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# Oleta Garrett Fitzgerald

## Southern Regional Director Children's Defense Fund

By Ayesha K. Mustafaa  
*Contributing Writer*

Oleta Garrett Fitzgerald: Try to get Fitzgerald to talk about herself and she quickly deflects to her mother and father – Zenova and W. E. (William Eugene) Garrett. She resonates her parents’ strong points – educate the people and protect the people’s right to represent themselves.

Born in rural Madison County, Mississippi, on a family farm, she describes the environment as a “village” of extended family members.

Fitzgerald was a brilliant child, and she explains her love for learning as her efforts to escape the farm life. She says, “My mother was a task master at school and at home. I learned early the only thing that allowed me to be excused from farm work was reading. “So I read a lot. I read the Old Farmer’s Almanac which introduced me to the influences of nature and astronomy when I was 8 or 9 years old.”

She explains how she would pay attention to growing seasons and the weather, things the small farms relied on, and listening to “grown up conversations” about growing conditions. These became traits you see in Fitzgerald today, tracking through her career years.

Her jobs have been down to earth types, once working for The American Friends Service Committee – a Quaker organization then on to Mike Espy, the Secretary of Agriculture in the Clinton Administration, and she currently works for The Children’s Defense Fund – its name accurately explains its objectives.

A graduate of Tougaloo College in 1970, her focus was on social reforms. But more impactful on her developed course in life was the environment of Tougaloo as the safe haven for activists in the civil rights causes – like professor Dr. Ernst Borinski, a who introduced her to horizons beyond Mississippi.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. visited the campus and she began participating in the Freedom Summers that challenged Jim Crow policies. She met Stokely Carmichael at Tougaloo and studied the Cuban Revolution and the resistance methods of Mahatma Gandhi.

After graduation, she moved to Atlanta, GA and joined the campaigns of Andrew Young and Julian Bond. She worked in the first campaigns to elect Atlanta’s first African American Mayor – Maynard Jackson, for Andrew Young’s



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congressional run, and for Jimmy Carter’s presidential campaign.

She began her life’s journey of 45 years of activism as a program director at the Southern Regional Council. These experiences gave her the background to know what is important to voters in urban and rural areas and what resonates with the voters.

She was hired by the Mississippi Democratic Party as organization director and assigned to Mike Espy’s first campaign for Congress. She campaigned for what became the election of the first black members of Congress elected from Mississippi since Reconstruction. She served eight years as district director in the rural Second Congressional District of Mississippi.

Fitzgerald began working for the Children’s Defense Fund lead by Marian Wright Edelman in 1995. She became the director of the Southern Regional Office which encompasses Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida Arkansas and Louisiana.

After her workday is over, Fitzgerald dotes on her family, her children, grandchildren and a great grand.

Her first born, Rashida Fitzgerald Walker’s description of her mother is that she is full of life.

“My mom is grounded in faith and has worked the majority of her life serving and working for the needs of others, particularly women and children. She’s very intelligent and beautiful both inside and out.”

Watching her mother over the years, Rashida says she has seen the bridges she has created and the ones she had to cross. “I often tell her she’s the best life connector a person can have.”

Fitzgerald’s son, Yusuf, said his mother was awesome, fair and understanding. “Whether it is civil rights, children’s rights or the laws that govern how we care for our

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# An unsung heroine: Loyce-Walker Collier

By Jackie Hampton  
*Publisher*

There are so many well-known women that have achieved great things and will be remembered throughout history. Their legacies will live on for generations to come because their stories will be re-told in books, magazines, social media, newsprint, television, radio, podcasts, etc. Their mighty works will be recalled in speeches made, sermons preached and songs sung.

There are also many ordinary women whose stories are yet to be told and whose legacies are still being defined today. One such woman is 94 year-old Loyce Collier who resides in Morton, Mississippi. She is the daughter of the late Albert and Elizabeth Morton. She was born June 21, 1926 and is looking forward to celebrating her 95th birthday in just a few months.

She is well-known in her community where she has spent her entire life. She attended Morton Vocational School, and went as far as seventh grade even though the school went to eighth grade.

Collier’s mother died of a stroke when she was only 15 year, so she went to work. She had two sisters and two brothers. One of her sisters had polio and lived as an invalid. Her father, who worked at a saw mill, became ill in 1932 so she had to help take care of them both. She took care of her sister as though she was her own child, until she passed at the age of 77.

Her first job was washing dishes at a hotel seven days a week. She was paid \$2 at the end of the week. The house she grew up in was paid for so food was the main expense. She said



Collier

she never really knew how her parents were able to buy a house. She recalls that \$2 went a long way back then. The water bill was only fifty cents a month. Later on, she did domestic work earning \$5 per week.

Collier married the late John Walker when she was close to 18 years old. Together they had five children, 3 girls, Linda and Sandra who are twins, Deborah who is the youngest and their two sons Paul and Gary, now deceased. Paul, she noted was a Viet Nam veteran. While serving in Viet Nam, his entire platoon, with the exception of himself, was killed or suffered wounds mentally and physically.

Collier’s husband, who she described as a good husband and father died expectantly of a heart attack when he was in his forties. Again, she was left along having to earn enough money to support her family. Her youngest daughter was only six when he passed. She worked as a cook in the school cafeteria earning \$100 a month. She

also worked other jobs such as at the chicken plant and at Roosevelt Park during the summer as a cook where white children attended summer camp and participated in other activities. She said the only blacks that were allowed at the park were those that worked cleaning up or cooking.

Collier said she never earned over \$9000 a year but was able to make certain all her children were educated.

Fourteen years after her husband died, she married Rev. Clinton Collier, who was deeply involved in the civil rights movement in Neshoba County. He taught social studies at Carver School near Philadelphia in the late 1960s and early 1970s and led the effort in school integration.

Connie Slaughter-Harvey, Esq. has known Collier for many years and talks with her as well as visits her on occasions. She knew Rev. Collier as well. Harvey said, “Ms. Collier is the epitome of beauty, grace, class and love.” Harvey said, “I have known Mrs. Collier for more than 30 years and have always admired her quiet strength and her compassion for others.” Harvey, who is well known for her work in the civil rights movement, said Collier was an anchor for her husband, Rev. Clint Collier, who marched with Dr. King and also lead the march to get King out of the Neshoba County jail during the civil rights era. She said, “Rev. Collier raised the bail bond for his release.”

She said, “Collier was her husband’s traveling companion and kept men-

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# Mississippi’s iconic news anchor grips virtual audience with transparent testimonies Wade’s Women’s Day speech shocks and inspires

By India Fuller  
*JSU intern*

Maggie Wade Dixon, Crystal Springs, MS native, received an honorary doctorate from Belhaven University in humanities. She was also the 89th member in her family to attend Jackson State University.

She transferred to Mississippi College where she discovered her talent in radio. Maggie was hired at WLBT her senior year in college and now serves as 5, 6 and 10 p.m. news co-anchor and covers stories on education and children’s issues.

Wade received the 2014 Woman of the Year Award from the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women.

This iconic Mississippi broadcaster recently served as the Women’s Day keynote for Jackson’s New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, pastored by



Wade

Pastor Jerry Young, who is also president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Using her own shocking experiences of being “body-shamed,” Wade, reminded women that they are “fearfully and wonderfully made.” (Psalm

139:14)  
Wade said in 39 years of working with WLBT, she has learned not to be bitter but to strive to be better.”

Three key points Wade focused on were transformational women, refocusing and renewing and responding to our divine decree.

Wade ties her three key points with bible verse Psalm 139:13-16: “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

She uplifted women with this motivational message letting them know that honoring women’s day is a celebration. “We are celebrating who we are as women and not how we are

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# A dream deferred but restored: One Mississippi woman’s challenging academic journey

## “Don’t wait too late,” former Mississippi Link editor warns

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent  
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Publisher

Famous writer Langston Hughes once asked the question: “What happens to a dream deferred?” One Mississippi woman can now answer: “No matter how long; you don’t give up.”

It was official, Dec. 4, 2020. A dream had finally become reality. “That morning while at work, an email alert popped up from University of Southern Mississippi President Dr. Rodney D. Bennett,” said Gail Hargrove Marshall Brown. “I thought why would Dr. Bennett be emailing me? So, I immediately opened it and realized that it was his congratulatory letter to all the December 2020 graduates. The actual ceremony had long been cancelled due to COVID-19. Therefore, I was not expecting any special recognition.”

Brown, a Clinton resident who works in her hometown of Lexington said, “When I actually saw my name, I ran down the hall and [told a few people] I actually had earned my Ph.D. I could not fight back the tears of joy and humbleness.” She stressed that she is grate-



Brown

ful to God. “I could feel all those words of encouragement and prayers expressed for me.”

Brown had earned her doctorate in a field she loves: mass communication with an emphasis in public relations.

What’s somewhat unique about Brown’s earning what seems to be simple to many was that she met with enormous challenges, and the span of time between her last academic degree: 37 years.

Brown obtained her B.A. from Mississippi Valley State University in 1980, and her M.S. was Jackson State University in 1983. Having experienced a long span between receiving the master’s and the Ph.D., she urges students to “go all the way” in pursuit of

their education. “Don’t wait too late,” she said. “Do it while your mind is still fresh. I think I was older than everybody in my graduate classes, including the professors,” she chuckled.

Throughout her journey to pursue her doctorate, Brown encountered a number of obstacles. A wife and mother, she was the caregiver of her father who battled Alzheimer’s and succumbed. Her mother who never recovered from a nervous breakdown had prior become a patient of a nursing home in Holmes County. Her mother developed multiple underlying conditions (including dementia) that eventually led to her death.

Because of what her father, mother and other relatives went through, Brown has spent the past decade as an advocate and a board member respectively in the fight against Alzheimer’s, the nation’s 5th leading cause of death among those 65 and older (CDC.gov).

She and her husband, Edison Brown Jr., worked through many household economic setbacks. She traveled extensively from her Clinton residence to Hattiesburg. A halftime student, she endured many sleepless nights traveling Highway 49

S. She thought she often saw “black dogs” running across the highway. Her husband informed her “that those were not black dogs. He explained she was in sleeping modes. It was often a dangerous ride with inclement weather many times. One night in such weather, barely able to see, she discovered that she was driving too close to the side of an 18-wheeler.

The Brown’s only child, Edison III, often accommodated his mother to the USM campus. “I am very proud of her. It took a while to get things moving but she toughed it out by working extremely hard,” Edison said. Edison added that he is now a music major at USM because of his mother’s influence.

Brown recalled that one of her co-workers, and a friend in whom she had confided about her trials in pursuing this doctorate degree, encouraged her to persist. “She told me I had come too far and you can’t give up now, Ms. Gail,” Brown recalled. Unfortunately, her friend, a retired educator, became a victim of the pandemic.

The USM family was also encouraging. “God was really with me. I had an outstanding dissertation committee, but they were disciplined. They were

professional educators who expected me to burn the midnight oil to meet deadlines,” Brown stated as she reflected on moments of difficulty.

“It wasn’t an easy journey,” said Dr. Fei Xue, her dissertation chair. “She was working full-time while pursuing a doctoral degree. A few times she had to stop and take care of other things at work and in her family. But, she never once said she wanted to give up. She was determined to finish what she started. I’m am so glad she did it. We are all very proud of her.”

“When you don’t know my story, you can’t understand my glory. I have to give credit to my grandmother, Beatrice Randall Marshall. She told me she only received an 8th grade education.”

Marshall, according to Brown, was a strong African American woman who encouraged her ten children and her grandchildren to strive to reach positive goals. “She was a strong woman who happened to be an African American. I called her mama. She said she could’ve been a church school teacher by the virtue of completing the 8th grade,” Brown said.

Brown started out desiring to become a journalist. She

discovered along the way that she was more concerned about people. “In public relations you can put your best foot forward and know how to deal with crisis management. You build images, brands and reputations [from behind the scenes],” she explained.

Brown talked about the limited number of African Americans in the field of public relations. “We don’t have a lot of African Americans, but this needs to change. It could be that there’s not enough information about [public relations], and we tend to shy away from it. It’s left up to the industry and those who are educating students to diversify it,” surmised Brown.

Beyond the few African Americans in public relations, Brown noted the disparity of African American Ph.D.s by referencing information from an article published in The Atlantic that indicates the following percentages in Ph.D.s: 87.9% white and 8.3% African Americans; 2.6% Asian Americans and 5.7% Hispanic Latinos. (<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2019/04/lack-of-black-doctoral-students/587413/>).

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tal notes for Rev. Collier. He too, commanded my respect and love.” She said Mrs. Collier has earned the respect of all Morton citizens... black, white and Hispanic. Her smile and pleasant voice set her apart from others.”

Harvey said she is known as one of the best cooks in the county, as she can attest to that, especially when it comes to her bread pudding. Harvey said, “She is a pillar in the Christian community and was recently honored for 76 years of service to the Christian Banner U.M. Church in Morton. “

Harvey, who is founder and president of Legacy Education and Community Empowerment Foundation, Inc., said Collier’s mind is as sharp as they come. She stated when they interviewed her in 2012 and 2016, she remembered high school events and also shared her impressions of President Obama. She said, “It soothes my heart and soul to listen to her words of wisdom and love...such a great lady.”

Collier’s twin daughters Sandra and Linda both agree that their mother is the epitome of strength and love. Linda, who retired from Mississippi Department of Human Services in 2011

as a social worker said that so many people like her mom so often go unrecognized for the life they have lived and how they have impacted other’s lives in a positive way. She said, my mother allowed us to attend Piney Woods Country Life School at a time when others were calling it a reform school. She made sure we had a proper education. Linda, who attended Alcorn University said her sisters Linda and Deborah attended Southern University in Baton Rouge.

Sandra, who is still working as a registered nurse had some of the same thoughts as her twin sister regarding how often times people who have the greatest impact on others so often go unrecognized. She said, “Our mother would tell us, failure is not an option. Go get that degree, and if you don’t come back with that piece of paper, don’t come back at all.”

Collier, who still cooks every day, and large meals when she knows company is coming, says she still drives her car. She said, “I use to run into people at Walmart before the pandemic who would ask her, do your girls know you are here?” She said I would tell them, “I do what I want to especially when they are at work.”

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kids, she’s going to work day and night.”

His “stand out moment” when he thinks about his mom’s career is when she worked in the Clinton Administration and the children were able to spend summers in Washington, D.C.

Fitzgerald serves as a board member for the Mississippi Head Start Association, the Mississippi Children’s Museum, the advisory committee for the Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University and is a member of the State Children’s Welfare Coalition and the Global Women’s Action Network for Children.

She also currently serves as the regional administrator for the Southern Rural Black Women’s Initiative for Economic & Social Justice (SRBWI), which operates in 77 counties across the Black Belts of Alabama, Southwest Georgia and Delta Mississippi.

Under her direction, the Children’s Defense

Fund released nine policy changes that could help lift 5.5 million children across the country out of poverty.

She was one of four honorees at the Women’s Foundation of Mississippi’s Women of Vision 2019 awards, along with honorees Betsy Bradley, director of the Mississippi Museum of Art; Jackson-native comedienne Rita Brent; and Holly Lange, executive director of the Mississippi Book Festival.

She is an honorary member of Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Honor Society for Public Affairs & Administration from Mississippi State University in 1999. Fitzgerald received her Master’s Degree in Rural Development from Antioch University.

She is the proud mother of four children, Rashida, Yusef, Layla and Joi.

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viewed,” she said. She stated that Proverbs 31 is a scripture she tries to live by but always questioned whether she measured up to the scripture.

New Hope member Brenda Smith Davis said,” Our dearest Maggie Wade blessed all that heeded her unselfish, spirit-filled message for the Women’s Day program. She rejuvenated and educated us, yet touched us with the perfect sprinkle of admonishment that opened our hearts to know our feelings and actions.” Thank you, Maggie, for challenging our minds while ministering to our souls.

Wade in her message reassured listeners that you do not have to compare yourself or think less of yourself than others because the verse lets you know it is not about how you are viewed but who you are as a woman. That is what women’s day is all about.

When talking about renew and refocus, wade explained two words: “un” and “re.”

“I really like the word “re” which means again. I’m so glad we serve a God and in his word we see “re” a lot. That tiny prefix is used a lot in my walk with God when we talk about renew and refocus.”

“Now you think about “un” which is a small word that means not. “Un” is a word that Satan uses a lot especially when we think negatively of ourselves.”

“It can derail your future and break you spirit. Especially when we allow Satan to cause us to be negative. We hear words such as unproductive, unapproachable, unwilling and unforgiving,” Wade said.

She then brought the subject back to the word “re” with words such as refreshing, rejuvenate, reveal and reward.

Wade explained that people often get caught up in society and how they are viewed. They forget it only matters how God sees you.

“It is something about the covenant promise of God, his decree for us.” She added.

She compared God’s decree with a story in the bible about Rahab. God used Rahab to protect the two spies. In return, Rahab wanted her family to be saved as well as herself. God kept his promise because Rahab was a believer. This story is one of the many that assures us God keeps his promises.

She quoted Eleanor Roosevelt by saying, “A woman is like a teabag, you can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.”

“I am going to keep believing, keep loving and keep the faith. I am going to renew and refocus, and keep the miraculous decree that God has for my life,” Wade said.

She gave the audience encouraging

words from Mother Teresa to always be kind and be you no matter how someone else treats you.

Wade further stated, “The word is our sword. You have to keep your sword on you at all times which is the word of God.”

She told the audience you have to decide if you want the real 3 on your side: The Father, The Son and Holy Spirit.

She was transparent and shared with the congregation how often she is criticized for her longevity in the field of broadcasting.

Maggie you’re fat: Yes I am. I am filled with faith, I am available and accessible to the Lord and I am teachable.

Maggie you’re looking you’re age: The devil is a lie, because God has already told me he will renew my youth and my strength.

Maggie you messed up: Yes I did, but God will turn my mess into a message. I can repent, get back in the potter’s will and God will forgive me. I will keep going.

Maggie, girl you been doing that a long time, when are you going home: When God tells me too.

Maggie, your clothes look terrible: But God told me in Isaiah 61:10 “I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.”

“I don’t believe what the world says, I believe what the Word says,” concluded Wade.

Gail Brown, Ph.D, who has known Wade for numerous years, describes her speech as having been highly encouraging because that’s who she is, an encourager. Brown, who serves as project director for the nonprofit Community Students Learning Center of Lexington, Miss, said, “No matter what challenges Maggie faced as a woman and minority broadcaster, I have never known her to compromise her faith, and that’s what I have admired most about her.”

Long-time New Hope church member Greta Terry, Ph.D. stated, “As I listened, mesmerized by Maggie’s spirit, captivated by her charm, and inspired by her words of spiritual wisdom, I eagerly anticipated each story, each biblical exhortation, and each personal reflection that emphasized, gave clarity, and understanding to her words. Above all, her personal testimony and example of a Christian woman evidenced by her daily walk over the past thirty-nine years of public service spoke volumes about who she is and whose she is.”

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Brown, a former editor for *The Mississippi Link* newspaper who occasionally freelances and consults with the paper, enjoys serving in the nonprofit sector. She has served as project director (with some PR responsibilities) for the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) of Lexington, MS since August 2012. Her responsibilities include assisting her executive director Beulah Greer oversee a myriad of programs and services to help the citizens and youth of Holmes County and beyond. “I am grateful to Mrs. Greer and the entire CSLC team for their prayers and support,” she said.

*The Mississippi Link* copy editor Minnie Garrett said, “Brown is grounded in her faith and allows that virtue to direct her spiritually and in the workplace.”

Garrett continued, “Her example encouraged us all to do our best. While working at *The Mississippi Link*, we observed her balance a career with caring for her father who suffered with Alzheimer’s, earning that master’s degree studying nights and weekends and enjoying a committed life at her church. We are privileged to call on Brown for writing a story or mentoring interns as they pass through *The Mississippi Link*. She still manages to fit us in her busy schedule.”

Speaking of Brown’s faith, she attributed any and all accomplishments to God. Her favorite saying is “To God Be The Glory.” In addition to her family, she heavily credits her “history-making” pastor, Rev. Dr. Audrey Lynne Hall, and the Holy Temple Missionary Baptist Church family, for giving her that constant push toward the finish lines with prayers, calls, etc. Brown serve as deaconess, chairperson of the Public Relations Ministry, the Homeless Ministry Outreach, and wher-

ever she is asked to served at Holy Temple.

“I told her that the Ph.D. she earned belongs to all of us,” said Mother Marshia Smith, a Hattiesburg Native.

“She is right,” Brown said. “My folks back home in the Rosebank and Mt. Olive communities, relatives, dear friends and classmates around the nation were praying and rooting for this ‘old soldier.’”

When asked about her vision five years from now, Brown commented, “I hope to have grown, with the grace of God, our family’s homebased public relations consulting firm, “Help Meet,” LLC to brand recognition. That brand will include a reputation of offering its clients ‘the epitome of the personal touch’ in service, even when virtually necessary. I want our business to truly live up to its God-given name ‘Help Meet,’ that’s who we are from the heart: helpers.”


Projecting further, the visionary imagined that she would be “most importantly, teaching online – part-time – students what I know and love about public relations, and how it can be effectively used as a strategic communication process to help companies, institutions/organizations, groups and individuals to build brands and mutual positive relationships with their publics.” Brown said her dissertation study re-emphasized that “students learning writing effectively across multi-media platforms” is key among any other academic need.

Although born in Virginia, her home is in Mississippi. “Despite its checkered past, the Magnolia State has some great people. Sure, positive changes are needed and I would love to be an agent of some of those changes. I love Mississippi and don’t regret living here,” she said.

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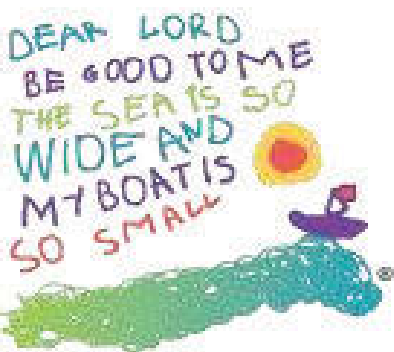


## JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF NET POSITION September 30, 2020 (With Comparative Amounts for September 30, 2019)

	Business-Type Activities	
	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 4,596,496	\$ 4,165,544
Prepaid expenses	10,875	8,350
Rent receivable	417,345	531,345
Due from other governments	166,766	181,666
Interest receivable	19,662	19,662
Accounts receivable	7,120	14,378
Restricted cash	28,658	28,995
Notes receivable:		
Current portion	1,525,259	1,582,524
Noncurrent portion	769,255	757,366
Capital assets:		
Capital assets not being depreciated	11,267,388	11,219,116
Other capital assets net of depreciation	20,334,161	21,566,601
Total Assets	39,142,985	40,075,547
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	49,449	37,708
Due to other governments	53,250	53,250
Interest payable	108,377	147,469
Matured bonds and interest payable	22,682	22,682
Long-term debt:		
Current portion	1,524,075	1,462,521
Noncurrent portion	5,400,226	6,923,020
Total Liabilities	7,158,059	8,646,509
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	25,387,248	25,320,176
Restricted for:		
Debt service	5,976	6,312
Unrestricted	6,591,702	6,102,409
Total Net Position	\$ 31,984,926	\$ 31,428,897

## JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended September 30, 2020 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended September 30, 2019)

	Business-Type Activities				Totals	
	Administration	Urban Renewal Projects	Rehabilitation Loan Services	Parking Facilities	2020	2019
EXPENSES AND LOSSES:						
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 177,114	-	16,556	133,462	\$ 327,132	\$ 357,534
Repairs and maintenance	5,310	11,255	250	30,139	46,954	101,383
Security services	-	161,100	-	80,182	241,282	142,077
Utilities and telephone	4,479	4,427	-	58,646	67,552	33,729
Supplies	2,023	-	-	2,244	4,267	15,344
Legal and professional fees	194,072	39,125	(6,022)	-	225,175	259,185
Depreciation	-	800,516	-	431,974	1,232,490	1,256,796
Interest	-	358,942	-	-	358,942	430,085
Insurance	78,903	-	10,829	45,914	135,646	125,981
Management fees	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Sales tax	-	-	-	-	-	4,058
Paying agent and bank fees	-	697	3	1,604	2,304	2,377
Consultant fees	-	73,611	5,638	-	79,249	36,516
Miscellaneous	3,089	(5,609)	7,509	14,920	19,609	22,789
Total Expenses and Losses	464,990	1,443,764	32,763	802,085	2,743,602	2,792,656
PROGRAM REVENUES:						
Charges for services:						
Lease rentals	-	274,878	-	725,603	1,000,482	1,035,231
Interest on developer project notes	-	18,000	18,394	-	36,396	10,650
Other income	-	1,023	1,521	50	2,596	2,350
Contributions and grants:						
Operating	464,990	264,375	-	-	749,365	744,351
Capital	-	1,500,598	-	-	1,500,598	1,500,448
Total Program Revenues	464,990	2,078,873	19,914	725,653	3,289,436	3,301,030
Net Program Revenues (Expense)	\$ -	635,111	(12,843)	(76,432)	545,834	508,174
GENERAL REVENUE:						
Investment earnings					10,195	17,245
Change in Net Position					556,029	525,419
NET POSITION - BEGINNING					31,428,897	10,803,478
NET POSITION - ENDING					\$ 31,984,926	\$ 11,428,897



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“God, we have pushed so many of our children into the tumultuous sea of life in small and leaky boats without survival gear and compass.  
Forgive us and help them to forgive us.  
Help us now to give all our children the anchors of faith and love, the rudders of purpose and hope, the sails of health and education, and the paddles of family and community to keep them safe and strong when life’s sea gets rough.”

Marian Wright Edelman from her book  
*The Sea is So Wide and My Boat is So Small*  
Founder and President Emerita  
Children’s Defense Fund



Marian Wright Edelman was the first African American woman admitted to The Mississippi Bar in 1964. She began practicing law with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund's Mississippi office, working on racial justice issues connected with the civil rights movement and representing activists during the Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964. In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People’s Campaign that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began organizing before his death. Mrs. Edelman also worked with Dr. King to organize the March on Washington in 1963.



# Managing chronic kidney disease: Take charge of your health



## The Mississippi Link Newswire

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a serious condition, affecting 15% of U.S. adults – an estimated 37 million Americans. Kidney disease can get worse over time and may lead to kidney failure and other serious complications.

Early-stage CKD has few or no symptoms. In fact, many people with CKD don't know they have the disease. Ask your doctor if you are at risk and get tested. Early diagnosis can make a big difference.

Managing CKD may be challenging, but it is key to preventing or delaying serious health problems such as heart disease. The earlier you get involved in your kidney care, the better your chances of slowing disease progression and living longer and healthier.

Take an active role in managing your kidney disease by following these healthy lifestyle tips:

- Meet regularly with your health care team. Stay connected with your doctor, either in person or via telehealth. Meet with your health care team for help managing CKD, keep appointments even if you feel OK and create a care plan. Ask your doctor to explain test results and bring a list of questions or concerns to appointments.
- Manage blood pressure. Work with your health care team to develop a plan to meet your blood pressure goals. Steps to meet those goals may include eating heart-healthy and low-sodium meals and being active.
- Monitor blood glucose levels. Check your blood glucose level regularly if you have diabetes. Use the results to guide

decisions about food, physical activity and medicines.

- Take medicines as prescribed. Your pharmacist and doctor need to know about all the medicines you take, including over-the-counter medicines. Tell your doctor about any side effects before stopping or changing how you take your medicine.

- Avoid nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen and naproxen. NSAIDs are sold under many different brand names, so ask your pharmacist or doctor if the medicines are safe for you to use.
- Stay up to date on vaccinations. The COVID-19 vaccine is especially important for people who may be more likely to get very sick from COVID-19, including people with certain medical conditions such as kidney disease.

- Aim for a healthy weight. If you are overweight or have obesity, work with your health care team to create a weight-loss plan.

- Develop a healthy meal plan. Create a meal plan that contains kidney-healthy foods and beverages. Ask your doctor about finding a registered dietitian who can help.

- Find ways to reduce stress and make physical activity part of your routine. Consider healthy, stress-reducing activities and get at least 30 minutes of physical activity daily.

- Get enough sleep. Aim for 7 to

8 hours of sleep per night. Try establishing a bedtime routine if you have trouble sleeping.

- Quit smoking. Smoking cigarettes can make kidney damage worse.

If you have financial or resource challenges that make it difficult to start or maintain these behaviors – such as difficulty paying for medicines, providing enough food for you and your family or finding a safe place for physical activity – ask your health care team about support programs that may be available to help.

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) spearheads research to help improve kidney disease management and treatment.

"It's important to educate patients and their health care providers about ways to treat and manage chronic kidney disease," said NIDDK director Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers. "People should know their risk factors, like underlying health conditions. And they should know that, if diagnosed, chronic kidney disease is manageable. Staying engaged and managing the disease's progression protects the kidneys."

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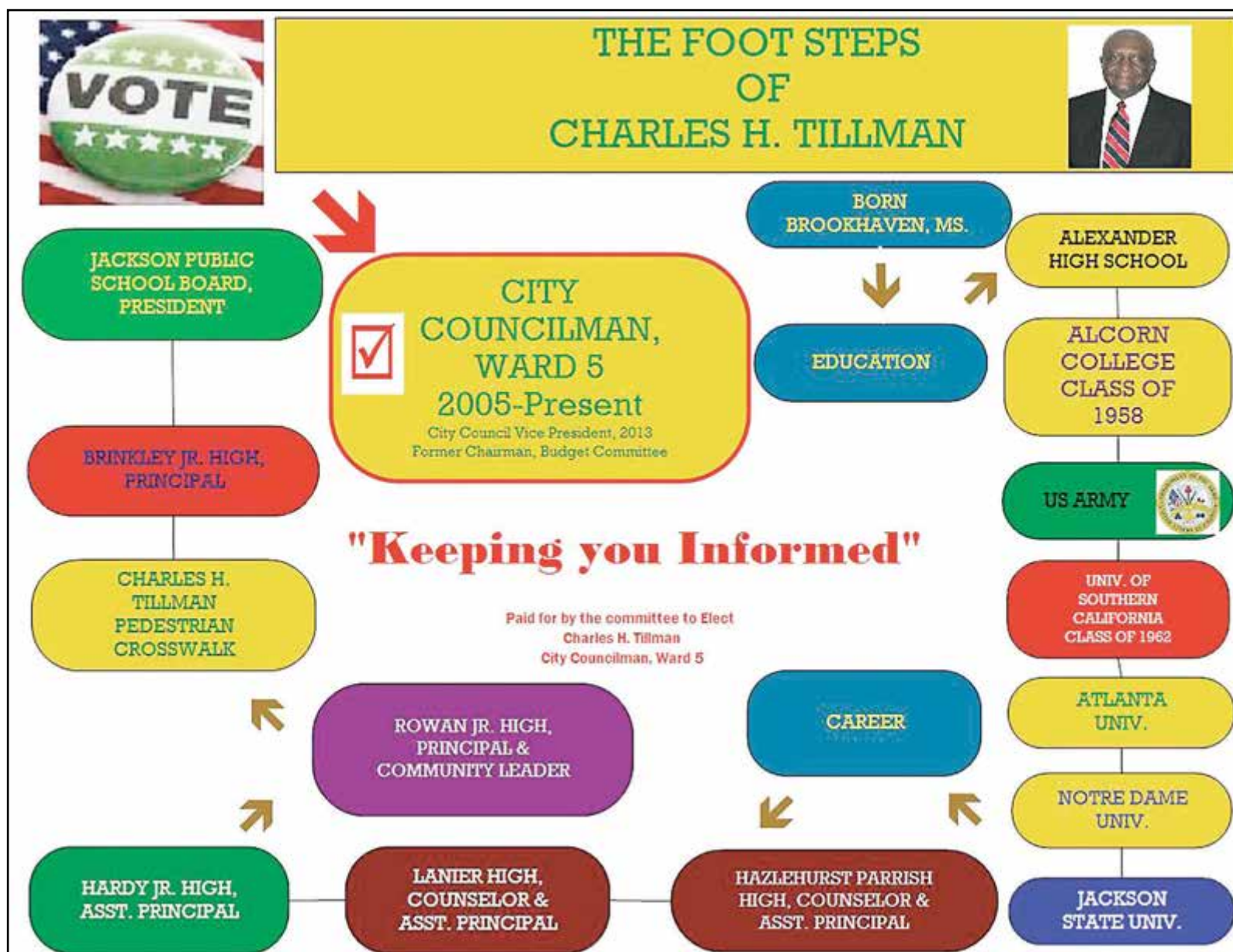
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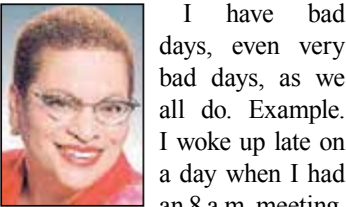
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# A very bad day

By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



I have had bad days, even very bad days, as we all do. Example. I woke up late on a day when I had an 8 a.m. meeting. Most days, I'm up before 6, but this day I just blew it. So I'm in a rush, and the new pair of pantyhose runs at the touch of my unmanicured nail. Gotta find a new pair. Go out to my car. No gas. Call an Uber. They late.

When I get to my appointment, a scant 5 minutes late, I am met by the assistant of an anal man who says he has to reschedule because I am too late (5 minutes!) to accommodate. So I decide to get a coffee at Starbucks and meander to my lunch meeting, a few blocks away.

But when I check my cell, I realize that my lunch meeting is canceled. I make my way home, frustrated and annoyed. A very bad day. I don't go buy myself a 9-millimeter gun or drive by a bunch of places where the white men who have frustrated me are employed. I don't kill a bunch of

people. I don't tell anyone there is some sexual obsession that drove me to insanity.

Instead, I do what I often do when I am frustrated, I get some ice cream, preferably butter pecan, and take a small spoon to the big pint. Maybe I have a unique cognac. Or, I call out for some bbq brisket and fried brussel sprouts. Worst case scenario, I sit in front of my fireplace and shed a few tears for my man, recently departed, who always talked me out of frustration.

I cannot understand why Cherokee County Captain Jay Baker, the spokesperson for the law enforcement group that captured the depraved murderer, would describe his actions as "a very bad day." Of course, he has since apologized and was removed from his spokesperson duties. And of course, his boss has described his words as the source of "much debate and anger."

I guess Jay Baker just had "a very bad day." But not as bad a day as Delania Ashley Young, 33, Xiaojie Tanm 49, Do you Feng, 44, Paul Michels, 54, and four others experienced. It was a white boy bad day that left eight people

dead. This rude recounting of a massacre is the essence of white supremacy. You make it all about you. Eight people are dead, six of them Asian American women.

And you had a bad day! Let me tell you about bad days. Vincent Chin, a Chinese American engineer, ran into some depraved white Chrystler employees on June 22, 1982. They blamed him, and folks like him, for the job cuts that Chrystler imposed due to Japanese imports (Chinese, Japanese, not the same thing). Chin was beaten to death, and his murderers got a \$3000 fine and 3 years probation. The message – Asian lives don't matter. Or, more intersectionally, "other" lives don't matter.

Racist hate has racial dehumanization as its roots. You can't lynch black people unless you think they are something less than human. You couldn't do that to your mother or brother or sister. You can't sexualize and shoot Asian American women unless you think they are less than human. Would you shoot your aunt or cousin to satisfy your sexual dysfunction?

George Floyd had a "very bad

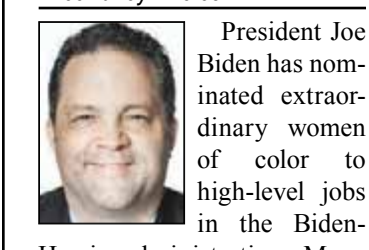
day" when Derek Chauvin killed him with a nearly 9-minute knee to the neck. Sandra Bland had a "very bad day" when a rabid Brian Encina decided to arrest her for both a minor traffic offense and for her unwillingness to bow down in front of him. Twelve-year-old Tamir Rice had a very bad day when, just seconds after sighting him, the much-maligned Timothy Loehmann (fired from another Ohio police department) executed him.

Dylan Roof, the deranged white man who shot up Emanuel African Episcopal Church in Carolina church and killed nine people, had such a bad day that the men who arrested him took him to Burger King to get a sandwich. In other words, your bad day can result in my murder. Your sexual dysfunction becomes my problem. Your gross ignorance puts me at risk because I am a woman – Black, Brown, Asian, Native American.

There is a genderized component to American racism, and this genderized component makes it okay for an intellectually vacuous law enforcement official to describe a vicious massacre as "a very bad day." Bad for who?

# Fight for women of color who fight for us

By Ben Jealous  
TriceEdneyWire.com



President Joe Biden has nominated extraordinary women of color to high-level jobs in the Biden-Harris administration. Many of them are being attacked and smeared by the far right. That's why People For the American Way has launched the #HerFightOurFight campaign.

We cannot let far-right forces silence and smear these trailblazing women who are eager to advance the progressive values that Americans voted for when we put Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in the White House.

Our first ad tells the story of Vanita Gupta, who has been nominated for associate attorney general.

Gupta was a young civil rights lawyer in her first job after law school when she heard about a gross injustice in the small town of Tulia, Texas. Almost 40 people – nearly all of them black – had been wrongly arrested, convicted by all-white juries, and jailed on bogus drug charges. It was devastating to the individuals and their families. And they saw little chance to get justice.

But then Gupta, who was working for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, took up their cause. She exposed the injustice and won their freedom. She even got them pardons from a Republican governor.

Gupta has been fighting for equal justice ever since. She led the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division for part of the Obama administration. And for the last few years she has led the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

But right-wing groups are running a more than million-dollar ad campaign to smear her. And unprincipled politicians like Ted Cruz are attacking her over her civil rights work in the Obama administration.

Our #HerFightOurFight ad is narrated by Shirley Sherrod, a former government official who lived through a dishonest smear campaign that twisted and distorted her words to try to destroy her career. She sees the same thing happening to Gupta and other brilliant women of color, and she's speaking out.

It is important to defend women like Vanita Gupta who are being unfairly attacked. But this campaign is about more than these specific wom-



en. It is about all of us.

These women are ready to make change happen – the change we voted for. They represent the kind of inclusive, multiracial and multiethnic society we are building together – and the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to building one of the most diverse governing teams in our nation's history.

I am sad to say it is not surprising that many of Biden's nominees are being attacked by people who see that vision of our future as a threat. It is not surprising that the descendants of the Jim Crow south whose power is threatened by people of color turning out to vote are passing new laws to try to stop us. It is not surprising to see racism and sexism used as a political weapon.

We know that progress is often met with backlash. Our long march toward justice has sometimes been beaten back temporarily – on the blood-stained Edmund Pettus Bridge, in courtrooms where whiteness trumped justice, in state legislatures where the Constitution's promise of equal justice was repeatedly betrayed, and in the U.S. Senate, where the filibuster was used to delay passage of civil rights laws.

Time and again, we have overcome, often led by courageous black women and other women of color whose leadership was frequently overlooked and overshadowed.

Today, we fight for Vanita Gupta and Kristen Clarke, a brilliant black woman nominated to head the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, and other brilliant women who are ready to help President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris fight for a country that comes closer to meeting our ideals of freedom, equality, justice, and opportunity for all. #HerFightOurFight.

*Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.*

# Stop Asian hate

*Racism, misogyny and easy access to guns are a deadly combination*

By Marc H. Morial  
Trice Edney Newswire



"I can't remember ever having experienced racism separate from sexism. When I turn into a lane too slowly on the streets of Los Angeles, I am not surprised if someone rolls down the window to call me a 'c---b-----'." When I reject or ignore sexual propositions from white men, some come back at me with racial slurs and even threats. Even the perception that I will not fight back if I am attacked racially is a form of racism intersecting with sexism. This is the lived reality for too many Asian American women." – Sociologist and author Nancy Wang Yuen

This week our nation suffered another deadly shooting spree inspired by misogyny and racism, enabled by irresponsibly lax firearm regulation.

A self-described "sex addict" seeking to rid himself of "temptation" fatally shot eight people at Atlanta-area massage parlors, six of them women of Asian descent. The initial response of investigators, who downplayed the role of race in the killings, revealed a disturbing ignorance of the nation's history of sexualized racism and violence.

Even the agency investigating the shootings appears to be steeped in anti-Asian sentiment.

Not only did its spokesman express empathy for the shooter, saying he was "at the end of his rope" and was having "a really bad day," but that same sheriff's deputy has made anti-Asian social media posts and promoted a racist t-shirt.

The suspect purchased a gun just hours before the killings; Georgia requires no waiting period for firearms sales. The state has earned an "F" from the Giffords Law Center on its annual scorecard of gun laws in all 50 states. Easy access to firearms – most background checks take about 100 seconds, according to Giffords' executive director – is especially deadly in a climate of rising hate crimes and record levels of white supremacist propaganda.

Just last week, Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University reported that hate crimes targeting Asian people rose by nearly 150 percent over the last year, stoked by former President Trump cynically seeking a scapegoat for his tragic mishandling of the coronavirus pandemic.

White supremacist propaganda in the form of flyers, stickers, banners and graffiti doubled in 2020, reaching the highest level ever recorded by the Anti-Defamation League.

Stop AAPI Hate, a national coalition addressing anti-Asian discrimination during the pandemic, received nearly 3,800 reports of

hate incidents over the last year, ranging from verbal harassment to workplace discrimination to physical assault. When women are the targets, racial slurs are often accompanied by crude references to sex.

"Killing Asian American women to eliminate a man's temptation speaks to the history of the objectification of Asian and Asian American women as variations of the Asian temptress, the dragon ladies and the lotus blossoms, whose value is only in relation to men's fantasies and desires," Sung Yeon Choimorrow, executive director of the nonprofit National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, said.

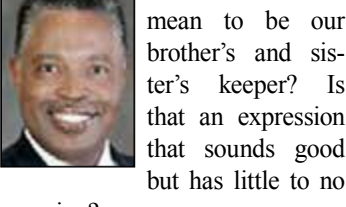
The National Urban League rejects the objectification, fetishization and stereotyping of women of color. Our hearts are with the families who lost their loved ones, including Delaina Yaun, mother of a 13-year-old boy and an 8-month-old baby girl; Paul Andre Michels, an Army veteran and business owner; Xiaojie Yan, owner of the spa where she was shot; and Daoyou Feng. Police have not released the names of the other four victims, but our prayers are also with them and Elcias R. Hernandez-Ortiz, who was wounded.

Last month, the National Urban League and other civil rights and social justice groups outlined a comprehensive set of actions to combat anti-Asian hate and violence. These include:

- Enacting comprehensive hate crime laws at both the state and local levels and ensuring that law enforcement agencies fully implement and enforce them;
  - Uniform crime reporting agencies need to standardize and include more details in their documentation of hate crimes;
  - Local law enforcement and state agencies should fully comply with the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and efforts should be made to include detailed data on the Asian American and Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander communities;
  - A public campaign to push back on hate speech promoted by government officials and those running for office; and
  - Greater investment in linguistically and culturally competent community resources.
- After four years of policy, rhetoric and messaging at the highest levels of government that fanned the flames of bigotry and inspired acts of violence against communities of color, the pandemic has brought us to a crossroads. It exposed America's racial fault lines in nearly every indicator – health care, economic stability, justice, and democracy and forced the nation to confront its legacy of white supremacy.
- We must seize the opportunity to create lasting change by emerging from this crisis a stronger nation determined to achieve a more perfect union for all its people.

# Pain and suffering in the Asian American community affect us all

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



What does it mean to be our brother's and sister's keeper? Is that an expression that sounds good but has little to no meaning?

Are we so caught up these days in "me" that we cannot see someone else?

While some may think it strange, I believe we are responsible for each other. We should want what is best for each other in every way every day.

This time-honored expression

in my opinion has been stretched to the limits. We say it proudly, but we do not practice it.

If you are black like me, your mind immediately goes to Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. Both were killed by the police. If cooler heads had prevailed their deaths could have been avoided.

Now another group in our beloved community is experiencing pain and death. Asian Americans are now the targets of violence and intolerance.

Sadly, there is a link to this violence with the Coronavirus. Reports say that since the pandemic, there has been a 150% increase in crimes against Asian Americans.

Unfortunately, some Americans

have been calling the Coronavirus the China virus.

Some of this distasteful and inflammatory rhetoric started with the previous administration. If you recall in his press conferences, Mr. T referred to the Coronavirus as such. This dangerous assertion has caught on and now Asian Americans are in physical danger. And even more so, they are afraid. They are afraid to go out and to be seen.

On last week six women of Asian descent were killed at three spas in the Atlanta Georgia area. These were senseless and mindless killings and did not have to happen.

The shooter was identified as

Robert Aaron Long. He is 21 years of age. He was arrested and reports say he was on the way to Florida to commit more killings. Robert Long is young and white.

There is growing speculation that this was a hate crime. Long counters and said he has a sex addiction and that therefore was the reason for the killings.

Experts disagree with his statements.

Dr. Douglas Weiss, psychologist and president of the American Association for Sex Addiction therapy said, "Most sex addicts are not murderers or thieves or embezzlers or criminal types." He added, "There is a difference between addiction and these types of

behaviors."

The sadness felt by these families is unspeakable. Hearts are broken and families are broken up.

These killings show us just how fragile and tenuous life is. We wake up and start our day, not knowing what lies ahead. These victims left their homes but did not return.

America, this is sad and tragic.

People come to this country filled with hope and enthusiasm. The axiom is that if you work hard and do what is right, then good things will happen for you.

What is the psychic of people who hate other people because of looks, national origin and religion? Maybe Robert Aaron Long

can answer that question. It is my opinion this was a crime of hate.

Now, how does the nation pick up the shattered pieces again?

President Biden and Vice President Harris were in Atlanta last week. President Biden said, "The conversation we had today with the (Asian American and Pacific Islander) leaders, and that we're hearing across the country is that hate, and violence often hide in plain sight. It's often met with silence."

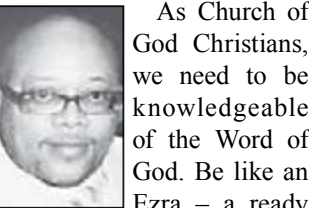
America, we can no longer look the other way. This is us and we need to fix us. Hate will not help us to be a better country, only love will. We cannot give in to hate. Let us give in to love.



# The world needs to see God's church

PART 2

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



As Church of God Christians, we need to be knowledgeable of the Word of God. Be like an Ezra – a ready scribe. The Bible says, “Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments” (Ezra 7:10). I tell you, Ezra got into the Word. He knew the laws of God and what was demanded. When Ezra was given leave to go into Jerusalem to instruct the people, he told the people that there were some things they needed to do. The Levites could not come back and perform their duty because they had intermarried with strange people. They were not to give their sons nor their daughters

to these strange people. Ezra told them they could not serve God that way. “Get them out of your way for you to make God your choice (Read Ezra, Chapters 9 and 10). Ezra not only prepared his heart, but he did what was right. Let us have a knowledge of the Word of God. Let us study it. The Apostle Paul told Titus that he must be an example of those around him so that others may see his good deeds and imitate him. Yes, if we are going to follow Christ, we must be the right example. We must live the standard. We have to perform it from day to day. We must allow the world to see Christ in us; and if the world can see Christ in us, then they will be led to glorify our Father in Heaven. We must not drive people away from God, we must bring

them to God. The Apostle Paul said in Titus 2:6-8, “Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.” We all need to be good examples. It does not depend upon the ministers only to be examples; it depends upon each and everyone of us. When the people of Israel sinned, it was not just the priest who suffered, it was the entire army of Israel who suffered. The Apostle Paul exhorted to Timothy, “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity”

(1 Timothy 4:11-12). These are things we all can emulate. If we follow them, we will never go astray. We will never lose sight of the church; we will never go back on God's Word; we will never give the enemy something to say about us; we will always have a positive outlook on the world. We cannot hang our heads in shame. May God help us not to mislead others in our standard. What we say, we must live. What we preach, we must live. Let us show the world the stand we have; that is, the Lord is Holy, and His people are Holy. Are you adorning the doctrine? Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

## P R E S E R V E D Precious death revisited


By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



This year marks the 20th anniversary of my writing my column for the Dallas Weekly. In honor of this, periodically I

will revisit some of my favorite columns and add an update. Death and how we should feel about it is a hard thing to write about for a number of reasons. As a writer, you run the risk of either being gruesome, melodramatic, overly sensitive or not sensitive enough. During the past few weeks, the news has walked this fine line as it has been filled with numerous stories focused on the COVID-19 pandemic and the 530,000 Americans who have died since it was declared a global health crisis in March 2020. Rather than focus on those heartbreaking stories, I'd like to revisit the words of my column from Oct. 2001 that explored how Christians should respond to death and uncertainty during times of moral and spiritual uncertainty. A few days prior to the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks, the English Composition class that I was teaching discussed religion and the development of belief systems. We watched a movie where the lead character was unwilling to die for anything and had great contempt for those who were willing to do so. The movie ended with this character progressing to the point where he was willing to die for his beliefs. The big question for discussion was “Are you willing to die for your beliefs?” The next class took place the day after the September 11th terrorist attacks and the same ques-

tion was met with silence and then intense discussion. I shared how the movie we had watched in the previous class showed how it was the fear of death that caused the most spiritual bondage and emotional pain. Once the character accepted death not as a terrifying end but a potential beginning and freedom, he was at peace with death. We eventually discussed how the Christian view of a natural as well as a spiritual death included making the choice to set aside specific beliefs and dying to self-centered needs. A few of my students disagreed with this idea and thought that this was a kind of death of individuality and free will. For them, that was the reason why they didn't practice religion. As Christians, we rejoice and even claim that our loved ones have “gone home.” 2 Corinthians 5:8 reminds us that “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lords” as the foundation for this belief. Is death the beginning or end? I remember thinking about this question last year as I was grieving the death of my beloved daddy. Psalms 116:15 states that “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.” God knows that for those who transition into eternity and for those of us left to mourn their deaths, death can be the start of a more intimate walk with him. Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email [preservedbypurpose@gmail.com](mailto:preservedbypurpose@gmail.com) or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.



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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.

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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 cgammill@jacksonms.gov.

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

3-25-2021, 4-1-2021

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REQUEST FOR BIDS  
TO PROVIDE A “BENEFIT’S CONSULTANT” FOR THE CITY OF  
JACKSON’S MEDICAL AND DENTAL BENEFIT’S PLAN

Written sealed bids from responsible firms to provide a “Benefits Consultant” for Active and Retired City Employees covered under the City of Jackson’s Medical and Dental Benefits Plans will be received in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, MS on the 1st floor of the City Hall Building, 219 S. President Street, Jackson, MS, until 3:30 p.m. (local time), April 6, 2021 at this time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and the contract awarded as soon as practical. One original and five (5) copies of each bid must be submitted.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Office of the City Clerk, City of Jackson, 1st floor of the City Hall Building, 219 S. President Street, Jackson, MS 39201. Each sealed envelope containing a bid must be plainly marked on the outside as “Bid to Provide a Benefits Consultant for the City of Jackson’s Medical and Dental Benefits Plan” will be received in the Office of the City Clerk to be opened on April 6, 2021”. No bid will be received or accepted after the above-specified time.

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, every contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application with the bid submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson’s Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City’s ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. An Equal Business Opportunity Plan Application is attached to this Request for Proposals (see attachment S-3). For more information on the City of Jackson’s Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact Michael Davis in the Office of Economic Development, (601) 960-1851. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan, applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, 2nd Floor, and Jackson, Mississippi.

Bid specifications must be obtained at no extra charge from the Department of Personnel Management located at 1000 Metrocenter Drive, Jackson, MS 39205 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday after March 18, 2021. The contact office is as follows:

Wilma Jones-Scott,  
Director Department of Personnel Management  
1000 Metrocenter Drive, Suite 102  
(601) 960-1746

3-18-2021, 3-25-2021

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Public Notice  
City of Jackson

In preparation for the April 6, 2021 Primary Election in the City of Jackson, MS, the officials in charge of the election will test all voting machines to ensure that each machine will correctly count all votes cast for all offices and in a manner that the Secretary of State may prescribe by rule or regulation. All machines will be cleared, tested and set for the election.

The logic and accuracy (L & A) testing are open to the public and will be conducted in the Hinds County Warehouse located at 701 S. Commerce St. Jackson, MS beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021 and will be conducted from day to day until all machines have been tested.

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

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

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Municipal Clerk or electronically until 3:30 P.M. CT, April 6, 2021, at which time proposal will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers).

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

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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 Standard Time, on April 6, 2021, whether submitted electronically or as physical copies. All proposals submitted as physical copies shall be submitted to the attention of:

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Office of the Municipal Clerk  
219 South President Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

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Post Office Box 17  
Jackson, MS 39205-0017

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

Marlin King, Interim CAO

3-18-2021, 3-25-2021

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
SIGN VARIANCE FOR SAL & MOOKIE’S

THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR SAL & MOOKIE’S TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 219 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MS, 39201. INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT THE SIGNS & LICENSE DIVISION (601) 960-1154 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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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

3-25-2021, 4-1-2021

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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 Wamsley  
Site Plan Chairperson  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

3-25-2021, 4-1-2021







Crossword Puzzle

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9
10				11					
12				13					
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36							37		

ACROSS

1. Fortify  
4. Refinement  
10. Caviar  
11. Assault  
12. Weapon  
13. Titlarks  
14. Unobserved  
16. Caustic substance  
17. Cheese  
18. Atlanta locale  
20. United States (abbr.)  
22. Superman’s Ms. Lane  
26. Not (refix)  
29. Mr. Monet  
31. Beehive  
33. X  
34. Asker  
35. Butane  
36. Plot  
37. Roberto’s yes

DOWN

1. Debate  
2. Circular  
3. Elite intellectuals’ society  
4. Back of the neck  
5. Mistreating  
6. Viper  
7. Nab  
8. Big town  
9. Otherwise  
15. Flightless bird  
19. Wing  
21. Leave now!  
23. Surpass  
24. Perfect  
25. Pick up  
26. Takes  
27. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries  
28. At hand  
30. Greek stringed instrument  
32. Maturity

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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 Johnny Carson

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ

QXJJ Q ZEM CEXJ KIZZISP ME

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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.

						8		
1			5	8				
2		5		1			3	
	4	8	2	5		6		
					4			
7		2						1
5							2	
9	3	7					4	
						9		6

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Crossword Solution

ARM		NUANCE
ROE		ASSAIL
GUN		PIPITS
UNSEEN		LYE
EDAM		GALLOIS
NON		CLAUDE
APIARY		TEN
BEGGAR		GAS
SCHEME		OLE

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Cryptogram Solution

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ

QOWFJRPV I D T Z C B E G S X L M Y A K H N U

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Sudoku Solution

4	7	6	9	2	3	8	1	5
1	9	3	5	8	7	2	6	4
2	8	5	4	1	6	7	3	9
3	4	8	2	5	1	6	9	7
6	1	9	8	7	4	3	5	2
7	5	2	6	3	9	4	8	1
5	6	4	7	9	8	1	2	3
9	3	7	1	6	2	5	4	8
8	2	1	3	4	5	9	7	6

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Capitol Street and Monument Street

CITY HALL

219 S President St

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DOLLAR GENERAL

3957 Northview Dr (North Jackson)

DOLLAR GENERAL

2030 N Siwell Rd

DOLLAR GENERAL

4331 Highway 80W

DOLLAR GENERAL

5990 Medgar Evers Blvd

DOLLAR GENERAL

1214 Capitol St (Downtown Jackson)

DOLLAR GENERAL

304 Briarwood Dr

DOLLAR GENERAL

2855 McDowell Rd

DOLLAR GENERAL

104 Terry Rd

J & A FUEL STORES

3249 Medgar Evers Blvd.

LIBERTY BANK AND TRUST

2325 Livingston Rd.

MCDADDE’S MARKET

Northside Drive

MCDADDE’S MARKET #2

653 Duling Avenue

PICADILLY CAFETERIA

Jackson Medical Mall

350 W Woodrow Wilson Avenue

SHELL FOOD MART

5492 Watkins Drive

SPORTS MEDICINE

Fortification and I-55

MURPHY USA

6394 Ridgewood Rd (North Jackson)

REVELL ACE HARDWARE

Terry Rd (South Jackson)

WALGREENS

380 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave

CANTON

A & I

716 Roby Street - Canton, MS

B & B

702 West North Street - Canton, MS

BOUTIQUE STORE

3355 North Liberty - Canton, MS

BULLY’S STORE

Church Street - Canton, MS

COMMUNITY MART

743 Ruby Street - Canton, MS

FRYER LANE GROCERY

Martin Luther King Drive - Canton, MS

HAMLIN FLORAL DESIGN

285 Peace Street - Canton, MS

JOE’S SANDWICH & GROCERY

507 Church Street - Canton, MS

K & K ONE STOP

110 West Fulton Street - Canton, MS

LACY’S INSURANCE

421 Peace Street - Canton, MS

SOUL SET BARBER SHOP

257 Peace Street - Canton, MS

TRAILER PARK GROCERY

22 Westside Drive - Canton, MS

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5777 Terry Road

CITY HALL

Terry Road

CLINTON

DOLLAR GENERAL

807 Berkshire St - Clinton, MS

TERRY

SERVICE STATION

at Exit 78

CITY HALL

West Cunningham Avenue

RAYMOND

HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## Freedom rider's days remembered in C.T. Vivian's memoir

*Special to The Mississippi Link*

C.T. Vivian's legacy lives on in his new memoir "It's in the Action: Memories of a Non-violent Warrior," and features his Freedom Riders journey in Jackson, Mississippi.

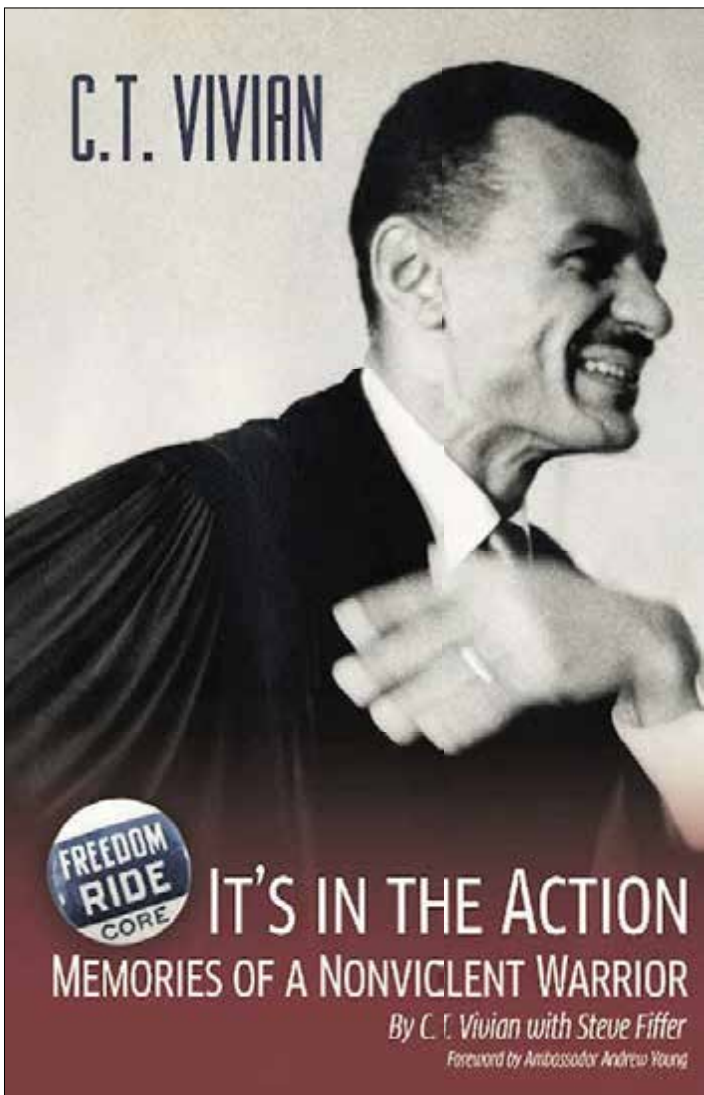
In the chapter "And They Jumped on Me" Vivian describes his arrest and jail abuse for using a white's only facility during the Freedom Ride of 1961.

He writes, "Out he comes with his slapjack, and he's right down on top of me. It turned and cut me right down the side and as soon as the blood spurted out, they jumped back." This bloodshed was the start of change to come and even U.S. Attorney General Bobby Kennedy was pressured to act.

The wisdom acquired during Vivian's nine decades is generously shared in "It's In The Action," the civil rights legend's memoir of his life and times in the movement.

Born in Missouri in 1924, Vivian lived twenty-four years in Illinois before moving to Nashville where he earned a degree in theology and joined John Lewis, Diane Nash and others to integrate the city in 1960.

After being imprisoned and beaten during the Freedom Rides, he joined Dr. King at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta and played leading roles in integration and voting rights campaigns in Birmingham, St.



Augustine and Selma.

Over the next half century, he became internationally known for his work for education and civil and human rights and against racism, hated and economic inequality. In 2013, Barack Obama awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Vivian passed away

peacefully in Atlanta July 17, 2020, at the age of 95.

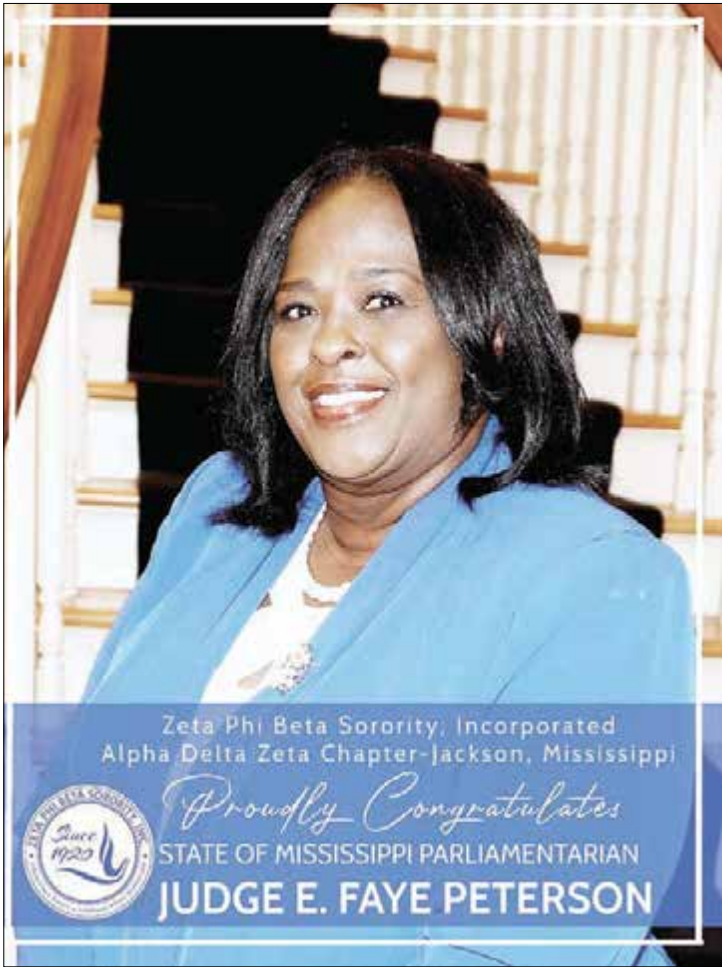
Vivian was never defined by discrimination and hardship, although he faced many instances of both. The late civil rights leader's heart-wrenching and inspiring stories from a lifetime of nonviolent activism come just in time for a new

generation of activists, similarly responding to systems of injustice, violence and oppression. "It's In The Action" is a record of a life dedicated to selflessness and morality, qualities achieved by Vivian that we can all aspire to. Bearing a foreword from Andrew Young, the memoir is an important addition to civil rights history and to the understanding of movement principles and strategies.

Co-author Steve Fiffer is a community activist whose distinguished career includes collaborations with the likes of Dr. Quentin Young, personal doctor to Martin Luther King Jr.; Robert Jordan, former ambassador to Saudi Arabia; and James A. Baker, former U.S. secretary of state. He is the co-author of Jimmie Lee & James: Two Lives, Two Deaths and the Movement that Changed America, a Harlem Book Fair nonfiction finalist. He is also the co-writer of Southern Poverty Law Center co-founder Morris Dees's two award-winning memoirs, A Season for Justice and Hate on Trial. Fiffer lives in Evanston, Illinois, with his wife Sharon, a novelist. He serves on the advisory board of the Civic Leadership Foundation in Chicago, a nonprofit that serves underprivileged youth.

The book is available at the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center and Museum of Mississippi History store.

## Zeta Phi Beta announces election results



*Special to The Mississippi Link*

The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter of Jackson, MS, announce the election of Kotonya Barfield to the position of president of the National Pan-Hellenic. She takes office in April. Judge Eleanor Faye Peterson was elected to the position of State of Mississippi Parliamentarian of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

Anita Young, historian for the Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter, offers congratulations to both women on their success and said, "We are so proud that these ladies are representing as finer women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated."

rated."

The membership of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated includes over 125,000 college-educated dynamic community service driven, diverse and professional women.

The benefits of membership include opportunities for professional development, personal development and sisterhood. Members are active in their respective communities and hold dear the ideals of service, scholarship, sisterhood and finer womanhood.

Valerie Hollingsworth Baker is the International Centennial President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Washington, D.C.

## In honor of Women's History Month – Let us not forget

*By Malena W. Dow  
Special to The Mississippi Link*

Women's History Month is a time to be reminded of the history of Forward Lookers and the Mississippi State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. Although Forward Lookers is one of the younger of the adult clubs, she has come of age, scheduled to celebrate the 50th anniversary in 2022.

Someone wrote recently, "It is easier to go twenty miles onward than to go one mile back for the lost evidence." Sometimes it is necessary to take a few steps back to discover who we are.

Born out of Mary Church Terrell Literary Club with Clara Alexander Jackson, an elementary school teacher, at the helm, Forward Lookers Club stands on the shoulders of strong, heroic, courageous colored women who had a passion for lifting and climbing.

They took what they had and did what they could. They understood they could not accomplish anything alone. So they honed their skills and worked with "the others" during dark days in a segregated system to bring relief to those in need. Thus, scholarship, service to the underserved and rehabilitation of delinquent youth became the channels through which Mississippi Federated women chose to lift as they climbed.

The state organization resolved that it would establish a home for delinquent youth, and this also provided an opportunity to serve other youth and older people.



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Cleopatra D. Thompson's "History of the Mississippi State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and Mississippi Black Women," edited by Geneva Blalock White and Eva H. Bishop, offer a clear picture of the federation story and the relationship to Oakley Training School, now Oakley Developmental Center. Oakley grew out of the federation.

Home for Delinquent Children, started by Mississippi Colored Women's Clubs, is rooted in the generosity and skillful management of Sarah Dickey, a mission-minded white woman who purchased the Mount Her-

man Seminary in Clinton in 1875. It was from this property that the federation made its purchase.

After the death of Sarah Dickey and the destruction of the facility by fire in 1930, MSFCWC recognized the enormous responsibility of operating such a massive program. They went to the Mississippi legislature for help, developed and presented a proposal. A ten-year period of lobbying resulted in the passage of House Bill #239, May 1940.

The state took over the responsibility of Mississippi's delinquent youth. Two years later, they approved a bill to fund the

program. They purchased land and located the operation on a 200-acre site in Raymond, Mississippi and named it Oakley Training School.

MSFCWC led the opening ceremony and, through the years, has supported and encouraged individual clubs to support Oakley. Two of the buildings on campus are named for members of the federation, Mattie Foote Rowan and Ursula Wade Foster.

A major donor to Oakley since its inception, Forward Lookers has supported with personal and financial resources. The Forward Lookers-Oakley relationship was secured as President Violet

Williams served on the teaching staff of Oakley, where she was able to live out the federation's motto. Subsequently, the club endeavored to honor that bond. Oakley became Forward Lookers' primary project.

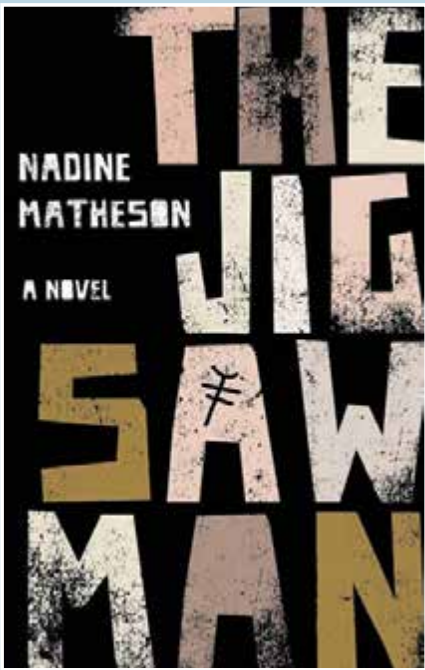
Because of its impact, Forward Lookers' contribution to Oakley has not gone unnoticed by state leadership. The club was cited in 2011 and honored with a formal recognition ceremony in Jackson, where the governor of Mississippi declared, "Forward Lookers Federated Club Day in Mississippi."

Honoring federation history and the women on whose shoulders we stand, can we afford any less than what our founders envisioned and sacrificed? In the midst of what

has been described as "the worst of times," could it be the best of times for us to remember who we are and for what purpose we were formed? Our mission has not changed. Our motto remains the same. Can we afford not to stand up, lift up and honor our commitment in a meaningful way?

Federation sisters, would it be a fitting memorial to honor Club Sisters Ella, Violet, Gwen, and the others who have joined our ancestors, with an extra ounce of support to Oakley Developmental Center and the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs Capital Campaign, in addition to our annual Clara Alexander Jackson Memorial Scholarship?





BOOK REVIEW:

THE JIGSAW MAN:  
A NOVEL

BY NADINE MATHESON  
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

Finders Keepers.  
It’s all yours now, that cool, unique, surprise thing that suddenly turned up and you laid claim to it. What once was lost is yours now. Finders keepers, except, as in the new novel “The Jigsaw Man” by Nadine Matheson, what’s found is a dead body. Looking as though it was about to pay attention, the male torso sat nicely upright against the rocks near the Greenwich Pier. Nicely, if that can be said about a headless, limbless body

found along the murky water by a young student. Not so nicely, if you were Detective Inspector Anjelica Henley, who’d been given this case on her first day back to work after being on leave for a PTSD-inducing trauma of her own and was immediately assigned a rookie, trainee Detective Salim Ramouter, as partner. But one disarticulated, mutilated body became two in short order, both victims found by the river and both, as it turned out, were romantically tied in life. In death, there was another tie: Henley and Ramouter instantly

realized that these new crimes had a lot in common with another set of cases. Peter Olivier, who’d called himself “The Jigsaw Man,” had killed and dismembered a number of people years before, and there were similarities between his crimes and the new cases. Problem was, Olivier had been in prison for two years, and murderous habits he practiced (but that were not made public) seemed to have been copied. When Henley mentioned the victims’ names to Olivier, there was recognition in his eyes and

she spotted yet another tie: the new victims distantly knew the imprisoned Olivier. From his prison cell, Olivier fumed. Someone copied his crimes and was stealing the limelight, there were leaks to the press and they were all wrong, and DI Henley was ridiculously off-course in her thinking. There was only one Jigsaw Man – everybody else was a copycat – and Olivier was going to escape from prison and prove it... Reading “The Jigsaw Man” is a lesson in contradictions. It’s good. It’s everything you

want in a thriller: an evil maniac, another evil maniac, an on-the-edge detective, a love triangle or two, and blood; plenty of blood, spilled in the most gruesome way possible. For fans of thrillers, the things that author Nadine Matheson offers are like sprinkles on ice cream: absolutely necessary and the more, the better. And yet, there’s two big, nearly-insurmountable problems. “The Jigsaw Man” is set in Great Britain and, as such, is formatted differently in many ways that can cause confusion, par-

ticularly in acronyms and, most especially, in dialogue; reading a conversation takes an exhausting amount of attention, lest you mis-attribute a sentence or an important character thought. It’s a hot mess, exacerbated by an overabundance of characters that are thrown at readers, unsorted, and all within the first few dozen pages. Overall, you’ll be thrilled by this thriller, but also perhaps annoyed, so keep that in mind. If you can handle the latter, you’ll love “The Jigsaw Man.” If not, then keep away.

Meet the Candidates

Jackson City Council Ward 5

By Aaron Terrett  
*Contributing Writer*

With election season rapidly approaching, candidates are gearing up to have their names known in their area. Candidates for Jackson City Council Ward 5 are no different. College Hill Baptist Church was home to a “Meet The Candidates” forum Thursday, March 18, moderated by Pamela Shaw and hosted by One Voice. The panel of candidates consisted of Adam Sanders, Charles Tillman, James R. Ridgley, Jr., Rickey Jones and Vernon Hartley. Each candidate was allotted three minutes for an opening statement, and two minutes for each question following the opening statement. The candidates were asked to choose the biggest challenge facing Ward 5 and to give three steps on how they would go about solving these challenges. Vernon Hartley answered first. The challenge he listed was crime and policing. He communicated that he plans to improve this challenge by expanding the COPS program, making the police a vital part of the community and having more incentives for police and first responders. “Our very lives depend on it. It impacts our businesses, it impacts our communities, it impacts our growth,” said Hartley. Rickey Jones’ response was education. His plans to fix education include improving communication with Jackson Public Schools and creating a path-



Sanders



Tillman



Ridgley



Jones

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Hartley



Courtney, One Voice



Shaw, moderator

way to four-year institutions. “This will increase home ownership in our area and we will have employers coming and bringing jobs,” said Jones. Another solution that he listed was improving pathways between schools. Charles Tillman also said that education was the biggest challenge facing

Ward 5. By focusing on this challenge, Tillman says that the city will be able to depend on itself, rather than looking to other cities for services. “With education, we’ll have the ability to know how to borrow money, how to invest in different aspects of services needed in our community and we’ll have the power to

take care of ourselves,” said Tillman. James R. Ridgley Jr. said abandoned houses are the biggest challenge facing Ward 5. To alleviate this issue, he listed holding meetings to teach people how to approach the secretary of state to purchase property, tasking the city with hiring more code enforcers and encour-

aging homeowners to take pride in their area as ways to improve the issue. Adam Sanders listed infrastructure as the most prominent challenge. “I want to see our streets better. I want to see that the money that is designated to infrastructure is certainly used for that,” said Sanders. To mitigate this issue, Sanders stated that he wants to see a committee formed that can monitor the situation and ensure that there will continue to be growth in jobs and increase the number of visitors into the city of Jackson. The candidates covered a variety of subjects such as advice for the youth, qualifications for the position and future ambitions. The entire forum can be found on the Facebook page of One Voice and College Hill Baptist Church. Party primary elections are scheduled for April 6.



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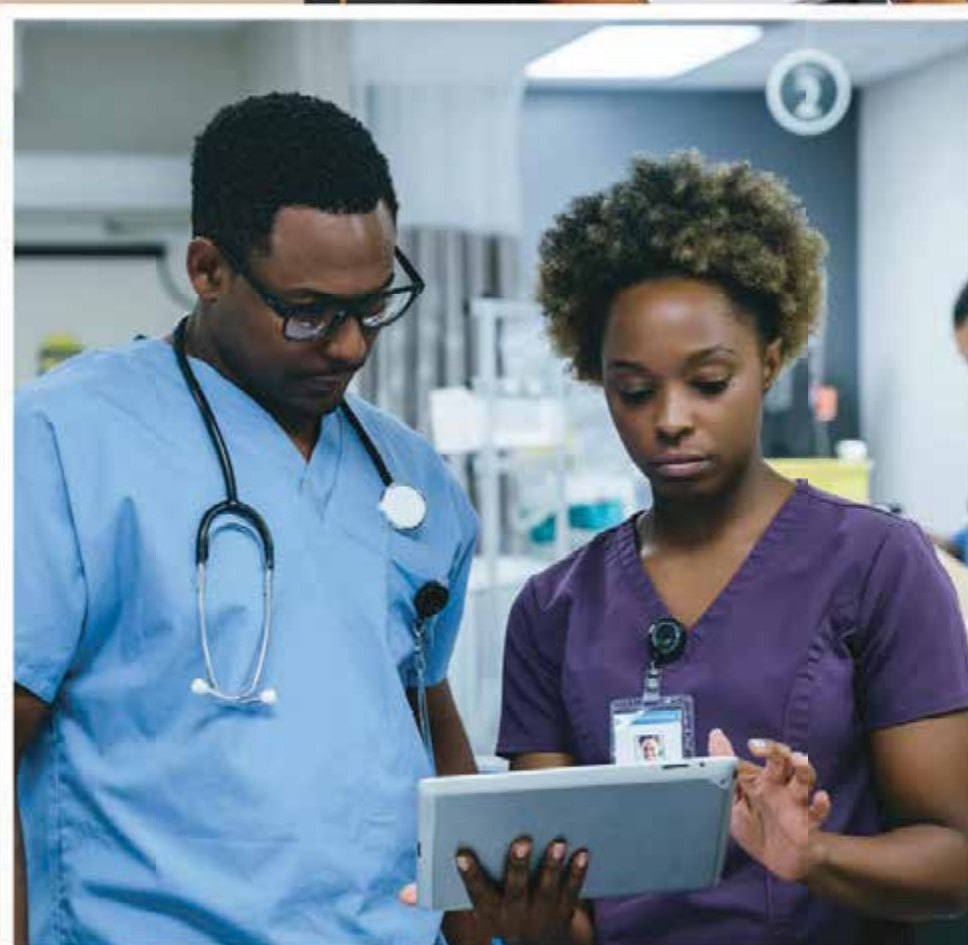


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