other AP course debut, and participation is on the rise. In 2020, more than 116,000 students took the AP CSP exam – more than double the number of exam takers in the course's first year, and a 21% increase over the previous year. In 2020, 39,570 women took the AP CSP exam, nearly three times the number who tested in 2017.

Providing female students with access to computer science courses is critical to ensuring gender parity in the industry's high-paying jobs and to drive innovation, creativity and representation.

The median annual wage for computer and information technology occupations was \$88,240 in May 2019. However, a code.org analysis of 2017 Bureau of Labor Statistics data finds women represent just 24% of the 5 million people in computing occupations.

That's why new College Board research about AP CSP is so encouraging. According to the data, female students who take AP CSP in high school are more than 5 times as likely to major in

computer science in college, compared to similar female students who did not take CSP. The study also finds AP CSP students are nearly twice as likely to enroll in AP CSA, and that for most students, AP CSP serves as a steppingstone to other advanced AP STEM coursework.

These findings make it all the more imperative that schools nationwide achieve gender parity in AP Computer Science classrooms. The 1,119 schools that receive this year's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award should serve as inspirations and models for all American high schools, where overall, female students remain under-represented in computer science classes, comprising just 34% of AP Computer Science Principles participants.

So there is a long way to go to achieve equal gender representation in the field of computer science. Currently, less than half of the nation's high schools teach foundational computer science, a clear opportunity to be addressed by strong partnerships between policymakers, the tech industry and educators.

Jackson Public Schools is the second-largest school district in Mississippi, serving more than 80 percent of school-aged children in the state's capital and only urban municipality.

With a firm belief in the importance of equity, excellence, growth mindset, relationships, relevance and positive and respectful cultures, JPS works to develop scholars through world-class learning experiences to attain an exceptional knowledge base, critical and relevant skill sets and the necessary dispositions for great success.

With 1,352 students enrolled in grades 9-12, Murrah is one of the largest public high schools in the state.

Murrah offers accelerated, advanced placement and college credit courses in numerous subject areas, including English, foreign language, mathematics, science, art and social science.

## Spann Elementary scholars win MCM Virtual Science Fair



Lia Davis, Spann 3rd grade winner



Mary Latham, Spann 5th grade winner

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Spann Elementary had two winners in the Mississippi Children's Museum Virtual Science Fair.

Lia Davis was the 3rd Grade Division winner with her project Magic Bag Polymers and Mary

Latham was the 5th Grade Division winner with her project The Mysteries of Glow in the Dark.

All winners received a free Wonderbox Kit designed to help promote STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) learning at home. Each

kit includes supplies and instructions for a family fun activity.

All students who participated in the Science Fair were awarded a certificate of participation and were invited to the Museum January 18 for a day of STEAM programming.

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## It is the COVID-19 anniversary. Let's not celebrate.

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



Anniversaries and birthdays are special events. Each gives us a reason to celebrate and to think about the previous year. Both are highlighted by being with family and friends. We give gifts and cards and are thankful for the time together.

However, there are some anniversaries you would like to forget. How about the coronavirus anniversary? I would sure like to forget but like you, I cannot.

The first known case of COVID-19 was in Snohomish County which is north of Seattle Washington. It arrived without fanfare in January 2020. I can recall watching the news and hearing about the coronavirus. The reports were that it was occurring in other parts of the world.

Like you, when I heard other parts of the world, I never thought it would come to America. COVID-19 in America? If I had to bet on it, I would have bet against it coming to our country.

I was wrong. The coronavirus has absorbed our country and our world. It has been with us day and night. It has been relentless in attacking our families. At this moment, we have over 440,000 family members and friends that have passed away. Dinner tables are missing their presence, and their voices have been silenced.

Now at least two strains have been discovered. These strains started in England and South Africa. Two cases have been discovered in South Carolina and Maryland. The United Kingdom variant has been detected in 20 of our states. We are in an uphill climb against COVID-19.

The enemy has set up shop here and it is the coronavirus. It was declared a pandemic July 1, 2020.

Despite the negative look, we have a promising outlook. There have been over 49 million vaccines distributed and almost 28 million doses administered. The state of West Virginia leads the country in vaccine distribution. They have already used 81% of their vaccine allotment.

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Pfizer and Moderna have been the two major vaccines. Johnson and Johnson will file papers next week with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for an emergency use authorization. In trials thus far, it has been found to be 85% effective against severe disease.

If approved, it is projected they will give 100 million doses by June. This is good news when combined with the existing vaccines.

The Johnson and Johnson product will only require 1 shot. This will be a welcomed relief for people who have vaccine hesitancy. Dr. Celine Gounder, infectious disease specialist, said on CNN recently to get whatever vaccine you can get.

The administration is providing regular updates on vaccine availability and when it will be going to various locations around the country. New sites are opening so that more Americans can receive the vaccine.

"Every vaccine that is sitting in a warehouse rather than going into an arm could mean one more life lost," said Health and Human Services Director Alex Azar.

While the vaccines are in various stages of implementation and approval, we must still follow the same rules.

Some recent reports suggest that two masks should be worn however Dr. Anthony Fauci said to simply follow the CDC guidelines. Their guidelines do not say you must wear two masks.

When I am in the public square, I do see some people with a mask and a face shield. People must make their own decision.

Now wearing a face mask is required when travelling via any type of public transportation. It is my thinking that we must comply and not complain.

Currently, there are over 26 million COVID-19 cases and the numbers continue to rise.

We are in the middle of some tough times. We are long suffering, but we know that things will get better. Tough times don't last, but tough people do.

## Experiencing grief and mourning

By Vince Faust  
The Mississippi Link Newswire

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused grief and mourning for a lot of people. I have had a number friends die from this pandemic. I couldn't attend a lot of their memorial services but at age 70 I will them. When someone you love dies, it's natural to feel pain from your loss and grieve. Some will try to avoid feeling pain. It is understandable not to want to feel pain but it is not good to just avoid pain caused by the loss and unreconciled grief. People that appear to be doing "OK" with their grief sometimes develop depression, anxiety and may become addicted to alcohol or drugs. Unreconciled grief can lead to a wide range of physical ailments that include fatigue, headaches, high blood pressure, heart disease and digestive problems.

There is no set timetable for your getting over grief or mourning. You could feel better in weeks but it could last from a few months to a few years. The timetable is different for everyone.

We also have to know the difference between grief and mourning. Grief represents your thoughts and feelings you experience after a loss. Mourning is the outward expressions or signs of grieving. Knowing the differences between them can help you cope with loss.

Grief is a common and normal psychological response following a death or loss. Grief happens shortly after a loss is experienced. Symptoms of grief can include:

- Sadness
- Longing to be with the person who was lost
- Thoughts and memories of the person
- Anxiety
- Anger

Grief refers to the internal experiences of loss, mourning is an outward expressions of grief. Common examples of mourning are sometimes cultural and can include preparing for a funeral, wearing black, sharing memories or stories about a loved one. Most of these events give structure to your grieving process. You have to remember there is no formal guide for mourning and can vary from person to person.

Mourning can help us to accept and emotionally process death or loss. Mourning can be lengthy and painful but it is healthy. The mourning process



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allows people to re-engage with their daily life and to feel joy and happiness again.

Some examples of mourning include:

- Crying
- Expressing your thoughts through music or dance
- Celebrating anniversaries you shared
- Talking about your loss.
- Exercising

There are a lot of misconceptions with grief and mourning.

Misconception #1: You should move away from grief not forward.

Society sometimes doesn't give us enough time to grieve. We are expected to get "back to normal" as quickly as possible. If we continue to express grief outwardly we are often viewed as weak or self-pitying. We are expected to shape-up and get on with our life. This attitude leads some to isolate or attempt to run away from their grief through over working or abusing alcohol or drugs. If you mask or move away from your grief it can create anxiety, confusion and depression.

We should face our grief. We should allow ourselves to feel emotions and mourn. We can talk to others or keep a journal expressing our feelings.

Misconception #2: Grief is mainly about the physical loss of the person who died.

The death of a loved one creates many secondary losses that can include connections to yourself and the world around you. You can feel like a part of you died. You can feel you lost a sense of security. You can feel you lost your

future. Understanding your range and depth of your feeling can help you feel more self-compassionate.

Physical compassion can include eating well, exercising regularly and getting enough sleep. Emotional compassion can include claiming your right to feel a multitude of emotions and the right to talk about your grief. Mental compassion can include asking yourself what you want and being reasonable about what you can do. Spiritual compassion can include starting each day with meditation or a walk in the park.

Misconception #3: After a loved one dies the goal should be to "get over" your grief as soon as possible.

Grief is not something you can solve or an illness you can recover from. We have to resolve to integrate the new reality of moving forward in life without the person who died. Reconciliation will bring a renewed sense of energy and confidence, an ability to fully acknowledge the reality of the death and a capacity to become re-involved in the activities of living. This takes time.

Misconception #4: When grief and mourning are fully reconciled, they never come up again.

You will always feel some grief because of death but it will not always dominate your life. Having these thoughts is not a bad thing.

Remember there is no timetable for grieving or mourning. Be patient with yourself. It takes time to heal. If after a period of time you still feel you are still struggling you should consider a compassionate grief counselor. You can consult the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC.org)

## Mississippi deputy fatally shot while responding to call

Associated Press

A southern Mississippi sheriff's deputy was fatally shot Monday while responding to a call of an attempted suicide, authorities said.

Lt. Michael Boutte was shot as he tried to get out of his vehicle Monday near a home in Hancock County, Sheriff Ricky Adam told the *Sun Herald* of Biloxi. The suspect then fired at a second responding deputy who returned fire and wounded the suspect, Adam said.

Boutte was airlifted to a New Orleans hospital and later pronounced dead. The unidentified suspect was hospitalized. Authorities did not immediately elaborate on the suspect's injuries or provide details about what prompted the call of an attempted suicide.

Boutte was an Air Force veteran who had been in law enforcement for eight years, according to a sheriff's department news release.

"The Hancock County Sheriff's Office suffered a huge loss today," Adam said in the statement. "Mike was an incredible deputy and more so a fine person. He was a mentor to our younger deputies, and I know he will be greatly missed by his peers. You never saw him without a smile



Boutte

or a positive attitude. I can't begin to describe the heartbreak we are all experiencing right now."

Boutte served in Operation Desert Storm during his time in the Air Force. He later attended the U.S. Marine Corps Police Academy and served in the reserves in New Orleans, authorities said.

Boutte was "awarded the Life Saving Medal for saving a child's life" and also was credited with spearheading a National Crime Night Out initiative, among other accomplishments, the sheriff's department said.

On Monday night, Gov. Tate Reeves expressed his condolences over Boutte's death.

"His fearless service demonstrates his courage and the outpouring of love demonstrates just how great this loss is," Reeves tweeted. "He is a fallen hero."

## Analysis: Mississippi debates quicker purge of voter rolls

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
Associated Press

Mississippi residents who skip some elections would risk being purged from voter rolls, under bills being considered at the state Capitol.

Critics say the proposals would endanger constitutional rights in a state where some older black residents still remember facing violence or economic repercussions for registering to vote.

Supporters of House Bill 4 and Senate Bill 2588 say keeping voter rolls up to date can be difficult, and poorly kept rolls can make it challenging for courts to find enough people for jury duty.

Under current Mississippi law, county election commissioners may remove a person's name from a voter roll if that person has died, moved away, been judged mentally incompetent or been convicted of a disenfranchising crime.

The bills say commissioners also would be required to remove the name of a person who fails to vote at least once during a four-year period and fails to respond to certified mail from the election commission that seeks to confirm the person still lives at the address where he or she is registered.

Voters' names could not be purged from the rolls within 90 days of an election, and the county would have to maintain records for at least four years showing a purged name and the reason

the name was removed from the rolls.

Republican Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann said he supports the bills, which are based on an Ohio law that was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 5-4 ruling in 2018.

Hosemann served 12 years as secretary of state, Mississippi's top election official. He told reporters Thursday that having a system to keep accurate voter rolls is important.

"I don't think you need to go further than the last election to see people have questions about that," Hosemann said.

Democratic Rep. Zakiya Summers of Jackson is a former Hinds County election commissioner. She said during a House Apportionment and Elections Committee meeting Thursday that Mississippi needs to make voting easier, not more difficult.

"We need to be very careful before we put something like this in statute that is actually going to disenfranchise voters in the state of Mississippi, with the history that Mississippi has when it comes to voting rights and enfranchisement," Summers said.

Rep. Jansen Owen of Poplarville is one of the few Republicans expressing concerns about the bills so far. During the committee meeting, Owen asked: "If something happens and I am unable to respond to a notice or I don't receive it or, you know, my wife throws it into

the trash just like she always does, then I'm going to be purged from the voter rolls, even though I'm a consistent voter?"

A staff attorney for the Apportionment and Elections Committee told Owen that a person could not be purged from the voter rolls just because of failure to respond to certified mail; the person would also have to not vote for four years — a period that includes a presidential election, a federal midterm for congressional seats and a statewide election for governor and other officials.

Each bill advanced through a committee last week, with opposition that mostly came from Democrats. The House bill awaits consideration in the next few weeks in the House, and the Senate bill awaits consideration in the Senate. Both of the Republican-controlled chambers would have to agree on a single bill before it could go to Republican Gov. Tate Reeves.

Caren Short, senior staff attorney for the Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund, said in a news release that the bills are "extreme" and would have "a disproportionately harmful effect on black voters, young voters and lower-income voters." She also said that if either bill becomes law, the center "will consider all its options to ensure that Mississippi voters are not punished for failing to vote."



# Democracy survived an insurrection; America now needs unity

By Roger Caldwell  
NNPA Newswire Contributor



“Few people in our nation’s history have been more challenged or found a time more challenging or difficult than the time we’re in now,” President Biden said referring to the ongoing coronavirus.

This is an accurate statement, but many American historians would say that is why there is an election every four years for president. During the last pandemic, 100 years ago, there were 625,000 Americans who died, and the responsibility of the president was to solve the crisis. Twelve years ago, when President Obama took office the country was bankrupt, and there were monumental financial problems, and he solved them. This is the role and responsibility of the president to resolve insurmountable issues, with a vision that brings about change and success.

America almost lost Democracy on January 6, 2021, with the storming of the Federal Capitol building. After the election in

2020, President Donald Trump continued to promote one huge lie. Essentially, he told the country and the world, that he had really won the election.

Even though millions of Americans and the former President all believed this huge lie, there was a peaceful transition of power, and President Joe Biden took his oath of office January 20, 2021. The focus of this great inauguration speech was unity and trying to bring back together a divided country after four years of political turmoil.

“Chief Justice Roberts, Vice President Harris, Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Vice President Pence, distinguished guests, and my fellow Americans. This is American’s day. This is democracy’s day. A day of history and hope. Of renewal and resolve,” said President Biden during his inauguration speech.

It didn’t matter whether or not you voted for the president, this speech was powerful, because it made you believe in America again.

“Today we celebrate the triumph not of a candidate, but of a cause,

the cause of democracy. The will of the people has been heard and the will of the people has been heeded,” said President Biden.

What a beautiful day and a beautiful speech. America is at a crossroads and there is a tremendous amount of work to be done. But the new president is ready to do the work, and all around the country and the world people are smiling.

“We have learned again that democracy is precious. Democracy is fragile. And at this hour, my friends, democracy has prevailed,” said the president.

It is very easy to talk that talk, but to execute is where the rubber meets the road.

During the first day on the job, President Biden issued a slew of executive orders that dismantled the policies of Ex-President Trump. In his first official day, President Biden got busy with no hesitation, and let the Republicans know there was a new sheriff in town –Washington, D.C. He rejoined the World Health Organization, rejoined the Paris Climate Accord, implemented a mask requirement in the Federal government, ended a Muslim trav-

eler ban, paused student debt until September 30, delayed housing foreclosure until March 31, ended the building of the border wall, preserved DACA, and much more.

The push back started from the Republicans before the ink could dry on the Executive Orders.

On the second day in office, controversial House Republican Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor-Greene filed articles of impeachment against President Biden. In certain states around the country, Republican party members are saying leftists are taking control of both houses and the White House.

On the federal level, many Republican congressmen and women are saying that President Biden’s big stimulus plan is too expensive, and it is doomed to not pass on the Senate floor.

President Biden wants unity, but it does appear that the Republicans are ready to fight for power. The most we can expect from Republicans at this time is bipartisan politics that are not controversial and they can agree with. This must be done in incremental steps, with positive conversation and dialogue, which everyone is committed to and believes in.

# There’s a lot left to be done

By Ben Jealous  
People For the American Way



February is Black History Month – and black people just made a whole lot of history.

Joe Biden is our president and Donald Trump is not because black organizers and voters decided that they would not be denied their right

as American citizens to be heard at the ballot box.

Kamala Harris is our history-making vice president, a black and Southeast Asian woman and the daughter of immigrants, thanks to the millions of black people who encouraged family, friends and neighbors to vote.

Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff are senators because black people and their allies in Georgia turned out in November, and again in January, to signal a new day in the heart of the Old South.

All this makes me grateful that Black History Month comes in February. It encourages us to think about those who made these historic moments possible.

I’m thinking about the freedom fighters and voting rights activists – and the courageous ordinary people whose names don’t show up in history books, but who showed up to fight against injustice. They often faced violence and brutality that was fueled by the racist power structure’s desire to maintain power at all costs.

Does that sound familiar? Just a few weeks ago, we saw our democracy challenged by that same kind of poison. We watched a president incite his supporters to violence by denying the legitimacy of black people’s votes. The rage among Trump’s followers was stoked by endless repetitions of the lie that so-called real Americans had reelected him in a landslide, and that the election was stolen from them by corrupt big-city machines – read black officials and voters – and their communist allies.

Black History Month is a good time to remember that Martin Luther King Jr. and the movement he led were also smeared as communists out to destroy America.

And you don’t have to be a historian to have noticed the Confederate flags and the lynching noose brought to the Capitol January 6 by the mob that claimed they were taking back the election and the country.

In 2013, conservatives on the U.S. Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act, which has long been considered the crown jewel of the civil rights movement.

Immediately, state legislators, especially in the old Confederate states, took advantage of the federal government’s forced retreat from justice. They passed all kinds of new restrictions on voting. People in the civil rights and voting rights movements did not give up in despair after that devastating setback. They knew that every bit of progress is met with resistance. And the greater the progress, the greater the backlash.

Right-wing politicians are already responding to black voters’ turnout and the victories they made possible by preparing new plans to restrict voting. Some Pennsylvania Republicans who were supporters of voting by mail just a couple years ago are now trying to end it. We must defeat these efforts.

As we welcome the Biden-Harris administration and encourage them to govern boldly to advance equality, justice and opportunity, I think back to 2009, when Barack Obama made history as our first black president. That year, I participated in a Story Corps conversation with my mother and grandmother about their own histories of civil rights activism. My grandmother – who is still with us today at age 104 – sent me off with a message that is just as true today: “There’s a lot left to be done.”

There are many ways to think about the stubborn resistance to the full inclusion of black people in this country. Right now, I want to focus on this: The civil rights movement’s victories were especially amazing given the intensity of the opposition. Our recent election wins are even more impressive when you consider that they were won in the face of powerful political forces working to make it harder for people to vote.

Our optimism and hope are grounded in our history of overcoming.

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# Complexion and the private prison complex

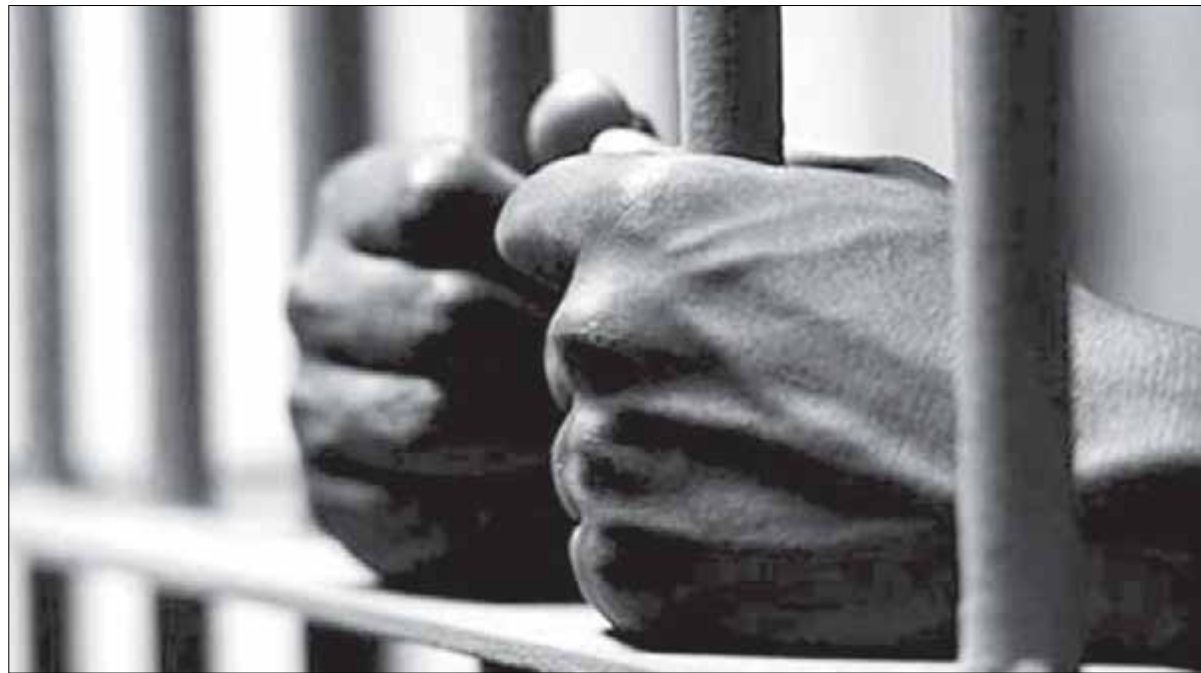
By Leon Williams  
Contributing Writer



Institutions have been defined as “integrated systems of rules that structure social interactions.” A more thought-provoking view, however, may reflect institutions as integrated social interactions that structure systems. In the case of private prisons, there has been planned and deliberate methodology to the multifaceted negative outcomes on people of color.

World-wide the United States imprisons more citizens than any other country. The U.S. rate of 639 per 100,000 is extraordinarily high when compared to the rates of the United Kingdom, China and Canada, all having rates less than 150 per 100,000.

The private prison industry, Correction Corporation of America, was started in 1983 by the founder of Hospital Corporation of America, Jack C. Massey. An interesting dynamic that the nation’s largest healthcare system, presumably dedicated to human physical and mental well-being, was founded



by the same person whose prison enterprise contributes to one of the worst type of human misery.

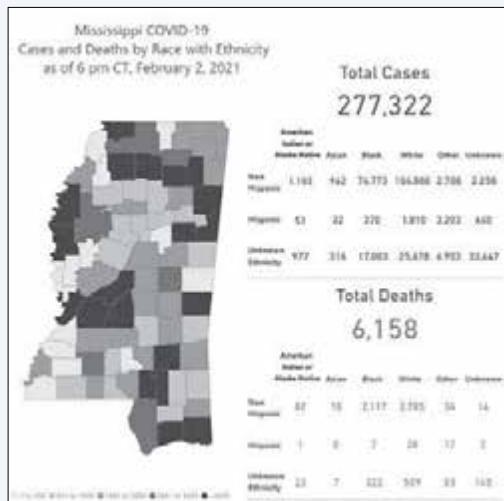
It is dangerous when profit and not fair application of justice drives punishment. The average cost of housing a prisoner in New York State is nearly \$70,000 annually. It is easy to extrapolate why young black children were caught up in laws designed to try them as adults,

and why laws have increasingly meted out longer prison terms for simple crimes to black and Hispanic people. Recently, Univision News revealed that collectively blacks and Hispanics represent 34% of the U.S. population, but account for 53% of people incarcerated.

President Biden’s recent executive order terminating contracts with private prisons, though signed

with good intentions, may not have the teeth one might anticipate. Biden’s order covers “federal” contracts, some of which will not expire until he is no longer in office. Not to mention, the order has no impact on state private prison contracts. Nonetheless, Biden’s focus on this conundrum shines a spotlight on an issue long in need of attention.

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# Draw nigh to God

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



We read in James 4:7-8 these words: “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.” This text gives perfect instructions, and one who will follow them will always succeed in getting rid of Satan. First, resist the devil, and he will flee; secondly, draw nigh to God. Some people spend all their time resisting

the devil, consequently having no time to draw nigh to God. Satan does not care how much you resist in your own strength; but when you begin to draw nigh to God, then Satan trembles and flees away. He is willing to fight with you for a lifetime if he can thereby hinder you from drawing nigh to God. When Satan is resisted steadfastly in the faith and the soul draws nigh to God, there is no longer hope for Satan and the only alternative left for him is to flee. If you show a weak faith and listen to the suggestion of the enemy, he is

well pleased. Sometimes Satan must be ignored. It is not always necessary to get on your knees to resist the devil. Some people pray because Satan tells them to do so. He will accuse them of having done wrong and suggest that they pray a while. They will then spend an hour or two, perhaps half a day, on their knees not praying, but listening to the suggestions of the devil and trying to get rid of him in their own strength. Never pray because you are accused. When you pray, always pray to the Lord who is ever willing to hear you and grant you all

your needs. Ask Him in faith and confidence for the needed strength and grace, never forgetting to thank Him for what He’s done. I have found that the best way to get rid of Satan is to quit thinking of his suggestions – to utterly ignore him and to interest myself in something beneficial. Part II – 2-11-2021 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.


## P R E S E R V E D The year of doing things, afraid P A R T 2

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



A few weeks ago, I wrote a column about doing things afraid. I want to continue that discussion this week. By doing things afraid, I don’t mean that you are controlled by your fear. By doing things afraid, I mean doing things in spite of your fears. Doing things afraid also means that you are more cautious and less likely to take unnecessary risks. In looking at doing things afraid, I focused on the story of Gideon from Judges 6-8 who God called to be a great warrior but who was initially gripped by fear. At first, he used excuses and then he asked God multiple times to confirm His word. Eventually, Gideon acted boldly and faithfully did what God told him to do. As a result, he and his men were victorious in battle. But before he could get to those courageous battles, he had to work through his fear. Judges 6:21-23 describes Gideon as having a conversation with the angel of the Lord, then having a conversation with the Lord himself. He was so encouraged by his conversation with the Lord that he worshipped. Judges 6:25 describes him having another visitation from God where he was told to tear down the altar to the false god Baal and to construct one to the Lord. However, verse 27 shows that Gideon was obedient but he was also afraid. “So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the LORD had said to him. But because he feared his

father’s household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he did it by night.” The Lord did not tell him when to tear down the altar so Gideon choose to do it at a time that he thought would be the least noticeable because he was afraid. Part of what he was afraid of was what others would think about him. However, despite that fear, he was still obedient to God. Some have questioned Gideon’s motives and re-reading this passage I could see why. Because he destroyed the altar in the “dark of night,” some have argued that it didn’t really count as being obedient to God. For them, in order for it count, he needed to show greater faith and do it in broad daylight. But the way I read this passage, Gideon showed the kind of faith that I’m more familiar with. I’d like to think of myself as a mighty woman of faith who trusts 100%. But that is not always the case. Like Gideon, I want do what the Lord says, but because of my own insecurities, I am both obedient and concerned about being judged by others. Yet, rather than waiting for the fear to go away, I do things afraid. And by doing things that God has called me to do afraid, I prepare myself for the next step of faith that may require even greater courage and obedience. 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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### Advertisement for Bids

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 PM, local time, Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

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Contract Documents may be obtained from and/or examined at the offices of the Community Improvement Division located at 200 S. President Street, Suite 331, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Telephone 601.960.1054. Prospective bidders may obtain copies of all materials required for bidding purposes. There is NO charge for electronic or e-mail copies. Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). Electronic bids can be submitted at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Bid preparation will be in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The City 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.

by: LaTonya Miller, Manager  
Community Improvement Division of Planning and Development

2-4-2021, 2-11-2021

## LEGAL

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

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

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

The said proposed text amendments will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this the 28th day of January 28, 2021.

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

2-4-2021, 2-18-2021

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### ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AMI WATER METERS TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTH TERM

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is soliciting proposals for AMI Water Meters.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Municipal Clerk or electronically until 3:30 P.M. CT, February 23, 2021, at which time proposal will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers).

Copies of the request for proposals may be obtained from Carla Dazet, Water-Sewer Business Administration, 1000 Metrocenter, Suite 100, Jackson, Mississippi 39209 or through Central Bidding at their website, [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). A copy of the request for proposals is also available for review through the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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Sealed, signed proposals must be submitted no later than 3:30p.m. Central Standard Time, on February 21, 2021, whether submitted electronically or as physical copies. All proposals submitted as physical copies shall be submitted to the attention of:

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A pre-proposal conference will be held on February 16, 2021 at 2:00 pm. The pre-proposal meeting may be held as a virtual meeting or as an in-person meeting, depending upon situation that exists at that time. Details about the pre-proposal meeting will be provided to all entities requesting a copy of the RFP and may also be obtained by contacting Carla Dazet through the contact information provided below.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities with respect to any proposal submitted. Proposal awards will be made to the best proposer based on the evaluation criteria in the request for proposals.

For technical questions about this proposal contact Carla Dazet by telephone at (601) 960-2387 or by email at [cgammill@jacksonms.gov](mailto:cgammill@jacksonms.gov).

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**ORDINANCE GRANTING JAAFAR MOHAMMED A REZONING OF PARCEL 430-65 FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 (LIMITED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT WITH A USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A DRIVE THRU RESTAURANT IN A C-2 (LIMITED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 155 W. NORTHSIDE DR. (PARCEL 430-65) & 161 W. NORTHSIDE DR. (PARCEL 430-64), CASE NO. 4107.**

**WHEREAS**, Jaafar Mohammed has filed a petition to rezone the property located on Parcel 430-65, in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District with a Use Permit to allow for a drive thru restaurant on the properties located at 155 W. Northside Dr. (Parcel 430-65) & 161 W. Northside Dr. (Parcel 430-64) in a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended the approval of the rezoning of the property located at Parcel 430-65 from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District and a Use Permit to operate a drive thru restaurant on parcels 430-64 & 430-65 in a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens at a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, December 21, 2020 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS**, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on October 29, 2020 and November 12, 2020 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on November 18, 2020, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board had recommended the rezoning of the property located at Parcel 430-65 from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District with a Use Permit to allow for a drive thru restaurant on the properties located at 155 W. Northside Dr. (Parcel 430-65) & 161 W. Northside Dr. (Parcel 430-64) in a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that a Use Permit be granted based upon the proposed use being compatible with the character of development in the vicinity relative to density, bulk and intensity of structures, parking, and other uses and not being detrimental to the continued use, value, or development of properties in the vicinity.

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

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

**Parcel #430-65**

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

Commence at the Northeast corner of the said Lot 3 and run thence North 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds West, 60.0 feet along the North line of the said Lot 3 to the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence South 0 degrees 02 Minutes 20 seconds West, 150.0 feet along a line which is parallel with the East line of the said Lot 3 to an Iron Pin; thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds East, 60. feet along a line which is parallel with the said North Line of Lot 3 to an Iron Pin; Thence South 0 degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds West, 99.225 feet along the said East Line of Lot 3 to an Iron Pin; thence North 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds West, 145.35 feet along a line which is parallel with the said North fine of Lot 3 to an Iron Pin; Thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds East, 249.225 feet along the West line of the said Lot 3 to the Northwest corner of the said Lot 3; thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds East, 85.35 feet along the North line of the said Lot3 to the Point OF BEGINNING, containing 0.625 acres, more or less.

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

**Parcel #430-64**

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

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

are hereby modified so as to approve the Rezoning of the property located at 155 W. Northside Dr. on Parcel 430-65 from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District and a Use Permit to operate a drive thru restaurant on the properties located at 155 W. Northside Dr. (Parcel 430-65) & 161 W. Northside Dr. (Parcel 430-64) in a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said properties, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

**Council Member Tillman** moved adoption; **Council Member Lindsay** seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.  
Nays – None.  
Absent – None.

**ATTEST:**

**Angela Harris**  
**Municipal Clerk**

**I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Zoning Council Meeting on December 21, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book “6S, Pgs. 268-270.”**

**WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 26th day of January, 2021.**

SEAL

  
Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The City of Jackson is seeking individuals to work as poll workers from the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the upcoming 2021 Municipal Elections to be held on the following dates:

Primary, April 6, 2021  
Primary Run-off, April 27, 2021  
General, June 8, 2021

Each poll worker will be required to attend a two (2) training class. All interested parties should contact Kathy Cole, Deputy City Clerk at (601) 960-1033 or Linda Sanders, Chairperson of the Municipal Election Commission at (601) 960-1021 for additional information.

1-21-2021, 1-28-2021, 2-4-2021

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**Notice of Sale  
Abandoned Vehicle**

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

2003 Kia Spectra  
Vin: KNAFB121135247659  
Registered to: Thomas, Destiny  
McKenzie Check Advance of Mississippi, LLC, Lien Holder  
Date of Sale: Feb. 5, 2021  
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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1989 Caprice  
Vin: 1G1BL5178KA147889  
Registered to: Dykes, Robert L.  
Georges Place, Inc., Lien Holder  
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2011 Niss ATR Vin #1N4BL2APOBN516085  
Registered to: Smith, Patricia A. Caldwell, Dominique  
Well Fargo Dealer Service, Lien Holder  
Date of Sale: Feb. 19, 2021  
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.

1-28-2021, 2-4-2021, 2-11-2021

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**Advertisement for Electronic Bid  
Bid 3164 General Improvements at Oak Forest**

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) February 26, 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project General Improvements at Oak Forest will be held at Oak Forest Elementary School, on February 5, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.jpdsmsprojects.com. A \$200.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each printed set of bid specs/documents. A \$100.00 Nonrefundable deposit shall be required on each digital PDF set of bid specs/documents. Documents must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Cody Farris at Duvall Decker Architects, Phone: 601-713-1128 or Email: cnduvalldeckerarchitects.com.

1-28-2021, 2-4-2021

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**Advertisement for RFP**

**RFP 2021-01 Performance Management/Training System**

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Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing HYPERLINK "mailto:adevans@jackson.k12.ms.us" 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 HYPERLINK "http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us" www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

Until further notice, all hand delivery proposals delivered between 9:00 a.m. until 9:59 a.m. (local prevailing time) the date the bid is scheduled to open, must be delivered to JPSPD Board Room, 621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

2-4-2021, 2-11-2021

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**ADVERTISEMENT  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
METERING AS A SERVICE**

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is soliciting proposals for Metering as a Service.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Municipal Clerk or electronically until 3:30 P.M. CT, March 2, 2021, at which time proposal will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers).

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Jackson, MS 39205-0017

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

A pre-proposal conference will be held on February 16, 2021 at 10:00 am. The pre-proposal meeting may be held as a virtual meeting or as an in-person meeting, depending upon situation that exists at that time. Details about the pre-proposal meeting will be provided to all entities requesting a copy of the RFP and may also be obtained by contacting Carla Dazet through the contact information provided below.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities with respect to any proposal submitted. Proposal awards will be made to the best proposer based on the evaluation criteria in the request for proposals.

For technical questions about this proposal contact Carla Dazet by telephone at (601) 960-2387 or by email at cgammill@jacksonms.gov.

Robert Blaine, Ph.D.  
Chief Administrative Officer

1-28-2021, 2-4-2021

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT  
ZONING CASE NO. 4116**

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Alltel Communications, d/b/a Verizon Wireless has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to construct a wireless commercial communications tower facility within a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District for property located at Parcel 830-80-2 on TV Road in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Hinds County, Mississippi, and being 4.97 acres within the lands of Fountain Real Estate, L.P., as recorded in Deed Book 4392 page 142, and being further located in Lot 18 of Saunders Farm Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 2 Page 107, Hinds County records, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a ½-inch rebar found on the northerly right-of-way line of TV Road (having a 60-foot right-of-way), said rebar marking the southeast corner of said Fountain Real Estate lands; Thence running along said northerly right-of-way line, North 89°59'54" West, 399.93 feet to the southwest corner of said Lot 18; Thence leaving said right-of-way line and running along the west line of Lot 18 (said line also being the west line of a 15-foot wide sewer easement), North 00°00'06" East, 541.23 feet to a point; Thence leaving said west line of Lot 18 and running, South 89°59'54" East, 399.93 feet to a bent 1-inch open top pipe found; Thence, South 00°00'06" West, 541.23 feet to a ½-inch rebar found on the northerly right-of-way line of TV Road and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Bearings based on Mississippi Grid North, NAD83, West Zone.

Said tract contains 4.97 acres (216,455 square feet), more or less and was compiled using tax maps and deed descriptions. This description does not constitute a subdivision and is intended for zoning purposes only.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 17, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 28th day of January 2021.

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

2-4-2021, 2-18-2021

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**Wait List/Applications**

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VI (MRHA VI) will open its Wait List for Hickman Heights Apartment, located at 150 Angle Drive, Jackson, MS. This new development, scheduled to open in the Summer 2021, will include 100 rent subsidized units with a mix of 80 one-bedrooms and 20 two-bedrooms. Persons interested in applying for housing assistance must make application during the open period, Monday, December 14, 2020 @ 8:00 am and will remain open until further notice. All applications must be made online at: https://mrhavi.apply4housing.com/. Preference will be given to persons ages 55 and over. Questions contact (601) 373-7040.

12-17-2020 12-24-2020, 12-31-2020, 1-7-2021,  
1-14-2021, 1-21-2021, 1-28-2021, 2-4-2021



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CITY OF JACKSON  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
MEADOWBROOK ROAD FROM I-55 TO WEST ST  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STP-7263-00(001) LPA/108076-701000

The City of Jackson (LPA) intends to employ a cost plus fixed fee, labor hour/Unit Price or Lump Sum/Firm Fixed Price engineering services utilizing a *Cost plus Fixed Fee, Labor Hour/Unit Price or Lump Sum/Firm Fixed Price* contract for Meadowbrook Road Project from I-55 to West St, Project No. *STP-7263-00(001) LPA/108076-701000*, Hinds County, Mississippi. These services include construction engineering, inspection, testing, (CE&I) and related work (PROJECT). The firm shall provide these services in accordance with Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) Project Development Manual for Local Public Agencies (PDM).

Upon selection, negotiation, and execution of contract, the LPA anticipates the duration of the contract to be approximately 6-12 months. The LPA anticipates executing the contract by late spring 2021.

To be considered, the "Expression of Interest" proposal must respond to all requirements of this Legal Advertisement. The recommended proposal length should not exceed twenty-five (25) pages, exclusive of appendices. The resumes (which should not exceed 2 pages per individual in length), SF-330 Part II, proof of State Licensure and certificates requirements, and other information not relevant to the requirements should be included in the appendices. The CONSULTANT's cover letter, table of contents, summaries and introductions, team organization chart, past performances, and any other responses to the evaluation criteria should be included in the 25 pages. Pages should be numbered, single-spaced, one-sided, 8.5" by 11" with margins of at least one inch on all four sides. No more than five pages may be 11" by 17", but they may count as two sheets each against the recommended 25 page maximum. Information within the recommended 25 page limit of the proposal should be complete and sufficient in scope for the selection committee to evaluate the Consultant. Also, all text information in the recommended 25 page limit should be shown in a readable font, size 12 points or larger. Headers, charts, and other graphics may be provided in a different font type and size providing they are legible. Section dividers, tabs, or similar means are recommended but are not counted as part of the recommended 25 page limit. These recommendations will be considered when evaluating the quality of proposal.

With the exception of the information to be supplied in the appendices, the "Expression of Interest" proposal should be divided into the following sections as listed below.

CONSULTANT's interested in providing these services may so indicate by furnishing the LPA (four (4) copies and one (1) CD or Flash Drive) of an Expression of Interest which should consist of the following unless specifically stated otherwise:

1. The Prime CONSULTANT should provide a cover letter specifying the name and complete description of the Contract, the name of the Prime CONSULTANT and any of its Subconsultant(s), the name of an individual who will be the single point of contact throughout the selection process, the name of the project manager, the location and address of the managing office, and the location and address of the office(s) that may be assigned the work. Should any Subconsultant(s) be listed as team members, identify the roles of each of the team's members. In addition, the CONSULTANT must note if this is a joint venture.
2. The CONSULTANT should provide a resume for each principal member, the project manager, project engineer and employee(s) of the firm anticipated to be assigned to the project. Also, provide a team organizational chart and list each person's experience and qualifications, including proof that the Project Engineer is licensed as a Mississippi Professional Engineer and that the firm has met state licensure and certification requirements\*\*. The team organizational chart should include each individual's name, job description (for the project), and company of employment. In addition, the CONSULTANT should provide proof that they have attended and received certification through MDOT for the PDM training.
3. The CONSULTANT should provide a description of similar type work completed during the past five (5) years which qualifies the consultant for this work. Provide a detailed description of the role of the consultant and define whether the CONSULTANT was the prime or a Subconsultant. Include in the description the amount of the CONSULTANT's contract for the work they provided for the project, the date the CONSULTANT's project was initiated. The firm should provide contact information for each of the projects. This will include the name of the client and client's representative that can verify and discuss the project.
4. The CONSULTANT should provide a description of the team's approach to performing the CE&I services as referenced in this advertisement in an efficient manner. This description should identify the CONSULTANT's (and Subconsultant's) resources and abilities in project operations, project management and describe how they will utilize their equipment, personnel, and other technical and procedural resources. The CONSULTANT should estimate the number of crews anticipated to perform the work and identify how they intend to break out their resources in an efficient manner to provide proper oversight, inspection, and testing services. In addition, the CONSULTANT should identify any unique company resources, procedures, and/or equipment which will benefit the CONSULTANT to efficiently oversee the PROJECT.

The CONSULTANT may request a copy of the draft version of the construction plans. CONSULTANT's interested in accessing these draft plans shall e-mail the LPA representatives below and request permissions to view the set of plans. The LPA will work with the CONSULTANT to provide viewing access.

The LPA hereby specifically makes no representation or warranty either expressed or implied, as to any matter whatsoever, by making these plans available. Further, the LPA makes no representations that these plans are exhaustive, complete, accurate or sufficient for construction of the PROJECT. By accessing these plans, CONSULTANT's are thereby consenting to keep these plans provided confidential.

The CONSULTANT should provide copies, Part II of Standard Form (SF) 330, Architect-Engineer Qualifications. If a firm has branch offices, complete the form for each specific branch office seeking work. In addition, this form should be completed for any subconsultants in the same manner. This form can be obtained at the following web address:

<https://mdot.ms.gov/documents/Consultant%20Services/Forms/Standard%20Form%20SF%20330%20Part%20II.pdf>

The LPA will evaluate the Expressions of Interest based on the following factors listed in their relative order of importance:

1. Experience of the Firm in performing specific services and experience on similar LPA projects;
2. Qualifications and experience of Staff to be assigned to the project based on requested scope of services;
3. Size of the firm's professional and technical staff with respect to the services needed;
4. PROJECT Approach; and
5. Local Presence of the Firm.

The LPA reserves the right to select one (1) CONSULTANT or select a short list of CONSULTANT's from whom more information will be required. The LPA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, discontinue Contract execution, and/or request additional information with any party at any time prior to final Contract execution.


The DBE goal is 0%.

CONSULTANT's may visit MDOT's website, [www.gomdot.com](http://www.gomdot.com), to view a complete list of "Certified DBE Firms" which have been certified as such by the MDOT and other Unified Certification Partners (UCP). The

DBE firm must be on the Department's list of "Certified DBE firms" as listed on MDOT's website, and approved by MDOT to count towards meeting the DBE goal.

The CONSULTANT should mark any and all pages of the proposal considered to be proprietary information which may remain confidential in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated 25-61-9 and 79-23-1 (1972, as amended). Each page of the proposal that the CONSULTANT considers trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information should be on a different color paper than non-confidential pages and be marked in the upper right hand corner with the word "CONFIDENTIAL." Failure to clearly identify trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information will result in that information being released subject to a public records request.

To be considered, all replies must be received by the Office of the Municipal Clerk, at Jackson City Hall, 219 South President Street, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205, on or before 3:30 PM p.m. Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The Expressions of Interest should be submitted and marked on the outside as Meadowbrook Rd (I-55 to West St) CE&I Consultant Proposal.

  
Charles Williams, P.E., Ph.D., Director  
Department of Public Works  
City of Jackson

2-4-2021, 2-11-2021

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Advertisement for Electronic Bid  
Bid 3165 John Hopkins Elementary School Parking and Entry Improvements

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time) March 5, 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project John Hopkins Elementary School Parking and Entry Improvements will be held at 170 John Hopkins Road Jackson, MS 39209, on February 25, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at [www.jpdsmsprojects.com](http://www.jpdsmsprojects.com). A \$150.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each printed set of bid specs/ documents. A \$100.00 Nonrefundable deposit shall be required on each digital PDF set of bid specs/documents. Documents must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Charles Bunniran at Allen & Hoshall, Phone: 601-977-8993 or Email: [cbunniran@allenhoshall.com](mailto:cbunniran@allenhoshall.com).

Until further notice, all hand delivery proposals delivered between 9:00 a.m. until 9:59 a.m. (local prevailing time) the date the bid is scheduled to open, must be delivered to JPSD Board Room, 621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

2-4-2021, 2-11-2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING  
ZONING CASE NO. 4115

By virtue of and pursuant to the Authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3D at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that TQL Holdings, LLC and The Quarter Lakeland, LLC have filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning of the ancillary and adjacent parcels from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to provide for consistent zoning for the entire development ("The Quarter") for the property located on 1830 (Parcel 590-22-13) & 0 Crane Ridge Drive (Parcels 590-22-4, 590-105 & 590-22-15) described as:

TRACT 1:  
SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HINDS, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:  
A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING SITUATED IN GOVERNMENT LOT 4, SECTION 30, T6N-R2E, CITY OF JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN A DEED OF TRUST, EXECUTED BY LORRBRIDGE, INC., AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1979 AT PAGE 91, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING 600 FEET SOUTH AND 800 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFORESAID GOVERNMENT LOT 4; RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 239.73 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON PIN ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE (AS NOW LAID OUT AND IMPROVED); RUN THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 154.89 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST EDGE OF A CONCRETE DRIVE; LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE, RUN THENCE NORTH 15 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST EDGE OF A CONCRETE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 6.84 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST EDGE OF A CONCRETE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 70.46 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA; LEAVING SAID EAST EDGE OF A CONCRETE DRIVE, RUN THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 84.69 FEET TO A POINT; LEAVING SAID SOUTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA, RUN THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST EDGE OF SAID CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.51 FEET TO A POINT; LEAVING SAID EAST EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA, RUN THENCE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH EDGE OF SAID CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.59 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF LOT 5, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37 AT PAGE 2; LEAVING SAID NORTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA, RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 5, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS FOR A DISTANCE OF 73.11 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5, LOT 4 AND LOT 3 OF SAID CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS FOR A DISTANCE OF 128.00 FEET TO AN EXISTING 1/2 IRON PIN; LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE OF LOT 3, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS, RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 96.41 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON PIN; SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE WEST EDGE OF THE AFORESAID CONCRETE PARKING AREA; RUN THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WEST EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 58.32 FEET TO A POINT; LEAVING SAID WEST EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA, RUN THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.74 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST EDGE OF SAID CONCRETE DRIVE; LEAVING SAID SOUTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA, RUN THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WEST EDGE OF A CONCRETE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 70.26 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 04 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WEST EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 6.61 FEET TO A POINT ON THE AFORESAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE; SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE ARC OF A 14.0086 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE LEFT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 11 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 03 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 409.00 FEET; RUN THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC LENGTH OF 83.52 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON PIN; SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 74 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 83.38 FEET; LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE, RUN THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 57.79 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF A MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY 200 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 910 AT PAGE 597, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE; RUN THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF A MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY EASEMENT FOR A DISTANCE OF 240.28 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE NORTH 06 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF A MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY EASEMENT FOR A DISTANCE OF 267.84 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 868 AT PAGE 144, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE; LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE OF A MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY EASEMENT, RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY FOR A DISTANCE OF 193.61 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1, CRANE RIDGE SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30 AT PAGE 27; SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF RIDGEWOOD ROAD (AS NOW LAID OUT AND IMPROVED); LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE OF LOT 1, CRANE RIDGE SUBDIVISION AND SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY, RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF RIDGEWOOD ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 245.52 FEET; LEAVING SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF RIDGEWOOD ROAD, RUN THENCE EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 330.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY; RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY FOR A DISTANCE OF 253.42 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 AS NOW LAID OUT AND IMPROVED; SAID POINT ALSO BEING IN THE ARC OF A 0.50529 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 04 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 11,359.16 FEET; LEAVING SAID EAST LINE OF THE MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY, RUN THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC LENGTH OF 16.73 FEET; SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 83 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 16.73 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO THE ORIGINAL SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25; SAID POINT ALSO BEING IN THE ARC OF A 0.50440 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 36 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 11,359.16 FEET; RUN THENCE ALONG SAID ORIGINAL SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC LENGTH OF 177.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 82 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 177.10 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 55 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID ORIGINAL SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 FOR A DISTANCE OF 110.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A 0.50663 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 53 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 11,309.16 FEET; RUN THENCE ALONG SAID ORIGINAL SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC LENGTH OF 114.76 FEET; SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 81 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 114.76 FEET; LEAVING SAID ORIGINAL SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 AND THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 424.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 8.829 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING TWO PARCELS IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 2 AND PARCEL 3:

Parcel 2  
A certain parcel of land being a part of the North ½ of Government Lot 4 being situated in Section 30, T6N-R2E in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:  
Commence at the Southeast corner of Lot 5, Crane Ridge Professional Quarters, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book 37 at Page 2; said point also being the Southwest corner of Lot 6 of said Crane Ridge Professional Quarters; run thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 47.93 feet to a painted dot marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 78.53 feet to a set ½" iron pin on the North right-of-way line of Crane Ridge Drive; run thence South 82 degrees 12 minutes 25 seconds West along said North right-of-way line of Crane Ridge Drive for a distance of 38.10 feet to an existing painted dot; leaving said North right-of-way line of Crane Ridge Drive, run thence North 15 degrees 40 minutes 34 seconds West for a distance of 6.84 feet to an existing painted dot; run thence North 10 degrees 11 minutes 01 seconds West for a distance of 70.46 feet to an existing painted dot; run thence North 81 degrees 39 minutes 49 seconds East for a distance of 53.54 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 3,569.6 square feet, more or less.

Parcel 3  
A certain parcel of land being a part of the North ½ of Government Lot 4 being situated in Section 30, T6N-R2E in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:  
Begin at Southeast corner of Lot 5, Crane Ridge Professional Quarters, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book 37 at Page 2; said point also being the Southwest corner of Lot 6 of said Crane Ridge Professional Quarters; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 47.93 feet to a painted dot; run thence South 81 degrees 39 minutes 49 seconds West for a distance of 53.54 feet to an existing painted dot; run thence South 10 degrees 11 minutes 01 seconds East for a distance of 70.46 feet to an existing painted dot; run thence South 15 degrees 40 minutes 34 seconds East for a distance of 6.84 feet to an existing painted dot on the North right-of-way line of Crane Ridge Drive; run thence South 82 degrees 12 minutes 25 seconds West along said North right-of-way line of Crane Ridge Drive for a distance of 21.84 feet to an existing painted dot marking the Point of Curvature of a 14.0086 degree curve bearing to the left having a central angle of 01 degrees 35 minutes 24 seconds and a radius of 409.00 feet; run thence southwesterly along said North right-of-way line of Crane Ridge Drive and along the arc of said curve an arc length of 5.28 feet to an existing painted dot; said curve having a chord bearing of South 79 degrees

59 minutes 22 seconds West and a chord distance of 5.28 feet; leaving said North right-of-way line of Crane Ridge Drive and the arc of said curve, run thence North 04 degrees 53 minutes 48 seconds West for a distance of 6.61 feet to an existing painted dot; run thence North 10 degrees 11 minutes 35 seconds West for a distance of 18.50 feet to a painted dot; run thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 102.06 feet to an existing painted dot; run thence North 82 degrees 49 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 69.26 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 5,075.7 square feet, more or less.

TRACT 2:  
Lot 4 and 1.0 feet off the East side of Lot 3, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 37 at Page 2, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

TRACT 3:  
Parcel 1  
A certain parcel of land being part of Lot 6, Crane Ridge Professional Quarters, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book 37 at Page 2; said point also being a part of the North ½ of Government Lot 4 being situated in Section 30, T6N-R2E in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:  
Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 5 of the aforesaid Crane Ridge Professional Quarters; said point also being the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Lot 6, Crane Ridge Professional Quarters; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East along the West line of said Lot 6 for a distance of 13.33 feet to an existing painted dot; leaving said West line of Lot 6, run thence North 81 degrees 41 minutes 53 seconds East for a distance of 20.59 feet to an existing painted dot; run thence South 09 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds East for a distance of 60.51 feet to an existing painted dot; run thence South 81 degrees 39 minutes 49 seconds West for a distance of 31.15 feet to a painted dot; run thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 47.93 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1,568.1 square feet, more or less.

Parcel 4  
A certain parcel of land being a part of the North ½ of Government Lot 4 being situated in Section 30, T6N-R2E in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:  
Commence at the Southeast corner of Lot 5, Crane Ridge Professional Quarters, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book 37 at Page 2; said point also being the Southwest corner of Lot 6 of said Crane Ridge Professional Quarters; run thence South 82 degrees 49 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 69.26 feet to an existing painted dot marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence South 00 degree 40 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 102.06 feet to a painted dot; run thence North 10 degrees 11 minutes 35 seconds West for a distance of 51.76 feet to an existing painted dot; run thence South 81 degrees 39 minutes 09 seconds West for a distance of 40.74 feet to an existing painted dot; run thence North 09 degrees 16 minutes 36 seconds West for a distance of 58.32 feet to an existing ½" iron pin; run thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 56.49 feet; run thence North 82 degrees 49 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 3.55 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 3,206.4 square feet, more or less.  
Parcel 5  
Lot 25, Crane Ridge a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 30, Page 27, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

AND ALSO:

LOTS 3, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 25, CRANE RIDGE, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 30 at Page 27, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Part of Lot 25, Crane Ridge a subdivision according to a map or plat which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Nat Book 30, at Page 27 and more particularly described as follows:

Situated in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 2 East, and being a part off of the east side of Lot 8, and a part off of the west side of Lot 9, and a part off of the southwest corner of Lot 25, Crane Ridge Subdivision as recorded in the office of the Hinds County Chancery Clerk in Plat Book 30 at Page 27, and commencing at an iron pin marking the northeast corner of Lot 9 as recorded and run Westerly 81.0 feet to an iron pin which is the point of beginning of the land herein described; thence turn to the left through a deflection angle of 83 degrees 00 minutes and run 105.23 feet to an iron pin on the north right of way of Crane Ridge Drive; thence turn to the left through an interior angle of 142 degrees 05 minutes and run southwesterly along the north right of way of Crane Ridge Drive 28.60 feet to the point of tangency of a 39 degree 42 minutes 42 second degree curve; thence to the left through an interior angle of 172 degrees 25 minutes and run along a chord of said curve 39.36 feet to an iron pin marking the southwest corner of Lot 9 as run; thence turn to the left through an interior angle of 164 degrees 29 minutes and run along another chord of said curve 34.89 feet to an iron pin; thence turn to the left through an interior angle of 61 degrees 01 minutes and run 162.94 feet to an iron pin; thence turn to the right through a deflection angle of 82 degrees 57 minutes and run Easterly 11.74 feet to an iron pin marking the northwest corner of Lot 9 as platted; thence continue running Easterly 65.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing a total of 10,657.63 square feet, more or less, consisting of 3090.60 square feet from Lot 8, 7307.80 square feet from Lot 9, and 259.13 square feet from Lot 25 of Crane Ridge Subdivision as originally platted.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:

Part of Lot 25, Crane Ridge a subdivision according to a map or plat which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 30 Page 27, and being more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated in and being a part of Lot 4 of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 2 East, Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 2 East and run thence South for a distance of 600.00 feet; run thence East for a distance of 263.60 feet to a point on the centerline of a 200 foot wide Mississippi Power and Light Company easement; run thence South 06 degrees 18 minutes East along the centerline of said easement for a distance of 267.84 feet; run thence North 82 degrees 50 minutes East along the centerline of a Mississippi Power and Light Company 200 foot wide easement for a distance of 240.27 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue thence North 82 degrees 50 minutes East along the centerline of said easement for a distance of 270.00 feet; thence leaving the centerline of said 200 foot wide easement run South 00 degrees 12 minutes West for a distance of 43.47 feet, more or less, to a point 30 feet North of and at right angles to the centerline of Crain Ridge Drive; run thence Westerly 30 feet from and parallel to the centerline of said Crain Ridge Drive for a distance of 265.7 feet more or less to a point that is South 07 degrees 10 minutes East of the POINT OF BEGINNING; run thence North 07 degrees 10 minutes West for a distance of 57.79 feet, more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND, FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT:

Part of Lot 25, Crane Ridge a subdivision according to a map or plat which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 30 at Page 27, and being more particularly described as follows:  
Being situated in Lot 4, Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 2 East, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, containing 0.2970 acres, more or less, and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the point of intersection of the South right of way line of Mississippi Highway 25 with the East line of said Lot 4, said point being 150 feet from the center line of Mississippi Highway 25; run thence Southerly along the East line of said Lot 4, South 00 degrees 16 minutes 30 seconds West, 521.51 feet to a point; run thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes West, 235.30 feet to the Point of Beginning of the parcel herein described; run thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes West, 15.56 feet to a point; run thence South 81 degrees 28 minutes West, 264.01 feet to a point; run thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 30 seconds East, 50.05 feet to a point; run thence North 82 degrees 52 minutes East, 76.54 feet to a point; run thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes East, 15.82 feet to a point; run thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes East, 185.00 feet to a point; run thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes West, 20.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND, FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT:

Part of Lot 24, Crane Ridge, a subdivision recorded in Plat Book 30 at Page 27, of the Chancery Records of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, containing 0.2363 acres, and more particularly described as follows:  
Commencing at the Point of Intersection of the South ROW line of Mississippi Highway 25 with the East line of Lot 4, Section 30, T6N-R2E, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, said point being 150 feet from the center line of said Highway 25; thence run S 00°16'30" W, 521.51 feet along the East line of said Lot 4 to the Northeast corner of Lot 22 of said Crane Ridge Subdivision; thence run N 89°48' W, 235.30 feet to the West line of Insurance Center Drive and the Point of Beginning.

Thence run S 00°12' W, 5.45 feet along the West line of Insurance Center Drive to the North line of Crane Ridge Drive; thence run S 81°28' W, 264.01 feet along the North line of Crane Ridge Drive; thence run N 00°14'30" E, 34.94 feet; thence run N 82°52' E, 76.54 feet; thence run N 00°22' E, 15.82 feet; thence run S 89°48' E, 185.00 feet to the West line of Insurance Center Drive; thence run S 00°12' W, 20.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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Hint: Quote by Cheryl Tiegs

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ZTZVS CLX AHHJR WX GOZ CWVVHV  
LXK RLRS HO CS UHK GOZVZ R  
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EVERY MAN LOOKS IN THE MIRROR  
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# Arizona State University renames film school to honor Sidney Poitier

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA NewsWire Contributor

Arizona State University has named its new film school after legendary actor Sidney Poitier.

According to a *USA Today* report, the decision to name the school after Poitier, 93, is about much more than an emphasis on diversity.

In an interview ahead of The Sidney Poitier New American Film School's unveiling, University President Michael M. Crow said Poitier embodies everything that one would look for in an icon.

"With Sidney Poitier, it's his creative energy, his dynamism, his drive, his ambition, the kinds of projects he worked on, the ways in which he advanced his life," Crow asserted, according to *USA Today*.

The legendary actor filmed his Oscar-winning "Lilies of the Field" in Arizona in 1963. Poitier became the first black person to win an Oscar for lead actor in

a motion picture.

Crow noted the unusually scandal-free life that the superstar has lived despite being in the public limelight for decades.

"Look at his life: It's a story of a person who found a way," Crow added. "How do we help other young people find their way?"

As noted in his biography at Oscar.com, Poitier is both an esteemed actor and a respected humanitarian.

In addition to his Oscar for Best Actor, he received an Honorary Award in 2001. Born in Miami, he grew up both in the Bahamas and the United States and became a noted actor both on the stage and in such films as "The Defiant Ones" in 1958, which he earned his first Oscar nomination.

Throughout his career, Poitier provided some of the most legendary performances ever on the Silver Screen.

Among the most memorable

were "A Patch of Blue" in 1965, "In the Heat of the Night" in 1967 and "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" in 1967.

Poitier also directed and starred in a series of 1970's hits with Bill Cosby, including "Let's Do it Again" and "Uptown Saturday Night."

He went on to direct nine feature films.

In 2000, Poitier published the autobiography "The Measure of a Man" and earned a Grammy Award for the best-spoken word album for the audio version of "The Measure of a Man."

He followed up his autobiography eight years later when he published "Life Beyond Measure: Letters to My Great-Granddaughter."

A recipient of numerous awards and honors throughout this career, Poitier was knighted in 1974 by the British government.

President Barack Obama awarded Poitier the Presidential

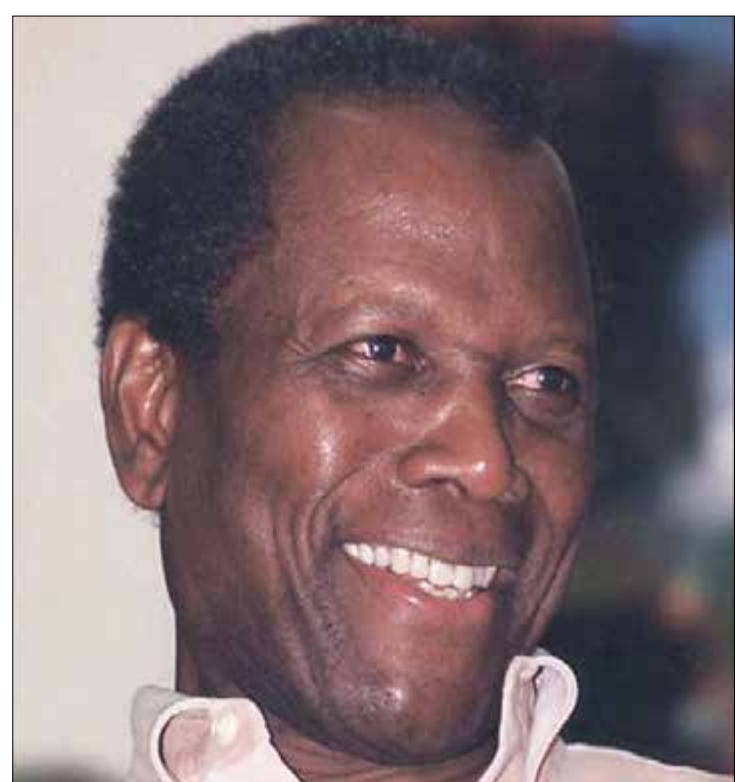
Medal of Freedom in 2009, and in 2011, he earned the Film Society of Lincoln Center's prestigious Chaplin Lifetime Achievement Award.

According to *USA Today*, Arizona University reportedly has invested millions of dollars in technology to create what's intended to be one of the largest, most accessible and most diverse film schools.

Crow said the film school would measure success not by exclusivity but by inclusivity.

"If it has my dad's name on it, it has to be inclusive because that's the foundation of who he is and what he stands for," Anika Poitier, the legend's daughter, remarked.

"And it's important to not only have inclusion but to have diversity, and to give people the opportunity to tell their stories. I think it's imperative to cast a wide net and allow anyone who's called to tell their story to learn how to do that."



Poitier. President Barack Obama awarded Poitier the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009, and in 2011, he earned the Film Society of Lincoln Center's prestigious Chaplin Lifetime Achievement Award. PHOTO: JOHN MATHEW SMITH & WWW.CELEBRITY-PHOTOS.COM FROM LAUREL MARYLAND, USA / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

# Black Caucus, black leaders embrace America's reset as President Biden begins administration

By Hazel Trice Edney  
TriceEdneyWire.com

Despite a backdrop of more than 25,000 gun-toting police and national guard troops and a chilly National Mall with waving flags instead of waving people, President Joseph Biden's message was received by black lawmakers, leaders and voters as a ray of hope Jan. 20.

"Through a crucible for the ages America has been tested anew and America has risen to the challenge. Today, we celebrate the triumph not of a candidate, but of a cause, the cause of democracy. The will of the people has been heard and the will of the people has been heeded," Biden said to the small crowd gathered on the West side of the Capitol which survived a domestic terror attack Jan. 6. "We have learned again that democracy is precious. Democracy is fragile. And at this hour, my friends, democracy has prevailed."

The world now watches for the president's continued actions toward a reset after the attack from supporters of now twice-impeached former President Donald Trump, who – with Trump's encouragement – tried to physically stop Vice President Mike Pence and the U. S. Senate from certifying the electoral college vote for Biden. Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and black leaders interviewed at the inauguration appeared overjoyed about the new beginning.

"To me this day represents free at last, free at last, thank God almighty we are free at last!" proclaimed Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif.), chair emerita of the Congressional Black Caucus. "Free from racism and division and hatred. It's a very exciting day. And maybe now we will finally get a hold to what has killed 400,000 Americans," she said of the COVID19 pandemic that has killed black people four times more often than whites. "That's what's on my mind today."

Rep. Al Green (D-Texas), who was the first to call for the first impeachment of Trump, has a specific vision of how Biden should begin racial reconciliation.

"This day brings to an end a very sad chapter in our history. But it also begins a new chapter full of hope," he said. "My hope is, personally, that this administration will see the need for a department of reconciliation...I have a resolution for a department of reconciliation with a secretary of reconciliation whose job it will be to wake up every morning with the idea of eliminating invidious discrimination. We should have done this after the slaves were freed.



A field of thousands of flags decorated the National Mall surrounding the U. S. Capitol where hundreds of thousands of people have stood during previous inaugurations. More than 25,000 National Guard troops surrounded the ceremony for protection. PHOTO: Paulette Shipman-Singleton/Trice Edney News Wire

But what we didn't do then; we can do now. This is the time for us to start genuine reconciliation."

Due to the disastrous spread of the coronavirus and because of the threat of further terrorism, the hundreds of thousands that have shown up for past inaugurations were diminished to approximately 1,000. The tight security included COVID-19 screenings and mandatory masks to protect from the virus. It also included military police and National Guard troops with long rifles to protect from terrorists. Still, those seated beneath the presidential podium pensively lifted their eyes to the sky at the sound of a distant aircraft.

To sighs of relief, the "peaceful transfer of power" that is a hallmark of American democracy continued without incident.

Among the highest points was the historicity of Vice President Kamala Harris being sworn in as America's first female and first African-American vice president. Notably, one of her escorts was Eugene Goodman the Capitol police officer hailed as a hero for single-handedly holding back a mob with a night stick while leading them away from the U. S. Senate chambers.

National youth poet laureate Amanda

Gorman, 22, immediately became a social media and literary world sensation with her poem, "The Hill We Climb," read during the inauguration ceremony:

"Somehow we've weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken but simply unfinished," she recited near the beginning of the poem. Her closing words: "The new dawn blooms as we free it; For there is always light if only we're brave enough to see it; If only we're brave enough to be it."

The beauty of the day even included a surprise sprinkling of snow flakes as the small, bundled crowd enjoyed the soul stirring songs by Lady Gaga, who sang "The National Anthem;" Jennifer Lopez who sang a medley of "This Land Is Your Land" and "America the Beautiful" and Garth Brooks who sang "Amazing Grace," inviting the Capitol and TV audiences to join him.

"In this truly American moment, we begin anew. Democracy has won the day, and President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have met the moment," said House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.), in a statement. "They will lead by precept and example and restore the calmness and courage needed to lead us out of this era of crisis and combat. Elected leaders on

both sides of the aisle have come together today to celebrate this moment, and I am hopeful that is indicative of the days to come."

Also in the audience, D.C. Mayor Marian Bowser, who made national headlines when she directed the naming of "Black Lives Matter Boulevard" near the White House amidst protests against the police killing of George Floyd, said everything Biden does now will be connected to ending the pandemic.

"Without crushing this virus, our economy won't come back, people won't be able to go back to work, kids won't be able to get back on track at school. So, crushing COVID has to be our number one priority," Bowser said. She added that she is also looking forward to vetting the issue of DC statehood, for which Biden has voiced support.

President Biden hit the ground running with a comprehensive action plan to battle COVID-19. During the afternoon following the swearing in he signed a COVID-related bill which included mandatory mask-wearing inside federal buildings.

Strategically, his inaugural address immediately sought to put the tragedies

behind. The speech did not mention the name of twice-impeached former president Donald Trump while obviously addressing the way forward after the damage by him and his supporters.

While the crowd was small at the Capitol, millions watched by live television, praying for peace and for the new beginning.

"I am cautiously optimistic that Joseph Biden – better than any U.S. president in history – has what it takes to begin the racial healing that America owes her citizens of color," said Michael A. Grant, former president of the National Bankers Association. "Through his many years in public life, President Biden has shown a sensitivity to the plight of millions of Americans who are often overlooked. He used his status as a senior statesman to tell the whole world that he had absolute confidence in the ability of a young black man who was to become the leader of the free world. While we should hold the Biden-Harris Administration accountable for the equitable treatment of black people, I genuinely believe that they will earnestly seek to chart a more positive course for race relations in America."

"As we close a dark, deadly chapter in our nation's history where we pushed back against relentless attacks on civil and human rights, we look ahead to collaborating with the Biden-Harris administration to undo the atrocities we have all endured and create a more just and equitable future," said Wade Henderson, interim president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. "This consequential moment sparks tremendous hope for a stronger, brighter future where we unite, build back better and find solutions to the very serious challenges we face."

White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain released a memo outlining executive actions that President Biden promised to take within the first 10 days of the new administration. They focused on four areas, including the COVID-19 crisis, the resulting economic crisis, the climate crisis and the racial equity crisis.

"So now, on this hallowed ground where just days ago violence sought to shake this Capitol's very foundation, we come together as one nation, under God, indivisible, to carry out the peaceful transfer of power as we have for more than two centuries," Biden closed his speech. "We look ahead in our uniquely American way – restless, bold, optimistic – and set our sights on the nation we know we can be, and we must be."





# BLACK HISTORY BOOKS FOR KIDS AGES 3 TO 18

VARIOUS AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS, PRICES RANGING FROM \$14.95 TO \$27.00

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

When you're a kid, there are so many things to learn.

Someone has to teach you your A-B-Cs, and to count to a hundred. You have to learn to tie a knot and set the table and stay safe. And this month, you should learn more about Black History, and that can be fun with these great books.

For the littlest reader ages 3 to 5, "The ABCs of Black History" by Rio Cortez, illustrated by Lauren Semmer, is a great

way to start the lesson. This most fundamental book includes holidays, cities, people and music that forms the base of Black History, in colorful drawings and a format that's fun.

Slightly older kids ages 4 to about 7 – those who still love picture books – will want "Stompin' at the Savoy" by Moira Rose Donohue, illustrated by Laura Freeman, which is a book about the life of famed drummer Chick Webb; or "Life As You Climb: The Story of Ella Baker" by Patricia Hruby Pow-

ell and R. Gregory Christie, the tale of activist Baker and her inspirational work.

Also look for "The Teacher's March! How Selma's Teachers Changed History" by Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace, illustrated by Charly Palmer. It's the story of Reverend F. D. Reese and his co-workers in Selma, Alabama, in 1965.

For middle graders, "This is Your Time" by Ruby Bridges is a quick but impactful book, perfect for Black History Month. Bridges, of course, is a Civil

Rights worker and this is the story of her life, and the day she was six years old and was escorted by federal marshals, a little black girl heading to a white school. Her tale will inspire young readers to help create justice in their classrooms and neighborhoods.


Also for older kids ages 12 and up, "Ida B. The Queen" by Michelle Duster looks like it might be a storybook. The truth is that it is a story – it's a bunch of stories, in fact – first, of Ida B. Wells, crusader, writer and

suffragist, but not just her. The book is also about the people she inspired, the singers, lawmakers, inventors, thinkers and others. Keep in mind that this is a big book, with lots of sidebars in a skinny cover; having a bookmark and notebook nearby might be handy.

And finally, for high school readers, "Separate No More: The Long Road to Brown v. Board of Education" by Lawrence Goldstone begins more than 100 years ago with a landmark ruling on education for

black citizens and ends with another one that turned the first one upside down. Not just a story of an event, though, this book also looks at the people involved: judges, parents, teachers, politicians, citizens and students who merely wanted to go to school.

If these books don't quite fit your child's interests, ask your librarian or bookseller for ideas. There's sure to be a book that you and your child will love to read and share because, when it comes to Black History, there's really so much to learn.



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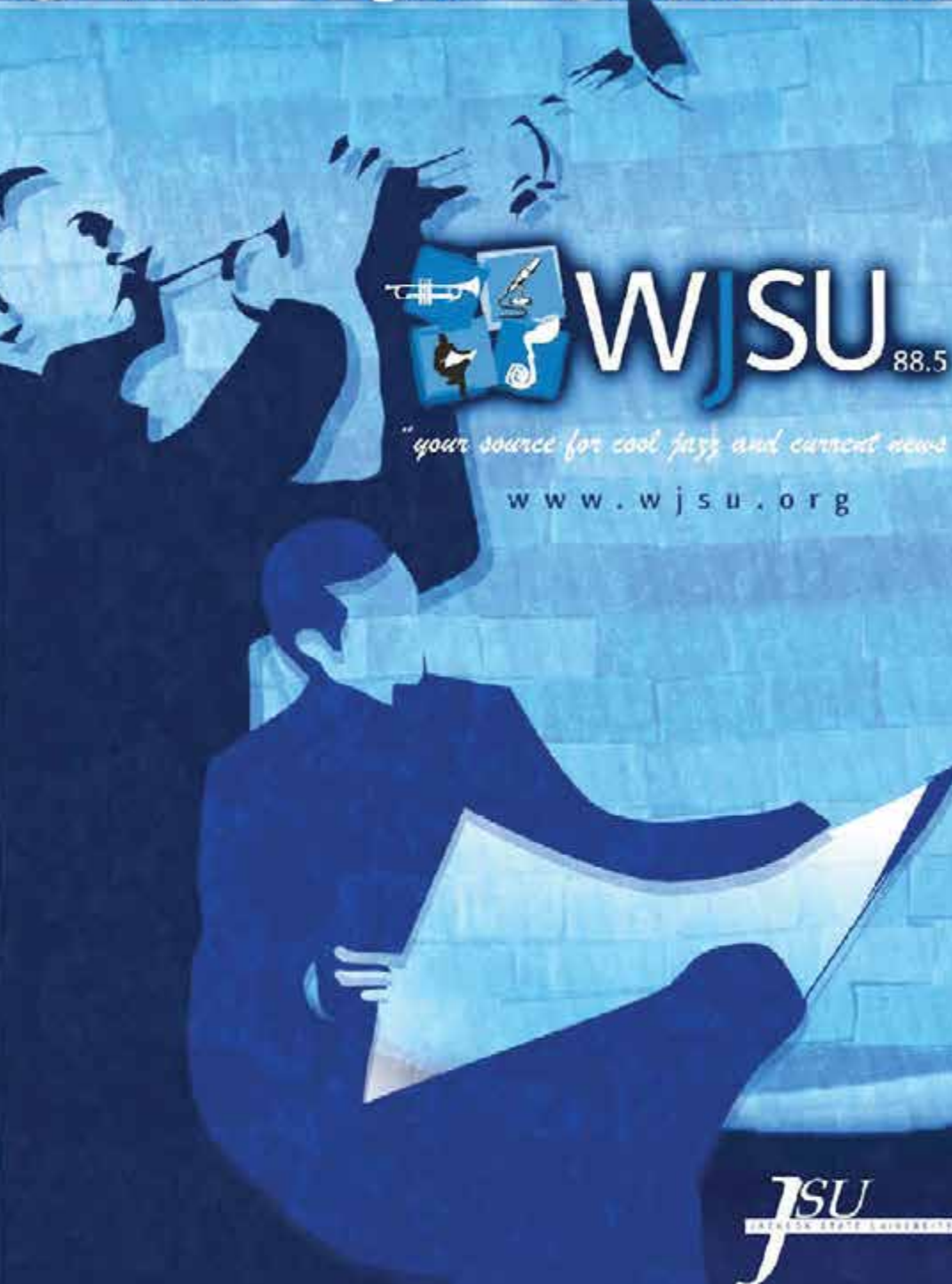
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IN MEMORIAM

# Sekou Smith Journalism Award honors life of treasured NBA reporter, JSU alumnus



**Sekou Smith, widely-esteemed multimedia journalist, graduated from Jackson State University with a mass communications degree in 1997. After serving as a beat reporter for the Clarion Ledger in 1993, Smith worked at the Indianapolis Star and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution before joining Turner Sports. PHOTO SPECIAL TO JSU**

**By Stacy M. Brown**  
*NNPA Newswire Correspondent*

The Sekou Smith Journalism Award has been established at Jackson State University. Smith, a JSU alum and award-winning NBA reporter and analyst, sadly passed away last week from COVID-19. He was 48 years old.

Smith spent over two decades covering the NBA. His affable demeanor and voracity for basketball resonated when delivering game insights to sports fans and among his peers.

He was also the creator and host of the Hang Time blog and podcast for NBA.com, where he analyzed the latest NBA news and interviewed some of the biggest names in basketball. Smith also traveled the globe covering major sporting events like the Olympics and World Cup.

For his family, there was no hesitancy in creating a fund to help others who want to follow in the footsteps of “a Sekou Smith,” explains Ayanna, Smith’s youngest sister.

“To truly keep his legacy alive, why not do what Sekou was about?” she asks. “Which was helping and mentoring young and old to do what he was passionate about, which was writing and reporting. It felt like the natural step.”

The scholarship came to fruition after Smith’s family was inundated with calls and texts from people wanting to lend their support. Like Smith, the youngest boy of his four siblings, Ayanna shares that her brother (Eric) and two sisters (Charmel and Misty) are equally amazing. Among some of the first to reach out, she says, were her siblings’ co-workers and employers.

“It was like they were drawn into the Smith family, and once they started reading more about him, they wanted to know what they could do,” she says. “It got to the point where almost every five seconds people were asking how they could give. So we knew we had to get this done right away.”

While flowers and plants are welcome, Ayanna says, in lieu of flowers, why not help someone go to school. After all, it appears that education helped propel Smith into an industry significantly enhanced by his contributions.

In 1993, Smith enrolled at JSU as a mass communications major. A year later, he became a beat reporter for the *Clarion Ledger*. It was a position that his professor-turned-mentor, Eric Stringfellow, helped him secure. Stringfellow also had a thriving media career and served as a columnist for the *Clarion Ledger* before passing away in 2020.

“It’s about the two of them together – their legacy. In life, they were all about helping the next one and the next one, and now they will continue to do the same,” says Ayanna.

She describes her brother as funny, caring and passionate, words that many of Smith’s colleagues and friends consistently echo among the tributes flooding social media.

Long-time friend and fellow JSU alum Markeith Large called Smith “an angelic spirit who inspired everyone he touched in the most humble way.”

Growing up in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Large and Smith shared mutual friends. However, it wasn’t until the two ended up living in JSU’s Dixon Hall dormitory, that they built a lasting bond. Large recalls, at times, staying up all night debating sports with his friend. “He lived and breathed basketball,” he says.

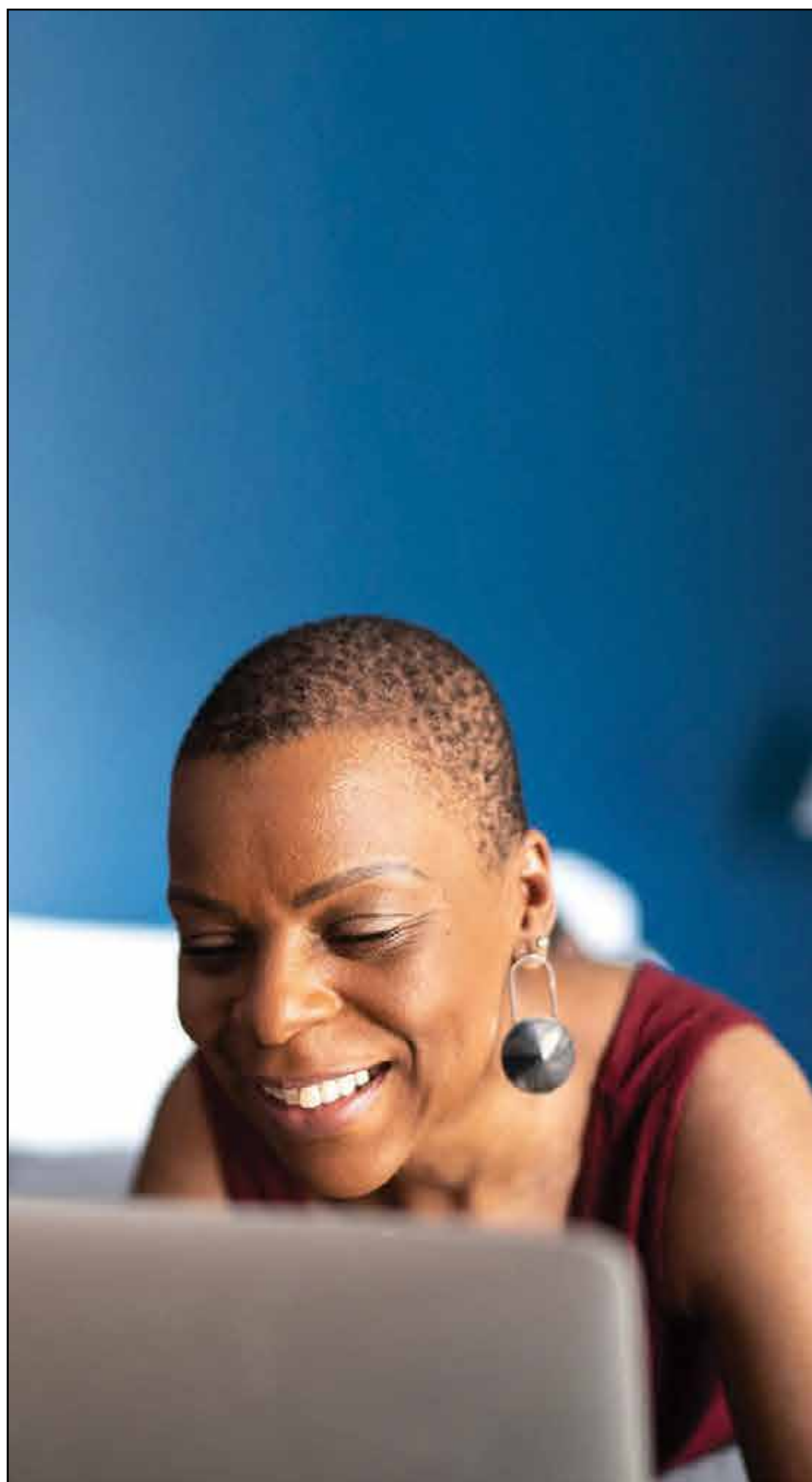
To Ayanna, Smith was the ultimate big brother. “I don’t think there is anyone I ever met like him. And, of course, I have another big brother, but I say ultimate because we (Sekou and I) were always together,” she shares. “This is going to be strange for me to navigate because I’ve never known life without him. He’s always been there, and literally, I’ve been in his footprint everywhere I’ve gone.”

Three years apart, Ayanna and Sekou spent the majority of their lives attending the same schools from elementary to high school and college. “When I was a freshman, he was a senior. So he would set the tone for me at whatever new school I was in,” she says.

It was the same story when Ayanna attended JSU. She says people rarely called her by name. “I was always Sekou Smith’s little sister. All around campus, I would hear, ‘Don’t mess with her; that’s Sekou’s sister. That’s Sekou Smith’s sister, that’s little Sekou,’” she says before laughing gently.

Initially, Ayanna admits, the label was a little annoying, but she eventually grew to love it. It’s an identity that she describes as comforting, especially now. She also infers finding solace in seeing her brother’s resounding influence on the people who knew him intimately and from afar.

The Sekou Smith Journalism Award serves to honor Smith’s life of service. Having it at their alma mater perhaps could not be any more fitting. JSU is a family affair. Ayanna’s sister-in-law is an alum. Her younger cousins, niece, nephew and older sister are also current students. So for Sekou Smith’s little sister – “JSU is home.”



## Girls’ nights IN are gonna take COVID-19 OUT

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# Hinds County School District Weekly Update

## ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE



### HCSD Celebrates National School Counseling Week



Dr. Delesicia Martin

During the week of Feb. 1-5, communities across the nation are celebrating National School Counseling Week. This week is used as a time to both appreciate and uplift the important impact school counselors have on our schools and communities. Please join us this week as we celebrate the counselors in the Hinds County School District.

Today, the role of a school counselor has expanded far beyond supporting student success in academics and career planning to include providing resources to ensure their social and emotional well-being. Here in the Hinds County School District counselors are prepared for a variety of issues students regularly encounter – from class selection, to future planning, to the grief of losing a parent or facing the challenges of today’s society. They should be applauded for everything that they do for students.

So, thank you to all the school counselors in the HCSD who have sacrificed their time and efforts to make a difference in our student’s lives. Thank you for your commitment to the potential of our students at all levels. Thank you for the dedicated support, time and the reminders.

You inspire us to help, to push and to nudge each other — and for that, we are grateful!

Dr. Delesicia Martin, Superintendent of Education

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