



President Biden unveils aggressive \$2 trillion American Job Plan tackling climate, racial justice



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NNPA Newswire Correspondent

The White House on Wednesday unveiled President Joe Biden’s “American Jobs Plan,” which administration officials said will unify and mobilize the country to meet the significant challenges of this time.

Those challenges include the climate crisis and the ambitions of an autocratic China.

The plan’s price tag is \$2 trillion over eight years. It includes \$2.25 trillion in direct spending, with an additional \$400 billion in clean energy tax credits.

Also, it would include \$650 billion for physical infrastructure, \$300 billion for housing infrastructure, \$300 billion for manufacturing, \$300 billion for the electric grid and \$400 billion for home caretakers and care for the elderly and disabled.

The president is expected to put forth the second part of his proposal in the coming weeks and include childcare, early education and healthcare funding.

President Biden expects the coun-

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What is going on in Canton?

Based on an exclusive conversation with Dr. William Truly Jr. on We Believe Digital Podcast

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Canton, Mississippi has been in the news recently regarding the April 6 primary elections for mayor, board of aldermen and members of the Democratic Municipal Election Commission. Ballots for Cantonians to cast votes for the candidates of their choice have just been made available this week. State law requires that absentee ballots be available 45 days before an election.

Not so in Canton, Mississippi because of various maneuvers by the present Board of Aldermen which consist of Rodriquez Brown, Les Penn, Fred Esco, Daphne Sims, Timothy Taylor, Eric Gilkey and Lafayette Wales. This reporter examined court documents and the court documents indicate how Canton got to where we are today.

In 2017, the Canton, Mississippi Democratic Party held primary elections, in which the following individuals were elected to the Democratic Executive Committee:

John Scanlan, Natwassie Truly, Marion Freeman, Sr., Kathryn Irving and Nancy Wesley James.

Marion Freeman, Sr. said state law requires that there be 8 members on the committee.

Herein is where the problems begin. state law allows two ways to get to the 8 members. The existing members can



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appoint additional members or a convention can be held of qualified electors in the city to elect temporary members until the next city election.

A meeting was held as noticed on January 30, 2021 at 9 a.m., wherein, a duly convened membership of the Canton, Mississippi Democratic Party selected individuals as additional members to hold temporary positions on the Canton, Mississippi Democratic Executive Committee.

Meanwhile, two of the original elected members, Kathryn Irving and Nancy

Wesley James resigned so two additional members had to be appointed to fill the vacancies. That was done. By letter dated February 5, 2021, and signed by Natwassie Truly, a member of the Municipal Democratic Executive Committee, names were submitted to Allison Majors, City Clerk of Canton, Mississippi, as comprising the Canton, Mississippi Democratic Executive Committee.

All individuals who qualified to run for any office was ultimately certified to run by the Democratic Party that sent Majors the February 5 letter.

Alderman Rodriquez Brown did not want an opponent. He challenged Colby Walker who is seeking the Ward 1 position by saying that Walker had not paid his qualifying fee. The City Attorney, Kim Banks, and all the aldermen, maintained this position even when a video showing Walker walking into City Hall on January 21, 2021 with the money order in hand was presented.

The City of Canton, Mississippi’s aldermen, all of whom were candidates for Democratic nomination for municipal office in the City of Canton, Mississippi, voted unanimously to usurp the right of the Canton Municipal Democratic Party to conduct its election for its party nominees when it had no legal authority to do so on February 2.

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COVID-19 vaccinations, ‘a major impact’ says Mississippi’s top doctor

A Mississippi Link exclusive interview

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Contributing Writer

On Tuesday, March 23, *The Mississippi Link* Publisher Jackie Hampton and Gail Brown engaged in a two-on-one interview with Thomas E. Dobbs III, MD, MPH, the State Health Officer. The purpose of the virtual event was to address the COVID-19 vaccinations in Mississippi as a means to inform and enlighten readers with information straight from the doctor’s mouth.

Full Interview:

Brown: Sir, we thank you for this opportunity to share with our readers some of your expertise and the information you will provide today. The first question is about the numbers. According to your website, there were 95 cases and 0 deaths yesterday (Monday, March 22), and today, according to your website, they are up to 306 and 21 deaths. Will you tell us what that sharp upswing of the numbers means?

Dr. Dobbs: This is something that we see every week. We do see a delay in the reporting over



Zoom Meeting

the weekend, just with the normal weekend activities. And we will see basically catchup reporting on Tuesday. So, basically, anything for Monday’s reporting is really stuff that happens over the weekend, and anything that we report on Tuesday comes in on Monday. So, basically, it is

a catchup day. It doesn’t mean that there is a rebound in cases. Sometimes doctor offices won’t report over the weekend or send the labs in until Monday. It’s basically as simple as that.

Brown: So, in essence, are you saying that we are not looking at an embarkment of a surge

right now?

Dr. Dobbs: I don’t think so. It is something that we have seen pretty regularly. Our seven-day average has been below 300 for the most recent week, and that’s the best numbers that we’ve seen in quite a while.

Brown: There has been a lot

of talk about COVID vaccines not being administered at local health departments. If that is true, will you explain?

Dr. Dobbs: It is largely true, and there is a good reason and a sad reason behind it. The sad reason is that the health departments have been so underfunded that the health departments don’t open every day. And, they don’t have a nurse for every county. So, there is not nearly enough people to do what we need to do. The state support and county support for local health departments have been declining a lot over the past decades. We have half the nurses that we had even five years ago. Compared to 20 years ago, we probably have about a tenth of the nurses that we had. So, part of that is deterioration, and another part of that is the economy has failed. We don’t have the number of staff that we could put in every county. So, we now have 19 [COVID-19 vaccination] drive-through locations that are state-run across the state that

can do 1200 shots a day. So, you couldn’t do just the county. That will be in partnership with the Department of Health and the National Guards. Pretty much all of those health department folks have been pulled out of the health departments to help with the drive-throughs.

Brown: In your medical opinion, how well are the various vaccines working in Mississippi? And what are the percentages of protection from the virus by each?

Dr. Dobbs: It’s hard to know for sure the precise number. The study we receive is 95 percent effective for Pfizer and Moderna and 70% for Johnson and Johnson. But even better for death and severe illness. If you look at our nursing home numbers, our outbreaks and deaths have declined rapidly. So, we think it’s working very well. And, if you look at our hospitalizations, they’ve declined very quickly. So, we do think it [the vaccination]

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Jackson Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta provides appreciation lunch to City of Jackson Water Maintenance workers

PHOTOS BY SYLVIA WHATLEY

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The Jackson (MS) Alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. recently provided lunch to more than 65 City of Jackson Water Maintenance workers as a way to express appreciation for their countless hours of work before, during and after the recent winter storm.

Jackson Public Works Director Charles Williams, City of Jackson First Lady Ebony Lumumba and Gwendolyn Handy, JMCA president, greeted employees at the 4225 Michael Avalon water maintenance location while other sorority members delivered lunch to city water workers at the J.H. Fewell Water Plant and the O.B. Curtis Water Plant in Ridgeland.

Prior to serving lunch, Handy told the group that chapter members were pleased to recognize the work they do. "We just want you to know how much we appreciate you and to say thank you for the work you have done over the last couple of months, the heroic hard work you do to make sure our water is clean and safe and that we have water period."

Lumumba also applauded the workers for their work dedication. "You represent the best of our city. You make sure we have what we need, doing the best work you can do regardless of the city's limited resources," she said.

As a way to support local black-owned family businesses and economic development, the food was catered by Sugar's Place, a downtown Jackson restaurant that specializes in southern fare prepared the way the owner's mother Velma 'Sugar' Cage did. Dessert was provided by "SWEETTREATS," owned by Esther Sutton, a sorority member.



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Mayor William Truly vetoed their illegal actions and the Board of Aldermen overrode his veto. Mayor Truly said that “The State of Mississippi nor any of its legislators ever intended or gave authority to governing authorities of a municipality to circumvent the statutory duties and responsibilities of a Municipal Democratic Executive Committee whose primary function is to govern and be in charge of primary elections. Primary elections throughout the state of Mississippi are governed by Democratic Executive Committees and/or Republican Executive Committees based on party affiliation. Governing Authorities of Municipalities in the state of Mississippi have no authority to choose who it wants to run its primaries by vote, ordinance, contract or agreements.”

According to court documents at a special called meeting of February 17, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. the Canton Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution proclaiming, in part, that “the City of Canton, Mississippi Temporary Executive Committee has failed to provide any proof that it was established pursuant to statute, the city has no legal authority to recognize the same.” The Board of Aldermen has nothing to do with primary elections.

The court documents show that in an act carried out by counsel for the City of Canton, Mississippi, which was without prior approval spread upon the minutes of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Canton, Mississippi, and without legal authority, by email dated February 8, 2021 to Allison Majors, the City Clerk of Canton, Mississippi, Attorney Kimberly Banks directed that a form letter prepared by her, be placed on the City of Canton’s letterhead with an attachment of qualifying papers and sent to Colby M. Walker, notifying him of his disqualification for party nomination. Banks is not a member of the Canton, Mississippi Democratic Executive Committee, nor does she represent the party.

Majors refused to sign the letter because the facts were not true. During the special called meeting, Majors was demoted from city clerk and Deborah Brown was elevated to city clerk.

Walker was summarily disqualified as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Alderman, Ward 1, without notice or an opportunity to be heard by Banks or the City of Canton, Mississippi. The disqualification letter simply stated that, “your Qualifying Statement of Intent does not comply with the statutory requirements, you have been disqualified as a candidate for party nomination of Alderman.”

Following this unauthorized act to disqualify Colby Walker, an email dated February 22, 2021 from Tyree Irving, chairman of the State Democratic Party, was sent to Attorney Banks, informing her of the following: “I am concerned about a couple of items that are on the agenda of a special virtual meeting of the City of Canton that is scheduled to be held this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. I am referring to items IV and V(a). I want you to know that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have no authority to determine the qualifications or legality of the certification of any partisan candidate(s) for election as the nominee(s) of a political party. Under state law, that jurisdiction lies exclusively with the partisan municipal executive committee. While there is recourse available to any aggrieved candidate, it is not to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.”

Meanwhile the other Municipal Democratic Election Committee headed by John Scanlan, a republican, acting as the sole member of what he referred to as the “Legitimate Canton Municipal Democrat Election Commission,” submitted a slate of candidates to the Circuit Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi and the City Clerk of Canton, Mississippi for the 2021 Democratic Primary election. Scanlan, in his submission, disqualified William Truly, a candidate for Mayor, Rodriguez Brown, a candidate for Alderman Ward 1, Fred Esco, a candidate for Alderman Ward 2 and Monica Johnson Gilkey, a candidate for Alderman Ward 6.

Natwassie Truly and Marion Freeman, Sr., two of the three remaining elected members to the Canton, Mississippi Democratic Executive Committee elected in 2017, submitted under their signature to Deborah Brown, City Clerk of the City of Canton, Mississippi, a list of the “Candidates Qualified to stand for election.” There were no candidates disqualified to run for office in the submission by Freeman and Truly.

In a submission, dated February 19, 2021, bearing what purports to be the signature of Marion Freeman, Sr. to Deborah Brown, City Clerk of Canton, Mississippi, the submission left the name of Colby Walker off as a candidate for Ward 1, leaving Rodriguez Brown unopposed. No reason was given

for the disqualification of Colby Walker.

The City of Canton, Mississippi, by resolution adopted February 22, 2021 by unanimous vote of all seven (7) of its Board of Aldermen, states in part, the following:

WHEREAS, due to the competing nature of three (3) submissions, and the apparent deficiencies in all three (3), in the interest of fairness, the City hereby directs that the ballot contain the names of all candidates who met the Mississippi statutory qualifying deadline to include those names attached as Exhibit “4,” with attached Qualifying Statements of Intent, and qualifying fees.

Mayor William Truly, Jr., vetoed the actions of the Board of Aldermen at its meeting of February 22, 2021. In his veto, Mayor Truly addressed Item V on the agenda regarding the qualifications of Colby Walker.

The court documents state that “In effect, likely for the first time ever in the annals of political elections in the state of Mississippi, the candidates voted to qualify themselves for a primary election, and to disqualify a non-incumbent candidate.”

Alderman Rodriguez Brown challenged Walker’s candidacy on the alleged grounds that Natwassie Truly, a member of the Canton, Mississippi Municipal Democratic Executive Committee, submitted his MoneyGram to the City Clerk on February 5, 2021, the last date for candidates to qualify to run in the April, 2021 Primary Election at 5:15 p.m. The MoneyGram was alleged to have been submitted 15 minutes after the qualifying deadline.

Alderman Brown’s challenge was heard by the Democratic Executive Committee, after which his challenge was denied, and Walker was deemed qualified to run in the Democratic Primary for Ward 1.

Notwithstanding the failed challenge to the qualifications of Walker, the City of Canton, Mississippi has engaged in a persistent heroic effort to have Walker removed from the ballot as a candidate for Ward 1. Colby Walker, and the citizens of Ward 1, have a constitutionally granted voice in electing the persons of their choice that should not be abridged by those sworn to represent their interests.

Judge Lamar Pickard ruled that all candidates’ names would be on the ballot after several hearings. Despite the judge’s ruling, the City Attorney, Kim Banks on March 22, 2021 sent a letter saying if Colby Walker’s name was on a ballot the City could not participate. Mayor William Truly then held a press conference informing the public that the City Attorney Kim Banks had no authority to do so. He indicated that she does not speak for the city unless authorized to do so and she had not. The mayor went on to say that the city has no authority to determine who gets on the ballot in a primary.

What is going on in Canton? The present aldermen have made themselves kings and do not wish to be evaluated by their subjects. There is an election April 6 and Canton, Mississippi you need to go and vote for anyone but these present aldermen.

It should be noted that Alderman Eric Gilkey did not seek reelection because he has a job with Canton Municipal Utilities. CMU prohibits employees from running for office. What did he do? He put his wife, Monica Johnson Gilkey, in the race.

Each one of the present aldermen, either got themselves a job at CMU or Canton Public Schools, or their children, uncles, sisters and friends jobs at the City, CMU or Canton Public Schools.

If you want to go back a few years in history, they stacked the school board to get rid of Superintendent Cassandra Williams because she was trying to run the schools professionally and not with cronyism.

This same Board of Aldermen tried to stack the CMU Board to give an engineer \$6.2 million for work that a district court and the Fifth Circuit said he was not entitled to receive. Mayor William Truly fought for one and one-half years at every board meeting vetoing appointments to prevent the stacking of the CMU Board. In fact, the same engineer billed the City of Canton \$1.5 million for 4 years. Mayor Truly discovered this when the citizens of Canton re-elected him in 2017. When he pointed it out to the aldermen, they fanged surprise.

Canton, Mississippi vote April 6.

To hear the conversation between Socrates Garrett and Dr. Truly go to webelievedigital.com and click on Socrates Garrett Live.

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try would cover the cost over 15 years by upping the corporate tax from 21 percent to 28 percent and introducing a minimum tax on global corporate earnings.

White House officials said the president’s plan would invest in Americans and deliver the jobs and opportunities they deserve.

But unlike past significant investments, the plan prioritizes addressing long-standing and persistent racial injustice.

The American Jobs Plan targets 40 percent of the benefits of climate and clean infrastructure investments to disadvantaged communities.

The plan invests in rural communities and communities impacted by the market-based transition to clean energy.

Specifically, President Biden’s plan will fix highways, rebuild bridges, upgrade ports, airports and transit systems.

It will also deliver clean drinking water, a renewed electric grid and high-speed broadband to all Americans.

The plan will “build, preserve and retrofit more than two million homes and commercial buildings, modernize our nation’s schools and childcare facilities, and upgrade veterans’ hospitals and federal buildings.”

It also will “solidify the infrastructure of our care economy by creating jobs and raising wages and benefits for essential home care workers.”

The American Jobs Plan aims to revitalize manufacturing, secure U.S. supply chains, invest in R&D and train Americans for future jobs.

“President Biden’s plan will ensure that the best, diverse minds in America are put to work creating the innovations of the future while creating hundreds of thousands of quality jobs today,” administration officials said.

“Our workers will build and make things in every part of America, and they will be trained for well-paying, middle-class jobs. Create good-quality jobs that pay prevailing wages in safe and healthy workplaces while ensuring workers have a free and fair choice to organize, join a union and bargain collectively with their employers.”

By ensuring that American taxpayers’ dollars benefit working families and their communities, and not multinational corporations or foreign governments, the plan will require that goods and materials be made in America and shipped on U.S.-flag, U.S.-crewed vessels.

The plan also will ensure that Americans who have endured systemic discrimination and exclusion for generations have a fair shot at obtaining good-paying jobs and being part of a union.

With his American Jobs Plan, President Biden also released a “Made in America Tax Plan” to make sure corporations pay their fair share in taxes and encourage job creation at home.

President Biden’s plan will reward investment at home, stop profit shifting and ensure other nations won’t gain a competitive edge by becoming tax-havens.

“The President’s American Jobs Plan is a historic public investment – consisting principally of one-time capital investments in our nation’s productivity and long-term growth,” administration officials stated.

“It will invest about 1 percent of GDP per year over eight years to upgrade our nation’s infrastructure, revitalize manufacturing, invest in basic research and science, shore up supply chains, and solidify our care infrastructure. These are investments that leading economists agree will give Americans good jobs now and will pay off for future generations by leaving the country more competitive and our communities stronger.”

In total, the plan will invest about \$2 trillion this decade. If passed alongside President Biden’s “Made in America” corporate tax plan, it will be fully paid for within the next 15 years and reduce deficits in the years after.

The plan would build world-class transportation infrastructure, fix highways, rebuild bridges, and upgrade ports, airports and transit systems.

“President Biden is calling on Congress to make a historic and overdue investment in our roads, bridges, rail, ports, airports and transit systems,” administration officials said.

“The President’s plan will ensure that these investments produce good-quality jobs with strong labor standards, prevailing wages and a free and fair choice to join a union and bargain collectively.

“These investments will advance racial equity by providing better jobs and better transportation options to underserved communities.”

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tion] is having a major impact. Some real-world studies look at the effectiveness of the vaccine in older folks in nursing homes, and it looks like they are 85 percent even in nursing home settings. So, we see more and more real-world data supporting how important and effective the vaccines are.

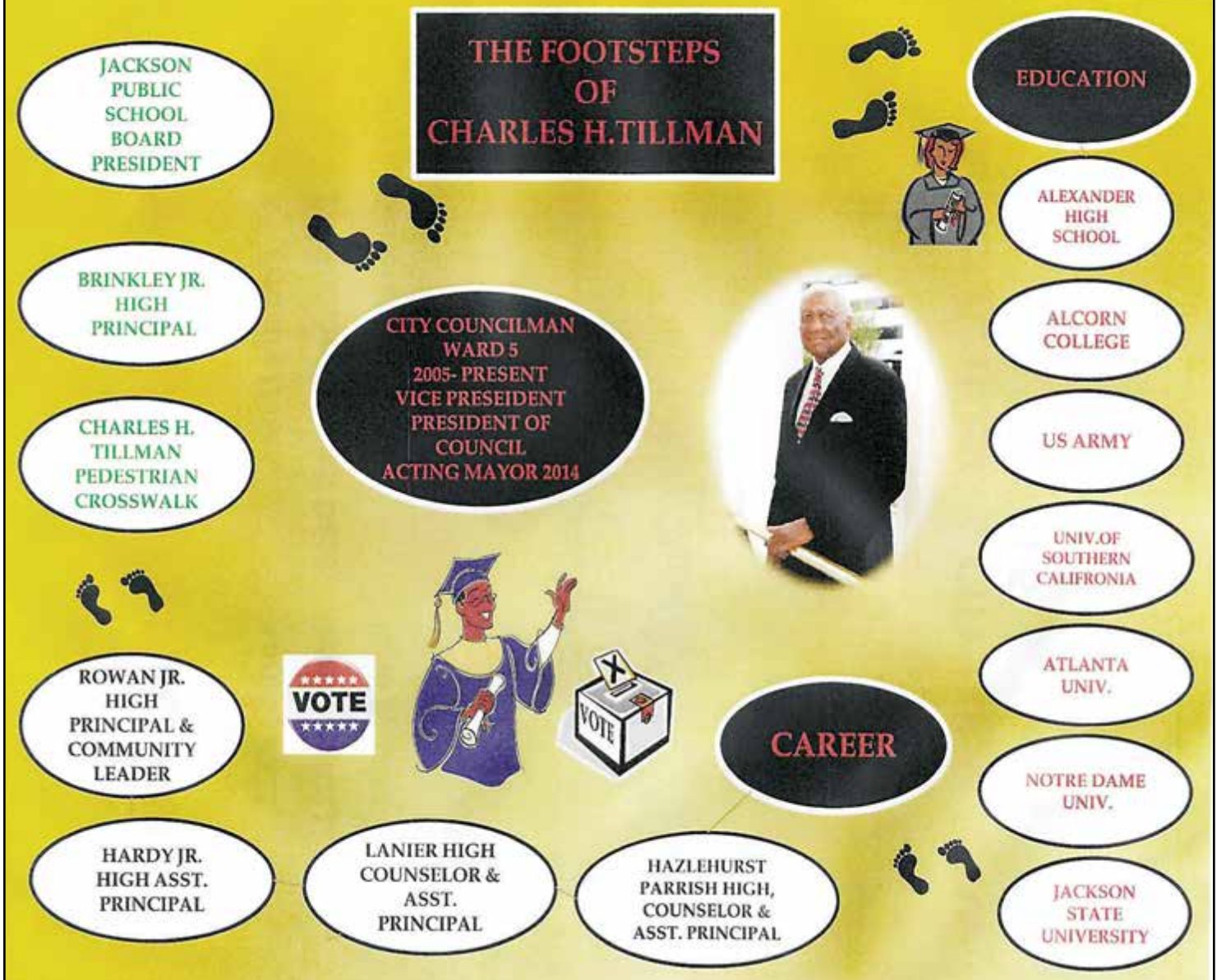
Brown: The new one that is out: AstraZeneca. Do you have any data on its effectiveness?

Dr. Dobbs: We do not have a whole lot of information on AstraZeneca yet. We don’t have the FDA data to review. They did release some information that showed that it was almost 80% effective in preventing COVID (asymptomatic illness,) so that’s pretty good. AstraZeneca is made similar to the Johnson and Johnson [vaccine], except AstraZeneca is two shots instead of one. It will be interesting to see how people use it because we already have two really good one and two-shot vaccines. If we add AstraZeneca to the mix, it’ll be interesting to see how the demand is for it. It looks very safe, but we try to withhold any final judgment until we look at the real numbers, and we haven’t seen real numbers yet.

Brown: How would you address the concerns and reluctances some people have about the vaccine?

Dr. Dobbs: Safety is a very valid concern. One of the concerns is that [the vaccine] was developed too quickly. The name Operation Warp Speed may be misleading, which made people uncomfortable. It’s not that the same steps weren’t taken for normal vaccines; it’s just that they were done all together, at the same time, so we didn’t have to wait for one or the other. So, instead of stacking up bricks and you had five bricks. If you stack them up in a line, it is going to be longer. If you say, hey, let’s stack all five bricks on top of one another so that we [may] do all the same safety steps at one time. That’s sort of what we did. They were taken at the same time and thoroughly studied.

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Alcorn's 82nd Students' Honors Convocation

Recognition of honorees by president and deans

By Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob
Contributing Writer

Though some students cherish college as a venue for relaxation, socialization and entertainment, others embrace it as a serious arena for education, professional and knowledge acquisition. The latter group of students relish schools and universities as centers for wisdom and global educational advancement at Alcorn State University and indeed, elsewhere.

Educational Excellence

Dedicated students do not only strive at distinction, but also earn praise and fame from authorities and others. Parents, community leaders, the media and other institutions also encourage accomplishments in the academic arena.

Alcorn's 82 Annual Honors Convocation

This explains why Alcorn State University's 82 Honor's Convocation, was held Thursday, March 25, 2021. The Davey L. Whitney Complex was the center of attraction for students, parents, friends and observers, who came to celebrate the students who earned the dean's and president's honors.

Attendees also converged at



Patrick Mason and Kenneth Henshaw display their honor certificates.
PHOTO BY DR. JERRY KOMIA DOMATOB

the Spinks Stadium for recognition and appreciation. They received certificates and other insignia of success.

President and Deans

The director of Alcorn's Honors Curriculum, Sheren Sanders, congratulated the students for their meritorious performance. She encouraged them to work hard and to continue charting a path of success. The assistant professor of history also welcomed all attendees stating

that the occasion is an annual motivational strategy that uplifts students, encourages them to work hard and empowers them to forge ahead.

Alcorn's 20th president, Felicia Nave, also paid glowing tributes to these outstanding students adding that the event's purpose was to motivate learners and instructors to continue their hard work. Speaking on the president's behalf, Ontario Wooden, vice president of aca-

demie affairs, congratulated and wished all present well in their respective pursuits.

Guest Speaker Dr. Zackeus Johnson

Guest speaker and former Alcorn State University graduate, Zackeus Johnson, also praised students for their excellent quest and urged them to continue that trajectory. He said Alcorn State University has prepared them for life's challenges, urging them to stay on the path of diligence and success.

Johnson praised the students and enjoined them to apply Alcorn's teachings and lessons to their life pursuits. He reiterated that Alcorn is one of the best universities on the globe which prepares people for progress and development in diversel arenas.

Myriad of Activities

The event was held on the campus of Alcorn State University, against the backdrop of radiant sunshine. Other activities and participants included: Assistant Professor of Music Tony Gordon's prelude and postlude: Brave Battalion Color Posting; and Dr. Reverend. C. Edward Rhodes II who brought the invocation.

While 2020-2021 Miss Al-

corn, Taea Jackson, congratulated the honorees, Patrick Mason, 2020-21 student government body president, thanked all present for their generous support.

Distinguished Music Majors

Two top-notch Alcorn Music majors electrified the hall with their renditions. Antoin Marshall and Ashley Gaye Palmer performed at the tenor and soprano range, with professionalism.

Alfred Galtney J.D., executive director for university compliance and chief compliance officer, lead the recognition of honorees beginning with his honor compliments to students, instructors, guardians, parents and all present. Discussions, photographs, meet and greet concluded the well-organized and inspiring event.

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Senator's remark on 'Sunday politics' draws backlash

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith of Mississippi is facing criticism for saying people should avoid political activities on Sundays to keep the Sabbath holy – an idea that Hyde-Smith, herself, has not always followed.

The U.S. Senate Rules and Administration Committee held a hearing Wednesday on a Democratic-sponsored bill that proposes the largest overhaul of U.S. elections in a generation. Republicans oppose the bill, and Hyde-Smith responded to remarks by Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat from New York.

“He was wondering why, on Sundays, Georgia would not participate in an electoral process of gathering signatures to registration and things on Sunday, and I would just like to respond to that,” Hyde-Smith said. “Georgia’s a Southern state, just like Mississippi. I cannot speak for Georgia, but I can speak for Mississippi on why we would never do that on a Sunday, or hold an election on a Sunday.”

She held up a dollar bill.

“This says, ‘The United States of America, In God We Trust,’” Hyde-Smith said. She also noted that the phrase is “etched in stone in the U.S. Senate chamber.”

“When you swore in all of these witnesses, the last thing you said to them in your instructions was, ‘So help you God,’” Hyde-Smith said. “In God’s word in Exodus 20:18, it says, ‘Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.’”

Hyde-Smith was inaugurated for her current term on the first Sunday of this year.

She has engaged in other political activities on Sundays. Her campaign issued a news release Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018, saying that Hyde-Smith would go on a bus tour to meet voters: “On Sunday, the tour will stop for a reception at 4:30 p.m. at St. Catherine’s Village in Madison.”

On Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, Hyde-Smith issued a statement respond-



Hyde-Smith

ing to a video clip that showed her praising a supporter by saying: “If he invited me to a public hanging, I’d be on the front row.” The timing of this skirmish was not her choice: The clip was posted to social media that day by Lamar White Jr., publisher of a Louisiana-based blog, The Bayou Brief.

Hyde-Smith said in a news release that Sunday: “In a comment on Nov. 2, I referred to accepting an invitation to a speaking engagement. In referencing the one who invited me, I used an exaggerated expression of regard, and any attempt to turn this into a negative connotation is ridiculous.”

Hyde-Smith is white, and critics said her “public hanging” remark showed callous disregard of the history of the lynching of black people in Mississippi. She was in a 2018 special election runoff against Democrat Mike Espy, who is black. Espy is a former congressman and former U.S. agriculture secretary. He repeatedly criticized Hyde-Smith for the hanging remark, including during a 2020 rematch that she also won.

Ben Jealous, current president of People for the American Way and a former national president of the NAACP, is among those who responded to Hyde-Smith’s comments about Sunday politicking.

“I know and love Mississippi –

I’ve lived and worked there,” Jealous wrote on Twitter. “The role that black churches play in the state, including in encouraging civic engagement, is deeply inspiring. She knows exactly who she is targeting when she criticizes Sunday voting. Black voters will remember.”

Joyce White Vance, a University of Alabama law professor and former U.S. attorney for northern Alabama, tweeted: “Mississippi Sen Hyde-Smith objects to Sunday voting because it violates her religious beliefs. Does that mean the country can’t vote on Saturday because of Jewish beliefs? Or at times like Friday afternoon that conflict with Muslim prayer? She needs to read the 1st Amendment.”

Regardless of any criticism about her remarks, Hyde-Smith said she remains opposed to the Democrats’ proposed election changes.

“The legislation before us today would nullify Mississippi’s successful voter ID law,” she said in a statement. “Under S.1, in a federal election, an individual could walk into a polling place, register and vote on the spot, without ever showing any proof of identity or residency. I am totally against this and will fight it every day. We need to have confidence that our vote counts and that there’s one person for one vote.”

Mississippi to increase lowest welfare payments in the US

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Mississippi will increase the lowest monthly welfare payments in the nation under a bill signed into law Wednesday by the state’s Republican governor.

Mississippi has long been one of the poorest states in the U.S., and the measure made law by Gov. Tate Reeves marks the first time in 21 years that the state will expand payments through the program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

The payments in Mississippi have been \$146 for a family of two, \$170 for a family of three and \$194 for a family of four.

The new law authorizes an increase of \$90 a month to each category, based on a recommendation from the head of the Mississippi Department of Human Services. State senators said the increase would cost about \$2.8 million a year and be paid with federal funding.

Senate Bill 2759 became law as soon as Reeves signed it.

The Department of Human Services has told legislators that recipients could start seeing the higher payments in June or July.

Even with the increase, the Mississippi welfare payments will still be only a fraction of the federal poverty level, according to the liberal-leaning Center for Budget and Policy Priorities.

Nearly 20% of Mississippi’s 3 million residents live in poverty, according to the Census Bureau. In 2019, the median household income in the U.S. was about \$68,700; it was about \$45,000 in Mississippi.

Brandon Jones, a Democratic former Mississippi House member and current policy director for the Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund in Mississippi, called the increase long overdue. He thanked the Republican-controlled Legislature and Reeves for approving it.

Jones said in a statement that states with the highest proportion of low-income black residents have historically had the lowest cash assistance benefits.

“It is not surprising that Mississippi TANF benefits have been the lowest in the country,” Jones said. “This \$90 increase gets Mississippi off the bottom and is desperately needed by struggling families throughout the state.”

He added that the increase would help Mississippians afford “basic necessities such as healthier meals, rent, and gas for their car.”

During a debate in February, Republican Sen. Joey Fillingane described the \$90-a-month increase as a “modest but reasonable amount that Mississippi could afford.”

He said about 3,000 families currently qualify for the assistance.

“These are the poorest of the poor in our state,” Fillingane said.

Mississippi lawmakers set details on \$6 billion state budget

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Mississippi legislators are set to start voting Sunday on details of a state government spending plan for the year that begins July 1.

The state-funded portion of the budget will be nearly \$6 billion, which is a slight increase over the current year. The total budget will be more than \$21 billion, with money from the federal government and other sources, including the state gasoline tax.

Legislators last week authorized a teacher pay raise for the coming year – \$1,000 for most teachers and \$1,100 for newer ones. Budget writers say they were taking the necessary separate step to pay for the raise, which will cost about \$52 million.

House and Senate budget leaders also said they agreed to set aside \$23 million to cover the increased cost of state employees’ health insurance. Because the state is paying, the employees will not lose money from their paychecks.

Negotiators faced a Saturday night deadline to finish work on more than 100 budget bills. Three senators and three house members were working on each bill, and final versions of bills were being filed as the deadline approached.

The budget bills will still need approval from a majority of the 122 House members and 52 senators. That is the process that begins Sunday. If there are big disagreements, parts of the budget

can be sent back for more work.

Members of the Legislative Black Caucus held a news conference Saturday to discuss nearly \$436 million in spending requests.

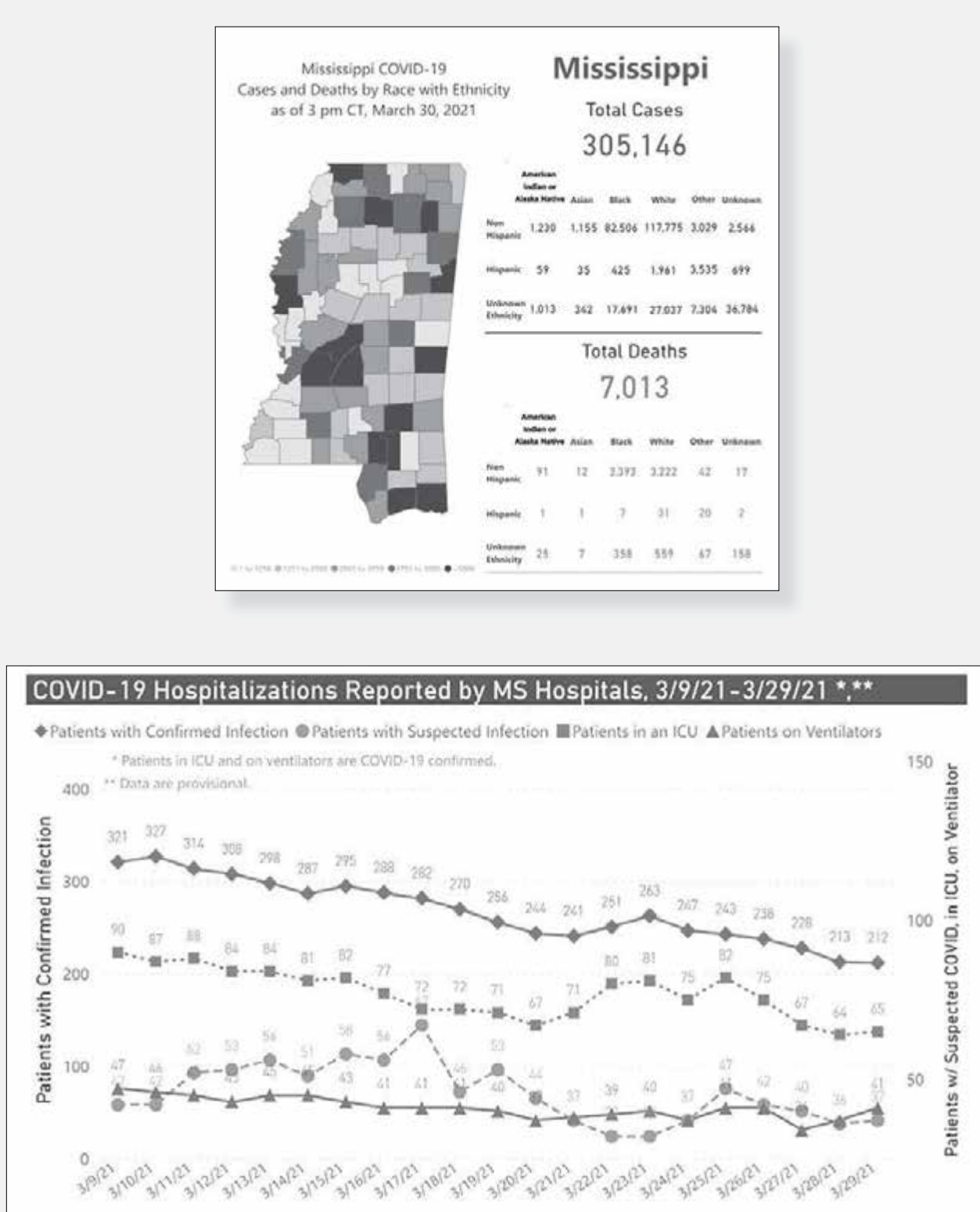
“Any strategic plan that is going to address Mississippi’s needs, needs to include and consider the plight of black Mississippians as well as the white working poor,” said the caucus chairwoman, Democratic Sen. Angela Turner-Ford of West Point.

The list includes nearly \$104 million to expand drug and alcohol treatment programs; \$17 million to extend Medicaid coverage to one year for women after giving birth, up from the current two months; \$10 million for a summer jobs program for young people; \$2 million for after-school remediation programs for students who need academic help because of the coronavirus pandemic and \$60 million for a capital improvement fund for the state’s three historically black universities.

The caucus request also includes \$159 million to expand Medicaid services to an estimated 200,000 to 300,000 people who work in low-wage jobs that do not offer health insurance. Mississippi is one of a dozen states that have rejected Medicaid expansion as an option under the federal health care law signed by then-President Barack Obama in 2010.

Even with the federal government now offering more incentives for states to expand Medicaid, Republican Gov. Tate Reeves says he remains opposed.

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America: “What will you do unto the least of these?”

By Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.
President and CEO of the NNPA



If it were not for the Black Church in America, our long struggle for freedom, justice, equality, equity, and empowerment would not have made the progress that has been accomplished over the past 500 to 400 years. I speak in the tradition of my Presbyterian great-great grandfather, The Reverend John Chavis (1763-1838) in North Carolina and The Reverend Nat Turner (1800-1831) in Virginia.

Depending on when you define the beginning of the international Transatlantic Slave Trade will give you a deeper insight on why the religious, political, and historical perspectives of people of African descent still matter in the United States and across the African Diaspora in 2021.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in his theological genius, courage and prophetic utterances, challenged all of us when he clearly stated, “An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” Black church leaders uphold the tradition of speaking truth to power.

It is, therefore, a reaffirmation of my faith in the oneness of God and the oneness of humanity that I must join to publicly support my African-American clergy leaders in Washington, D.C. and across the nation who dare to remind even some of our own local African-American elected officials that we all should stand for helping those

among us who are less fortunate, poor, homeless, malnourished, imprisoned, returning-from-prison and destitute.

To that end, a group of distinguished African-American clergy leaders and other community leaders, March 9, 2021, sent an urgent letter of concern to The Honorable Vincent C. Gray, D.C. Ward 7 city councilmember and former mayor of Washington, D.C. I consider Vincent Gray a friend that I have admired over the past years.

The ministers expressed their strong objection to an effort that Gray is leading to terminate the contract of the service provider currently running the short-term housing program at The Horizon in Ward 7.

As the letter points out, that program has been delivering an essential service to families in desperation and facing homelessness. And the social service provider that the city entrusted to provide this essential service, CORE DC, has been lauded by city officials as a dedicated and ideal partner.

It is therefore troubling that anyone would want to end this, particularly since the program is a bedrock of stability for those most in need, as well as a transformative centerpiece of Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser’s effective fight against poverty in the nation’s capital city. The ministers argue that Gray’s effort has nothing to do with the exemplary services CORE DC continues to provide.

Instead, the ministers say this is all driven by Gray’s opposi-

tion to a completely unrelated project involving the federal government’s plan to contract CORE DC to provide critically needed reentry services for men returning home from periods of incarceration in federal prison.

We hope that is not, in fact, what’s unfolding, particularly at a time when a pandemic has exacerbated the desperation of individuals who are on the economic margins of society, but the ministers are nevertheless adamant in their plea.

“The effort to dismantle this program is troubling enough on its own,” the ministers write. “But it is even worse in light of the fact that you have openly – and at times inexplicably – taken a hostile stance against CORE DC regarding the organization’s plans to open another facility in Ward 7, a residential reentry center for returning citizens.”

I am hopeful and prayerful that Gray will respond affirmatively and will heed the requests of church and community leaders to support CORE DC and The Horizon residential facilities in Ward 7 to continue to offer critical needed services to D.C.’s homeless and those returning citizens from prisons and jails.

There will always be political differences among elected officials. Yet, differences of opinion about public policies among elected officials should never rise to the occasion to permit a turning of backs on the poor and the homeless. In other words, those who are privileged to make decisions that will impact the quality of life of oth-

ers should always be concerned about the least of those among us.

All of the major metropolitan areas in the United States are facing the challenges of homelessness and poverty. While we live in the richest nation in the world, we cannot afford to lose sight of our mutual civic and moral responsibilities to be our “brothers’ and sisters’ keepers.”

The following biblical scripture reference should apply to all urban public policymakers: “What you do unto the least of these, you do also unto me.” That is why I use the term “prophetic politics” as the act of political decision-making as a reaffirmation and practice of one’s faith and commitment to serve all of humankind fairly and justly.

The Black Press of America grew out of the Black Church 194 years ago with the publication of *Freedom’s Journal* in New York City in 1827 by John Russwurm and The Reverend Samuel Cornish. We knew back then as we know today that we must continue “to plead our own cause” to demand freedom and equality. This also means that we are obligated to plead with each other to treat one another fairly and equitably as well.

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The Peach State has sunk into a shameful voting pit

By James B. Ewers Jr.
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Georgia is on my mind in an unfavorable and unsettling way. The eyes of the country were on the state just a few months ago as it elected two Democratic senators, Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock.

Now, the fame the state enjoyed just a few months ago has turned into shame.

The reason is simple. The Georgia Republican governor, Brian Kemp, and its state legislators, have decimated the voting framework. They have added new rules that are designed to make it more difficult especially for people of color to vote.

A modern-day Jim Crow mindset is flourishing in the state. Some of us thought we had seen the last of restrictive voting measures. Many are saying the new law is a violation of voting rights.

Nse Ufot, chief executive of the New Georgia Project said, “Georgia’s black, brown, young and new voters are here to stay. We will organize, knock on doors and show up to the polls 10 times over. And we will fight for solutions and progress for all Georgia voters.”

This law is wrapped in racist clothing. Its purpose is to stop us from voting in record numbers. The law is unlawful and will only motivate us more to vote.

As citizens, we will not be compromised as to when, how and where we vote. Those in favor of this legislation are afraid of losing their power.

So, on Friday, behind closed doors, the governor signed a bill for some and not for all. His character has been besmirched and his leadership flawed.

Kemp in an irrational response to the harsh but deserved criticism said, “I was proud to sign S. B. 202 to ensure elections in Georgia are secure, fair and accessible. I appreciate the hard work of members of the General

Assembly to make it easy to vote and not to cheat.”

Really. Kemp’s words on Friday will cement his place as one of the worst governors in Georgia’s history. He will keep company with former governor, Lester Maddox.

President Biden called the law un-American and Jim Crow in the 21st century.

Senator Raphael Warnock said, “Today is a very sad day for the state of Georgia. What we have witnessed today is a desperate attempt to lock out and squeeze the people out of their own democracy.”

No amount of bluster or empty promises will make this bill right. This was a bill passed to please someone else who lives in another state.

Mr. Governor, your conscience will begin to bother you because you know you did wrong. You and your regime are clogged up. You are clogged up with meanness, racism and inferiority. Can you be cleaned up? That is a good question.

It is my opinion that this bill will have some economic implications for the state. Just go back to the states of South Carolina and Mississippi when they were flying the Confederate flag. They lost money. Georgia will too.

For example, be on the lookout for what happens with Major League Baseball and the All-Star game which is to be held in Atlanta on July 13.

Voting cannot be manipulated and moved like chess pieces.

The governor extols the virtues of John Lewis and passes what he passed. Sad.

There is legislation in the Congress that honors Congressman Lewis. It is titled the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. We must contact our representatives so that this bill becomes a part of the nation’s fabric.

While Georgia has a new law of inequality, we are standing firm with the law of equality and the belief in justice.

While temporarily deferred, we are not defeated.

Racism and its deadly cousins

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



What does it say about our country when we don’t have time to absorb the impact of one mass shooting before news of the next one comes across our phones and TV screens?

Grief upon grief. This column is not about gun culture or laws that make it easier to buy an assault rifle than to register to vote. We need to talk about those things.

But we also need to pay attention to one response to the Atlanta spa killings: the way some conservatives rushed to insist that race and racism had nothing to do with the murders.

It is true that the man who confessed to the Atlanta killings said they were not racially motivated. He reportedly told police that he was struggling with a “sex addiction” and the killings were a way to “eliminate temptation.”

There’s a lot in that statement to unpack, and a lot of smart people have been un-

packing it over the past two weeks.

Marcela Howell, who leads In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s Reproductive Agenda, was among the black women who spoke in solidarity after the killings. “While law enforcement officials have announced that the shooter’s motivation was ‘sex addiction,’ we know that sexual violence and racism are often intertwined when it comes to violence against women,” she said in a statement.

“As black women, we know that our Asian-American sisters are disparately impacted at the intersections of racism, sexism and xenophobia,” Howell said.

There is a long history of bigotry and legal discrimination that directly targeted Asian immigrants and Asian Americans. Over the past year, that hostility was inflamed by bigoted rhetoric from former President Donald Trump describing COVID-19 as the “Kung flu” and warning that if he weren’t reelected, Americans would have to learn Chinese.

As Howell and many other

activists and scholars have pointed out since the killings, racism in this country is deeply connected to sexism directed at women of color. And racism and misogyny are both intertwined with the history and culture of conservative white evangelicalism in which the Atlanta shooter was apparently steeped.

Kathryn Gin Lum, an associate professor of American religion at Stanford University, said the killings reflected “a toxic brew” of racism, sexism, and religion. That toxic brew has been used to justify anti-Asian laws and stoked anti-Asian violence going back to the 19th Century.

Religion scholar Bradley Onishi and others point out that Jim Crow apartheid and anti-race-mixing laws were not only defended as necessary to protect the sexual purity of individual white women, but also the racial and religious purity of White Christian America. Black women and Asian women have often been both fetishized and demonized as hypersexual temptresses threatening the innocence of and purity of white Christian men.

Young people raised in churches that emphasize “purity culture” are taught to have deep shame about their sexual feelings, and girls’ and young women’s bodies portrayed as threats to boys and young men.

We don’t yet know, and may never fully understand, just how all these influences combined in the mind of this particular young man who chose to commit multiple murders.

But we can and should push back against law enforcement officials, conservative pundits and religious leaders who dismiss the reality of systemic racism or refuse to recognize the ways that women of color are particularly harmed by the mixture of racism and sexism that plagues our culture.

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All lives matter

By Minister Ronny Glasper
Special to The Mississippi Link

Why do all lives matter? Because our Creator, Lord, and Almighty God commands us to love one another. John 3:16, For God so Loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Romans 2:11, For there is no respect of persons with God. No partiality, no prejudice, no racism, no person's social or economic status matters to God when it comes to justice and fairness.

No partiality of any kind can corrupt His standard of justice, judgement and love towards us. James 2:8, If ye fulfill the Royal Law according to the Scriptures, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well. Well doing towards your neighbor and God. For our love to be impartial, inexcusable and without respect of persons, personal prejudices nor racism towards one another we must let love abide.

As He commanded us in John 13:34, Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Without God in our hearts, we are incapable of loving each other as God commands us to do. According to 1 John 4:8, 16, He empowers us and enables us to love one another because Romans 5:5...the love of God is she abroad in our hearts (given us) by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Acts 2:38, then Peter said unto them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, including hatred, (Galatians 5:19-20) and ye shall receive the gift (or the baptism) of the Holy Ghost."

And what does the love of God towards our neighbor look like? In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:30-37, Verse 30, And Jesus answering said, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead." Verse 31, And by chance there came down a certain priest that way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Verse 32,

And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. Verse 33, But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was, and when he saw him had compassion on him. Verse 34, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him. Verse 35, And on tomorrow when he departed, he took out two pence and gave them to the host and said unto him, take care of him and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Verse 36, Jesus asked, Which of these three thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? Verse 37, A certain lawyer said, "he that showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said unto him, "go and do thou likewise."

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus Christ our Lord is inviting us to think outside of the box of the norm of neighborhood and next door neighbor. But rather that wherever on earth we may be or travel, then whoever is in

our presence, or in our midst is our neighbor. Therefore regardless of customs, cultural, political, religious and differences, God commands us to treat one another with His L.O.V.E., without respect of persons. (Matthew 22:37-40) 'To love God is to love our neighbor as ourselves and to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength and with all of our mind.' It's not either or but both. 1 John 4:20-21: Verse 20, "If a man says, "I love God, and hateth his brother (or neighbor), he is a liar, for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" Verse 21, "And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loveth God loveth his brother (or his neighbor) also."

Hatred, one of the works of the flesh, (Galatians 5:19) will cost millions of people and many more, their souls. Galatians 5:20...They which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. (So what does it profit anyone to hate his or her neighbor only to lose one's soul because of hatred.

Are you ready to face eternity?

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



After physical death, the unsaved individual will have regretful memories of the past and the knowledge of a hopeless future. Oh, what regrets for that individual. He will remember the times the preacher preached his heart out and warned him about all of this, yet he failed to take advantage of the opportunity that God afforded him.

If we could walk through death's door and be like an animal, which has no soul and cease to exist, that would be a different story. However, we are going to survive death when we go through death's door. One's state is unchangeable after death. After we walk through that door, either we will receive a personal welcome from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, or we will catch a glimpse of gloom that we have never known.

Our mind cannot comprehend the picture of terrible gloom that lies beyond death's door for the lost. Either way, whether we are saved or lost, when we go through death's door, our eternal destiny will be fixed; it will be unchangeable. Those who find themselves in Heaven will be surrounded by the saints of God forever. Lost

souls will be surrounded by darkness, a region of deprivation and unending regret.

Images of life on earth will haunt the lost throughout the ceaseless age of eternity. The lost will think back to their friends, their family, their relatives and possibly to this very message.

The future of the lost will be hopeless and unending. Some have spoken of how hopeless they have felt at times, but to be without hope in eternity would be a terrible, unimaginable feeling. We have hope right now, but a day is coming when there will be no hope. There is no destination halfway between Heaven and hell.

Instead of fearing death, we should live every day in such a way that we can say, as John did in Revelation 22:20, "Even so, come Lord Jesus." Maybe there are things in our lives that we have allowed, and sometimes we wonder because of these things: "Am I really right with God? Am I really clear with God with these things in my life? Am I doing things that I know I should not be doing?" Why not seek the Lord and get the matter settled?

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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. CDT, April 27, 2021, at which time proposals 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. A copy of the request for proposals is also available for review through the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provision of the City of Jackson’s Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City’s EBO Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder, or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson’s Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1055. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications, and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Room 223, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

Sealed, signed proposals must be received no later than 3:30p.m. Central Daylight Time, on April 27, 2021, whether submitted electronically or as physical copies. All proposals submitted as physical copies shall be submitted to the attention of:

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

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

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.

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 cgamill@jacksonms.gov.

/s/ Marlin King
Marlin King, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk’s Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

83977-041321 Ringcentral Unified Communications System

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT www.centralbidding.com and <https://www.jacksonms.gov/bid-opportunities/>

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

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

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

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

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
BY THE
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
FOR
CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
TAXIWAY ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE LED LIGHTING PROJECT
AT THE
HAWKINS FIELD AIRPORT
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 005-11

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) is seeking electronic bids for construction and related services in connection with the Taxiway Alpha, Bravo, Charlie LED Lighting Project at the Hawkins Field Airport (the “Work”).

Sealed bids to perform the Work will be accepted at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Friday, April 30, 2021 (the “Bid Deadline”). Bids shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

Email: bids@jmaa.com
By mail or hand delivery: JMAA’s Administrative Office, Suite 300
Main Terminal Building
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208

JMAA will publicly open and read all bids on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 4:05 p.m. (CST) (the “Bid Opening”), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

Questions and communications regarding the bidding procedure and schedule on this project should be directed: Dr. Dexter M. Brookins, Director of Procurement, via email dbrookins@jmaa.com or call 601-664-3516.

The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) Bidder’s company name; (ii) Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number; and (iii) the wording: “Taxiway Alpha, Bravo, Charlie LED Lighting Project at the Hawkins Field Airport (HKS), JMAA Project No. 005-11.” If the submission is submitted via email, the identification information must be provided in the email subject line. If the submission is submitted by hand delivery or mail, the identification information must be marked on the outside or exterior of the bid envelope or container.

JMAA will not consider any submissions, including bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received, after the Bid Deadline for any reason whatsoever.

JMAA will award the Work to the lowest and best bid as determined by JMAA in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Information for Bidders. Plans and specifications related to the Work are considered part of the Agreement. Any Addenda issued clarifying and/or changing plans and specifications; clarifying and/or changing instructions in the Instruction to Bidders; and/or answering questions in relation to the Instructions to Bidders shall become part of the Information for Bidders.

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

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

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Video Conference on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (CST) using the following login information:

Link: <https://jmaa.zoom.us/j/93452170791?pwd=UnJzTXNHbUwvYkMvYnJDa3AvNkIeXUT09>
Meeting ID: 934 5217 0791
Passcode: 293050

By Telephone: 1-301-715-8592 (US)

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid Deadline; to reject any and all bids; to waive technicalities in the bid proposals.

JMAA has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprises contract goal of 23% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
DATE: 03/31/2021

Paul A. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

4-1-2021

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Electronic Bidding
Advertisement for Bids

Re-Bid 3155 Jim Hill High School Parking Improvements

Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) April 27, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conferences concerning this project will be held at 2185 Coach Fred Harris St., Jackson, MS 39204 on April 15, 2021 at 02:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is non-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 [HYPERLINK “http://www.jpdsmsprojects.com” www.jpdsmsprojects.com](http://www.jpdsmsprojects.com). A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid documents and 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 Durrell Design Group, PLLC, 500-G East Woodrow Wilson Ave., Jackson, MS 39216, Phone: 601-708-4788, or Email: contact@durrelldesigngroup.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.

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Legal Notice

I, the member of Perusa Investments LLC/DBA Swinging Bridge Discount Liquor, intend to make application for a Package Retailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, Section 67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, and Annotated. If granted such permit, I propose to operate as a limited liability company under the trade name of Perusa Invest-

ment LLC/DBA Swinging Bridge Discount Liquor, located at 2 Holiday Rambler Ln, Byrum, MS of Hinds County. The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of the owner(s)/ partners/corporate officer(s) and/or majority stockholder(s)/ member(s)/ trustee of the above named business are: Jorge Gonzalez. If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) days from the first date this notice was published. Re-

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
OB CURTIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT MEMBRANE FILTER SYSTEM
TRAIN #5 REPLACEMENT PROJECT
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at the City Clerk’s Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of OB CURTIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT MEMBRANE FILTER SYSTEM TRAIN #5 REPLACEMENT PROJECT, SRF LOAN NO. DWI-L250008-02. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

The entire project must be completed within (90) calendar days. The contract will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per calendar day for each consecutive calendar day in which the contract time is exceeded.

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Minority and women’s business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs. This contract is funded in whole or in part by funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 214 (H.R. 3547); therefore, this project must comply with the American Iron and Steel Requirements of the Act. Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in whole or in part by anticipated funds from the Drinking Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund (DWSIRLF) loan program from the State of Mississippi. Neither the State of Mississippi, the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, the MS Department of Health, the MS Commission on Environmental Quality, nor any of their employees, is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting or related contracts. This procurement will be subject to all applicable sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972. Annoted, as they apply to local governments, in accordance with Appendix D of the DWSIRLF Program Regulations.

The PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

- Office of the Consulting Engineer: Cornerstone Engineering LLC, located at 710 Northside Drive, Suite A, Clinton, MS 39056, call Mauricka McKenzie, P.E., Project Engineer at 601-473-2403 office. One copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured from the Consulting Engineer, upon payment of \$200, none of which is refundable

- Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

- Office of the MSDH/DWSIRLF Program: located at 570 East Woodrow Wilson, Suite U232, Jackson MS 39215, call Harry Gong, P.E., Project Manager at 601-576-7518.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations:

- Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP) Mississippi Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development Woolfolk Building
501 North West Street, Suite B-01
Jackson, MS 39201
Contact: LaTisha Landing 601-359-3448

The Standard Specifications adopted by the City Council may be procured from the Department of Public Works, if desired upon payment of \$5.00 dollars for each specification.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on April 9, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. local time, via Zoom video conference. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi law and possess a certificate of responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid. Each bidder must deposit with its proposal, a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid for the work, payable to the City of Jackson, as the bid security.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney.

Proposals shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City of Jackson’s City Clerk prior to the hour and date designated above. Each bidder shall write its certificate of responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing its proposal.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities

Charles Williams Jr, PE, PhD
Director, Department of Public Works

3-25-2021, 4-1-2021

quests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division, Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 22828, Jackson, MS 39225.
Date of First Publication: April 1, 2021. This the 31st day of March, A.D., 2021.

4-1-2021, 4-8-2021

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC ACCESS GATE(S) CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

GATE NO. 16

Notice is hereby given the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi will hold a public hearing on April 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 219 S. President Street for the Regular Council Meeting to consider granting approval of the public access gate(s) as outlined in the Jackson Code of Ordinances Section 110-28, Section 5. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Proposed gate(s) will be located at: On Brecon Drive east of the Hillview Drive intersection between parcel #'s 574-44 & 574-28.

WITNESS my signature this 16th day of March 2021.

Joseph Warnley
Site Plan Chairperson
City of Jackson, Mississippi

3-25-2021, 4-1-2021

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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.

2000 CHEVY 1GCEC14W5YE328742

Registered to: Mitchell, Robert C. or Angela R.

Tower Loan of Pearl, Lien Holder

Date of Sale: April 16, 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.

3-25-2021, 4-1-2021, 4-8-2021

LEGAL

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2003 MERC 2MEFM75W23X663403

Registered to: McCalpin, Ivory L.

Exeter Finance Corp., Lien Holder

Date of Sale: April 9, 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.

3-18-2021, 3-25-2021, 4-1-2021

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2003 CAMRY 4T1BF32K83U036695

Registered to: Johnson, Leslie

Check Into Cash of Mississippi, Inc., Lien Holder

Date of Sale: April 9, 2021

Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

The City of Jackson (City) is requesting proposals from qualified Service Providers to provide residential solid waste collection and transportation to a designated transfer station or landfill. Award of a contract for this project is subject to the availability of funding.

It is the City's intent to evaluate the proposals based on technical merit and price and to choose the Service Provider whose proposal provides the best value to the City. The City reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any and/or all proposals, in whole or in part, when, in the City opinion, such rejection is in the best interests of the City.

The City will perform an initial review of the technical proposals submitted by each Service Provider for qualifications. The City will open and review only the cost proposals of those Service Providers determined to be technically qualified.

Selection of Service Provider for Contract negotiation will be based on an evaluation of the following criteria:

- Service Provider's innovative approach to encourage and maintain a sustainable solid waste system (20%)
- Service Provider's experience, qualifications and references as demonstrated in similar engagements (25%)
- Expertise of key personnel to be assigned to the project (10%)
- EBO Plan and commitment to exceeding MBE and FBE participation goals (10%)
- Fee proposal (35%)

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One (1) bound original and five (5) bound copies of the technical proposal, labeled accordingly and including the required EBO Plan, as well as one unbound signed original EBO Plan, shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box marked "Solid Waste Collection Services". The original and copies of the proposal shall be indexed with tabs as requested in Section 2.6 Proposal Contents. The cost proposal shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope that will be submitted in the same sealed envelope or box as the technical proposal. This sealed envelope shall be clearly labeled "Cost Proposal" and include the name of the proposer on the outside of the envelope.

Proposal may also be submitted electronically. 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.

All proposals must be received no later than 3:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time, on May 11, 2021, whether submitted electronically or as physical copies. All proposals submitted as physical copies shall be submitted to the attention of:

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

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

Specifications and the Fee Proposal for the project are available for inspection at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Specifications and the Fee Proposal form are available for download through Central Bidding online at www.centralbidding.com and at the City of Jackson website, www.jacksonms.gov/bid-opportunities/. Hard copies are available upon request from the City of Jackson Solid Waste Division, Warren A. Hood Administration Building, 5th Floor, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

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

Dr. Charles Williams, Director/City Engineer
Department of Public Works

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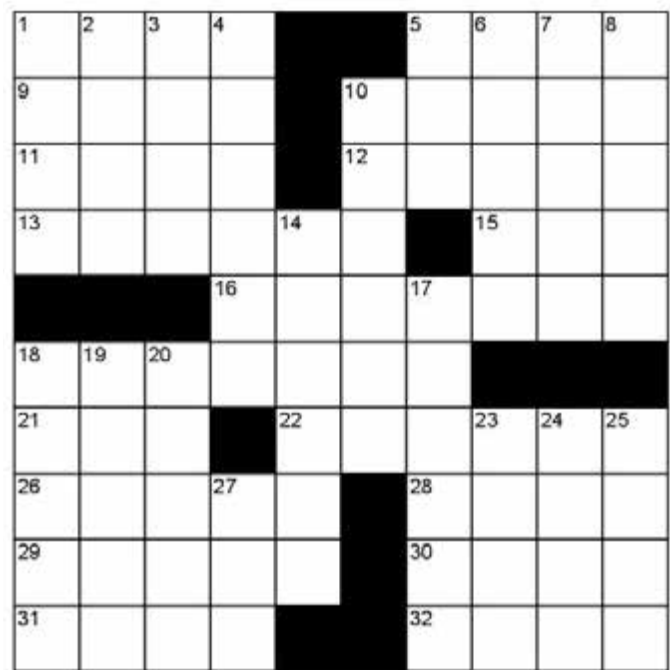
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10. “Gone With the Wind” actress
11. In addition
12. Dickens’ “___ of Two Cities” (2 wds.)
13. Flowers
15. This time
16. Body pictures
18. African language
21. Concealed
22. Shiny evergreen
26. Snobs
28. Reverent
29. Origin
30. Before ten
31. Association (abbr.)
32. Competition at the Greek games
- DOWN
1. Wrest
2. Scream
3. El ___
4. Iron
5. Adjust
6. Large instrument
7. Ice house
8. Champs
10. Finally
14. Unfit
17. Albanian capital
18. Cat food brand
19. Desires
20. Adieu
23. Tiny branch
24. Comedian Jay
25. Paradise
27. Large weight unit

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Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to ‘decode’ the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Britney Spears



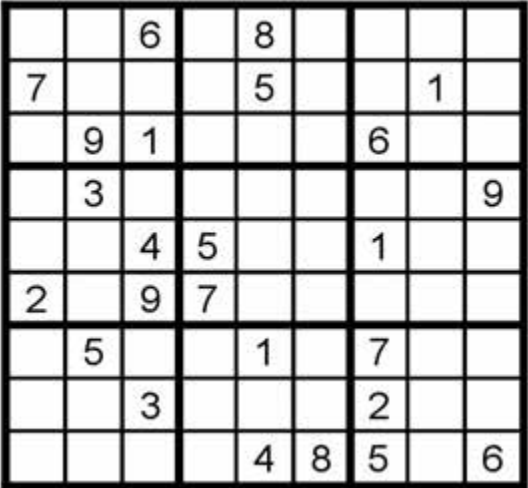
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G R J N M G C P T H U U L B G R T B T G
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Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.



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Cryptogram Solution

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Q A O G C W G A M M X X G O M J F Z Z M J J
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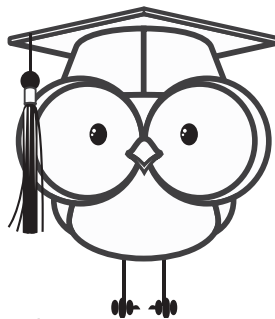
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Special to The Mississippi Link

Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HF-HMCA) dedicated a renovated home Friday at 12 noon. The house is located at 4643 Casablanca Drive in Jackson.

HFHMCA partnered with Bankers Build and Women Build to offer this completely renovated house for a first-time homebuyer in the north Jackson neighborhood of Broadmoor. This home is a part of the Broadmoor Initiative – impacting 100 homes in five years through constructing new homes, renovating old homes and tearing down derelict homes.

HFHMCA worked alongside both Bankers Build and


Women Build sponsors and volunteers to move another family out of poverty and into their own home, which will be purchased with a 30-year, zero-interest mortgage.

As a part of Women Build, work was also done in memory of two well-known Jacksonians and HFHMCA supporters, Mary Kelly Farrish, who passed away in 2019 after dedicating much of her adult life in service to non-profits in the Jackson area, and Lori Newcomb, who passed away in 2019 after a valiant fight against ovarian cancer during which she committed herself to help fund research, awareness and early diagnosis of ovarian

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About Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area

Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area is a faith-based organization founded in 1986. We have built or renovated simple and sustainable homes for 645 families in Hinds, Madison, and Rankin counties. Habitat homes are sold at no profit with an interest-free mortgage to families who cannot qualify for traditional bank loans. Homeownership, combined with Habitat's required financial education, allows these families to invest in our community and their future simultaneously.



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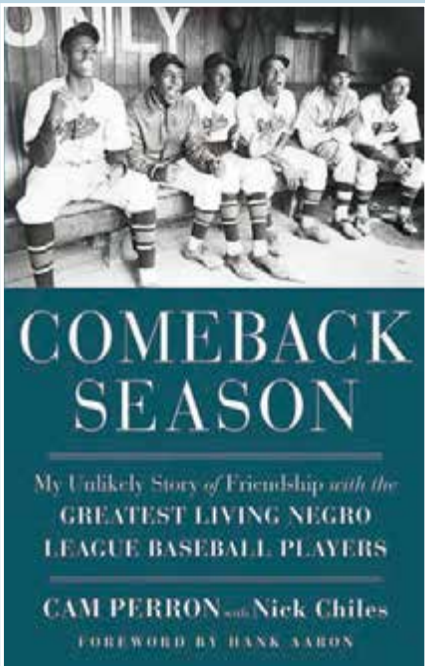
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Your teeth got a good workout. Yep, as a kid, you wanted those certain hard-to-find, favorite-player baseball cards but you didn’t want to be wasteful. Because you’d do anything to get the cards, you spent your change, hoped you’d be lucky, and you chewed a lot of gum. In the new book “Comeback Season” by Cam Perron (with Nick Chiles), though, the best things don’t come in a pack. It all started with coins.

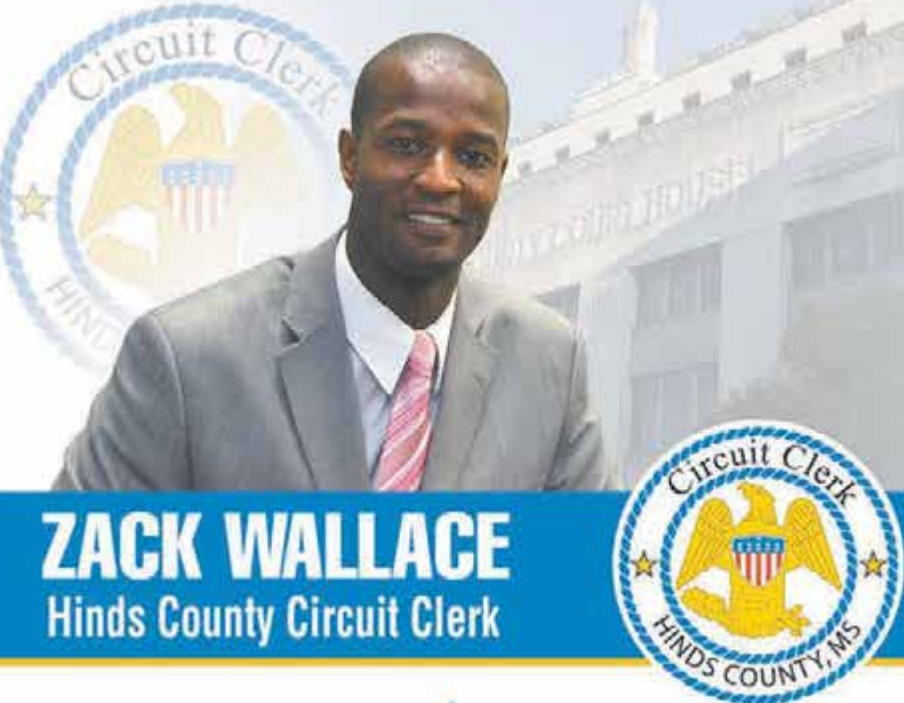
When Cam Perron was a little boy, his grandfather introduced him to coin collecting by taking young Perron to a local Massachusetts flea market, where the boy learned that collectible things had stories behind them. That got him fired up about antiques, comic books, baseball cards, and music memorabilia. Other kids his age might’ve thought his hobbies were odd but Perron didn’t care; since toddlerhood, he was always more interested in what adults had to say than what his peers thought. Perron had a variety of in-

terests throughout childhood. He loved playing hockey and dabbled in Little League but he says that adults ruined his fun in the games. At about the time he entered middle school, Red Sox fever hit his hometown just outside Boston and he talked his mom into indulging his love of Red Sox memorabilia. One day, the collector in Perron took notice of baseball cards for Negro League players, and his curiosity led him to research the stories behind the league; individual players caught his fancy and, with the eagerness of the


12-year-old he was, the white boy from Boston picked up the phone and called to talk with black players that were many decades years older than he. Astoundingly, Perron became friends with those men, and he began making a name for himself among Negro League players for finding information they thought was lost forever – information that brought recognition, reconnection and, for some of baseball’s most talented, financial refuge. “Comeback Season” is a good book that speaks to the heart of

every former little boy with a fist full of baseball cards and an eye on a good deal. Hobbyists will completely understand what author Cam Perron says about the “hunt” and why it’s almost the best part of collecting, and his tales of accumulation will thrill anyone who has relished the nail-biting anticipation of finding that one thing in a surprise place. The big appeal of this book, though, starts when Perron quiets himself and lets Negro leaguers talk. Readers who come to this book to learn about black

baseball players in the Jim Crow era are treated to remembrances from these men, in their own words, and their stories and their heartfelt appreciation just can’t be missed. Perron includes a brief-but-helpful history of Negro League ball early-on but really, look for the players’ personal tales. This book reads faster than a one-two-three inning and, aside from a couple of very minor profanities, it’s safe for a teen baseball fan. So find “Comeback Season,” play ball, and you’ll show a lot of teeth.



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Resurrection Protection

By H. Ralph Samuels, Jr.
Contributing Writer

A whole year has passed
And we're still not at church
School has gone virtual
And home is where we work

Things really have been strange
The strangest I've ever seen
And it's all because of the coronavirus
Also known as COVID-19

We're still wearing mask
And putting gloves on our hands
Still sanitizing and disinfecting
And social distancing when we can

When the stores ran out of tissue
People were going out of their mind
The economy was out of order
Are we running out of time?

But you know because it's Easter
We must look on the bright side
Because as bad as it seems right now
It was worse when Jesus died

They nailed him to a cross
In both his hands and his feet
With a spear they pierced his side
So you know that made him bleed

They spat on him and mocked him
A crown of thorns was on his head
And when he cried out "It is finished."
They knew the Lord was dead

It was sad when Jesus died
His death was not what they expected
But He was providing a cure for another
virus.
One in which everybody was infected

This virus known as sin
Is as old as the world
And it is still infecting the lives
of every man, women, boy and girl

So in a borrowed tomb they laid him
Where he stayed three days and nights
But God's divine prescription was fulfilled
at early Sunday morning's light

With all power and authority
Jesus arose from the dead
And he didn't need a ventilator
or an oxygen mask around his head

He conquered death, hell and the grave
And gave the Devil a resounding defeat
He gave us abundant and eternal life
And in him our salvation is complete.

He is the Alpha and Omega
The First and the Last
He's the remedy for the world
So get your vaccination fast

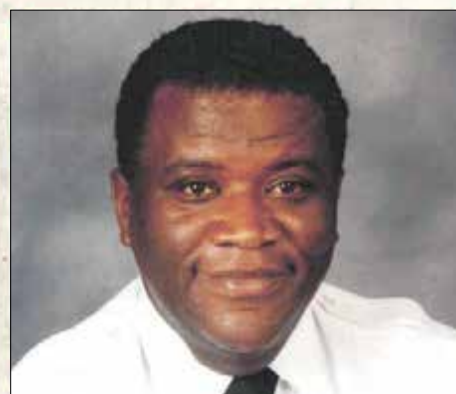
Don't waste time or delay
Don't be fooled by temptations symptoms
Accept God's free gift in Jesus Christ
He's the ONLY hope for redemption

So this Easter I'm not worried
I'm rejoicing and singing songs
Because, the Blood Will Never Lose Its Power
and Because He Lives, I can't go wrong

Be encouraged my brothers and sisters
The Holy Spirit is our connection
We may not be at the church building for Easter
But thank God for Resurrection Protection

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"The Name Inspires The Pen"

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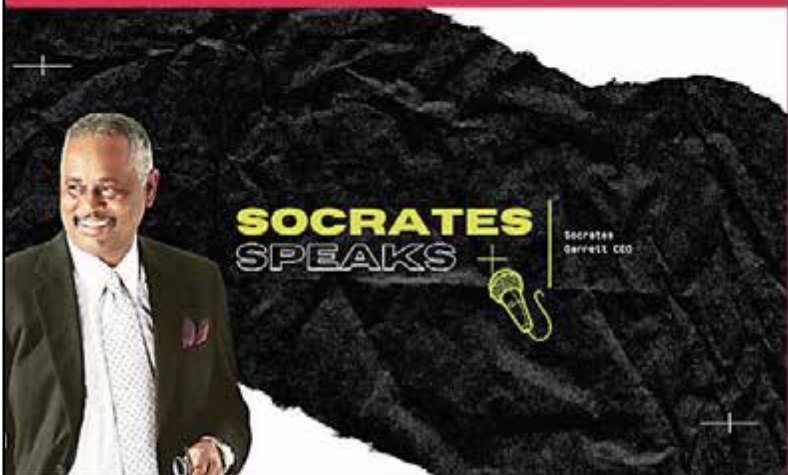
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Social Studies Teacher
Math Teacher
English Teacher

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Science Teacher 4th

Carver Middle School:
English Teacher

Gary Road Intermediate:
Guidance Counselor

Raymond Elementary:
English Teacher
Math Teacher

Utica Elementary/Middle School:
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Math Teacher

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STEM Teacher
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Social Studies Teacher
Guidance Counselor

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All Locations

Raymond High School Senior Guard Zykeria Anderson signs with Co-Lin Community College



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Tremaine Dixon



Jabarie Robinson



Tremaine Dixon, RHS point guard; Tony Tadlock, RHS coach and Jabarie Robinson, RHS shooting guard



Devin Ree, THS shooting guard and All-star Game MVP



Devin Ree



2021 South All-star Team



Omarion Walker, THS shooting guard



Devin Ree, THS shooting guard; Perry Fletcher, THS coach; and Omarion Walker, THS shooting guard