



The Jackson Water Crisis: The root and the latest update

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Many of the citizens of Jackson and Byram have been without water since the winter storm hit the South last month and left both cities with water breaks and leaks that lead to massive outages for almost three weeks.

Both cities, Jackson and Byram, have been on a boil-water advisory since February 23. However, there are still some citizens who have little water pressure or no water at all. The city said that they are expecting to have it repaired by the end of the week.

Jackson reported over 100 main water breaks and leaks, 53 of which have been repaired, the mayor’s office said in a statement.

“We have seen several areas that have been without water that are starting to see water, but we are certainly nowhere near ready to claim victory until every single resident has the restoration of their water,” Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba said in a press conference this week.

Some of the water treatment plants in the city couldn’t operate in the freezing temperature that lingered for days. Because the plants were shut down for so long, water pressure in the city dropped in some areas, the mayor explained.

“The system got so far down, and

we got behind, and now we’re trying to play catch up,” Charles Williams, Public Works director, said.

There have been community leaders as well as elected officials along with the National Guard who are distributing non-potable water to assist citizens. Potable water can be used to flush toilets only. Groups and other leaders have held bottled water drives for drinking. Almost all of the stores in both cities are out of bottle water.

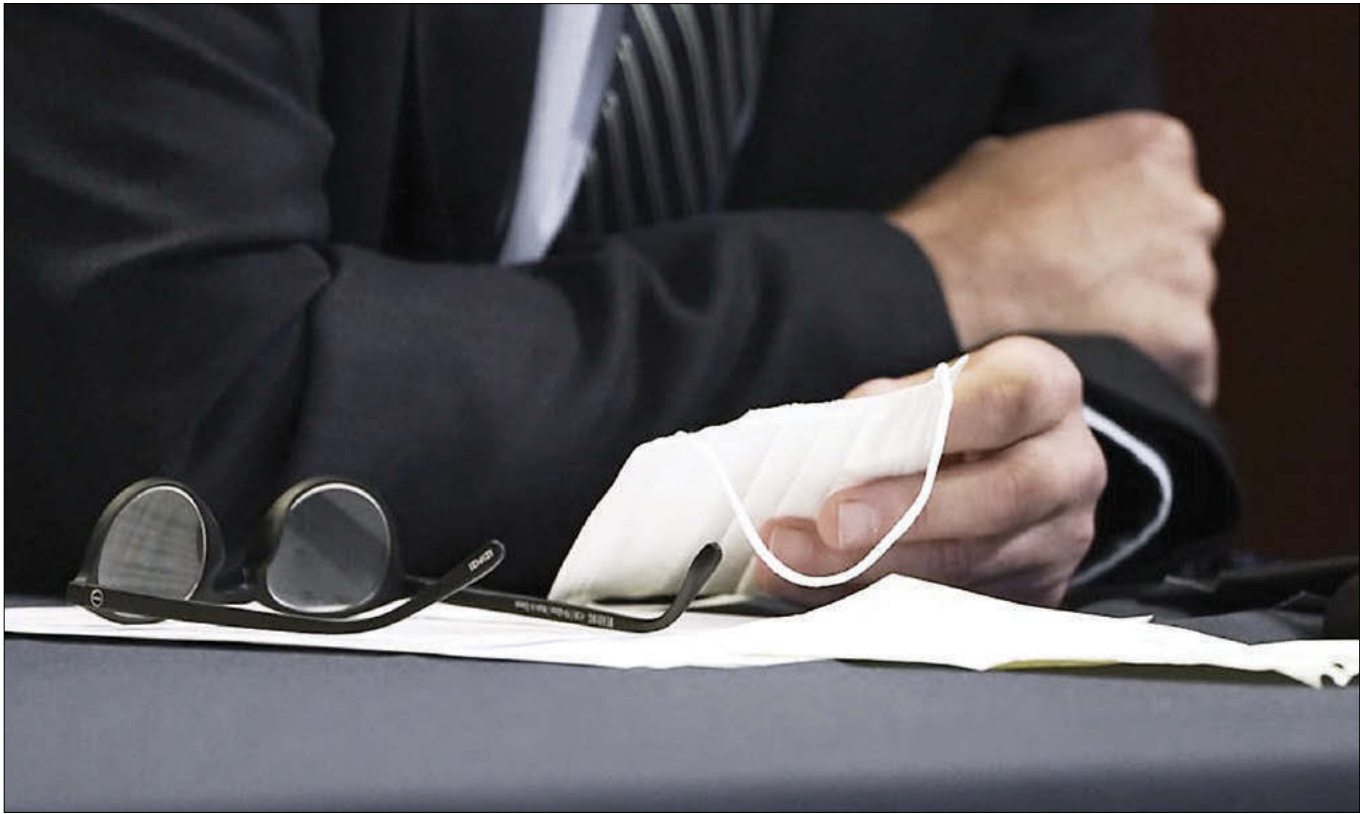
“This was a breakdown of a system that was supposed to be in place for the safety of our citizens,” Cassandra Welchlin said. “This water crisis has really exacerbated a system that has never really worked for poor folks, black folks, seniors, for so many people.”

This water crisis has affected residents day-to-day lives, not having water for weeks, not being able to bathe or cook.

Businessman Jeff Good wrote on his Facebook page, “This pains me greatly, but this is day 10. Broad Street Bakery & Cafe and Sal & Mookie’s New York Pizza & Ice Cream Joint still have no water. We remain closed.” Water was finally restored a few days ago and the restaurants are now open according to an updated post on Jeff’s page.

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Mississippi governor: Masks recommended but not mandated



By Emily Wagster Pettus and Leah Willingham
Associated Press

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves says that as of Wednesday, he is getting rid of most mask mandates that he had imposed to try to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The Republican is also lifting most other restrictions, including limits on seating in restaurants.

“The governor’s office is getting out of the business of telling people what they can and cannot do,” Reeves said

during a news conference Tuesday.

It has been nearly a year since Mississippi reported its first confirmed case of the coronavirus. During that time, Reeves has set varying degrees of restrictions on businesses and social gatherings. He frequently said his goal was to avoid stretching the health care system beyond its capacity – even as he repeated that he opposes government having a heavy hand in regulation.

Until now, most of Mississippi’s

82 counties had been under a mask mandate for months. Reeves said the number of people hospitalized because of the virus has decreased in recent weeks, and vaccination numbers are increasing.

Reeves issued a new executive order that takes effect at 5 p.m. Wednesday and remains in place until March 31.

He said rules for K-12 schools are not changing. Schools will still require

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The Legacy of Courage Series honors African-American women changemakers

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The first of a series of forums entitled The Legacy of Courage brought attention to African-American women who have stood tall before humanity and produced change on Monday, March 1. The 7 p.m. virtual event highlighted the unswerving courage of Gladys Noel Bates who filed the first civil rights case in Mississippi for equal pay for teachers.

Businesswoman and member of Women for Progress, Willie Jones, served as facilitator. She introduced the film The Impact of One by Wilma Mosley Clopton of NMHS Unlimited Productions. Jones pinpointed that Bates advocated that teachers of African

descent should receive the same amount of pay as their white counterparts.

“I have been denied, slapped down, knocked down...but now we have equality of education, I hope,” said Bates during a tributary celebration in the film. “I’m not the person who should be honored today, [my parents should be the ones]” she continued.

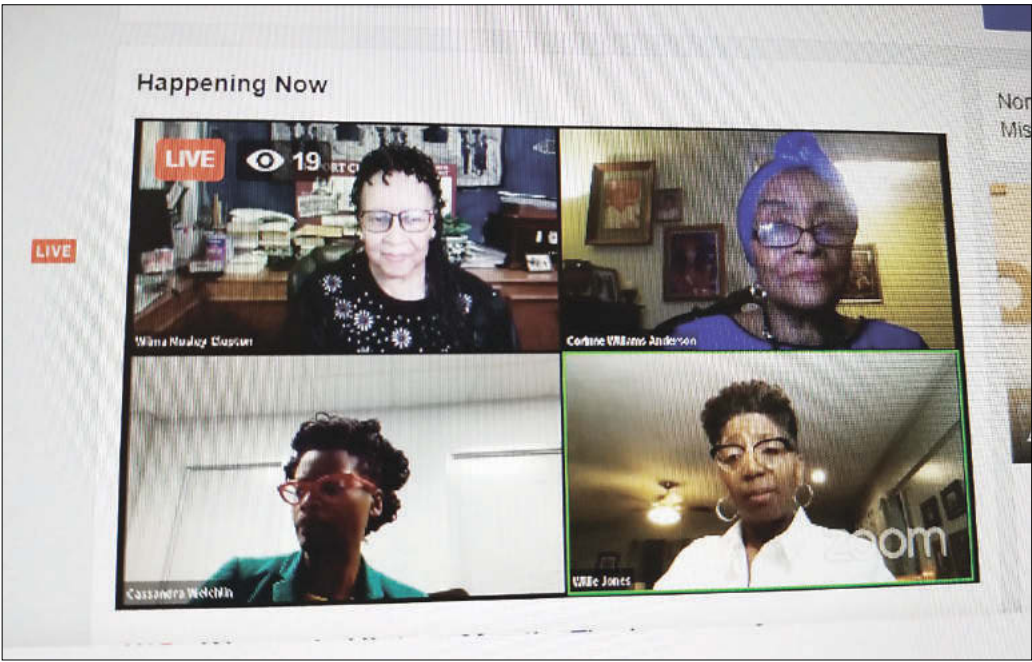
According to panelist Cassandra Welchlin, State Lead, Miss. Black Women’s Roundtable, “There’s a history to Mrs. Bates’ story. [Her] story lends opportunity to bring new groups which are black teachers into the forefront. Wow! Black women only making 50 cents on the dollar. It’s an old fight and we have to take it all the way.”

“This type of storytelling in connecting the dots is what the month of March is about. When we talk about courage and activism, we have to redefine [the meaning]. Most activists are outraged about something,” noted Jones.

“I’m more fascinated with the word courage. Courage involves motivation for fairness. You get upset about it and you move to action. You’ve got to get up, do something, stand for something and say something,” Corrine Anderson, vice chair, Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute, claimed.

Welchlin interjected: “I think about John Lewis when he said, ‘Make good trouble.’ I was bullied

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(TOP LR) Wilma Mosley Clopton, Corrine Anderson, (BOTTOM LR) Cassandra Welchlin, Willie Jones

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Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area announces 2021 leadership team



Mississippi Link Newswire

Merrill McKewen, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HFHMCA), is pleased to announce new staff and new staff positions for 2021.

Brittany Hill of Madison is the new finance director. Hill holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from the University of Alabama. A certified public accountant, she has eight years of experience in public accounting with Horne LLP and three years in director level accounting positions with Jackson area hospitals.

Kelle Menogan of Madison, a licensed residential builder, is the new construction director. He holds a bachelor's degree in environmental design from the University of Colorado and a master's in business administration from Belhaven College. His 39 years of work experience includes 26 years at Tougaloo College, where he served the past 17 years as vice president of Facilities and Real Property Management.

Victoria Stein of Jackson has been named development director. She is a graduate of Mississippi State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in communications with a concentration in public relations. She has six years of experience in public relations and development work, including serving as development coordinator at the American Lung Association in Mississippi and a public relations intern and then executive assistant at The Cirlot Agency. She began employment in 2018 at HFHMCA in the position of development associate.

Ashley Avery of Madison has been promoted to a new position – family services director. A graduate of Jackson State University, Avery holds a bachelor's degree in industrial technology. He began employment with HFHMCA in 2010 as family selection coordinator. His previous work experience includes six years in financial services with Trustmark. He also has experience in broad-based financial management advisory, community outreach/public relations, client services and administration.

"This leadership team has a unique depth of experience aligned with our vision as we move into the thirty-fifth year of this affiliate," McKewen said. "We are so fortunate to have them on board in these extraordinary times."

Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area is a faith-based organization founded in 1986. The non-profit has built or renovated simple and sustainable homes for 650 families in Hinds, Madison and Rankin counties.

Habitat homes are sold at no profit with an interest-free mortgage to families who cannot qualify for traditional bank loans.

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Gladys Noel Bates PHOTO BY JANICE NEAL-VINCENT

by a big girl. My aunt told me if I didn’t confront her, she was going to confront me. She took me down to the girl and told me to tell her how I felt. I learned to do it [though] I was afraid, and the courage kicked in.”

“I was born to a teen mom and a dad. So my grandmother raised me. She had a quick temper and a sharp tongue. She told me to learn to speak up for the people who couldn’t speak for themselves. I grew up an only child, knowing I was my brother’s keeper,” recalled Anderson.

Jones informed panelists that her mother and grandmother inspired her. “My mom was an entrepreneur. She was an Avon lady and a farmer. She distributed food from that farm. My father died when I was five years old. My grandmother was

a woman of so much love, courage and strength. She taught us how to sew.”

Watching her mother and grandmother was how Jones stated that she learned. “You had to be a person of integrity. You had to have God in your life...I learned from my mom that if you could get up and see a new day, you could do what you needed to do,” she contended.

Clopton contributed that her grandmother was a single mother and a seamstress. “She cut the mattress and the spring in half to make herself a twin bed. My mother passed on to me to figure a way to do what she needed to do...They wanted me to travel, to see things, to understand that there’s a larger world,” she added.

Panelists concluded the session with what they wanted to leave behind for the young.

“Make sure you get a seat at the table. Stand up. Speak up. Be courageous,” said Anderson.

“Be great in the gifts you’ve been given, and use them all up. Use every gift and give yourself away,” contemplated Welchlin.

Clopton stated, “The only ‘no’ that matters is the one you put on yourself. Give your best shot.”

“Embrace fear. Fear is good. Don’t worry about trying to get rid of fear. Embrace it. Utilize it. Push it back every day and learn to live with it,” Jones said courageously.

Future Facebook forums within the Legacy of Courage Series will occur each Monday of this month: 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 7 p.m.

The Legacy of Courage is sponsored by Women for Progress of Mississippi, Inc., DSC Training Academy, The Greater Jackson Arts Council, The Olivia Group L.L.C., Action Leadership Institute, BJP Pharmacy, American Association of University Women, Mississippi and Linda Seiner.

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masks where social distancing is not possible. There are also still limits on seating at K-12 school events: 25% capacity for indoor events and 50% capacity for outdoor events.

The new capacity for seating at indoor arenas for colleges is 50%, up from 25%. Club areas in arenas are limited to 75% of their seating capacity. Reeves said there are no limits on seating for outdoor events for colleges, including baseball stadiums.

Reeves said he is encouraging people to wear face coverings in public, but is not requiring it. He also said people should avoid confrontation over the issue.

“I believe that mask shaming on both sides – that those who shame you for not wearing a mask as well as those who shame someone who chooses to wear a mask – is wrong,” Reeves said. “It’s counterproductive. It doesn’t do anyone any good.”

The new executive order says businesses are encouraged to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including taking steps to allow social distancing between

customers who are not from the same household. The order also says businesses should screen employees for COVID-19 symptoms and should make hand sanitizer widely available.

The order specifies that “close-contact” businesses such as barbershops, beauty salons and massage or tattoo parlors should encourage their employees and customers to wear masks.

The governor is asking people to follow recommendations from the state health officer, Dr. Thomas Dobbs.

Dobbs said in response to questions Tuesday that it’s still a good idea for people to avoid large, unmasked gatherings.

“There’s no way in heck I would go sit in a crowded bar right now,” Dobbs said.

The state Health Department said Tuesday that nearly 410,000 people had received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in Mississippi, and nearly 228,000 had received both doses.

The department also said Mississippi has had about 295,300 confirmed cases of the virus and about 6,725 deaths from it since the start of the pandemic.

(Edito's Notes)

Statement Regarding Mask Mandate in Jackson, MS



Mayor Lumumba

"Now is not the time to let our guard down. Healthcare experts continue to advise that we are not yet at a place to remove masks. The continued evidence of COVID-19 variants supports this recommendation. The mask mandate in the City of Jackson and the Sixth Amended Stay Safe Jackson Executive Order remain in full force and effect." – City of Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba

"I think it is a big mistake. Look, I hope everybody's realized by now, these masks make a difference. We are on the cusp of being able to fundamentally change the nature of this disease because of the way in which we're able to get vaccines in people's arms, President Joe Biden, stated per CNN. President Biden referred to the elimination of mask mandates by Governor Reeves as "Neanderthal thinking."



President Biden

Scott Ford Houses, Inc. awarded \$50,000 WK Kellogg grant on stories of Mississippi “Granny” Midwives / Interview with Alferdteen Harrison



Harrison reveals properties 136 and 138 Cohea Street (Jackson)

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent
Contributing Writer

Scott Ford Houses, Inc. has documented Mississippi granny midwife stories through public forums and oral histories since 2016 in collaboration with the JSU Margaret Walker Research Center and The Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center.

Alferdteen Harrison, executive director, engaged in an online interview with *The Mississippi Link* Feb. 23. She announced three major events to take place at Scott Ford Houses (136 and 138 East Cohea Street in Midtown Jackson) at 10 a.m. Feb. 25: (1) the unveiling of a construction sign featuring The Scott Ford House, Inc.’s \$30,025 grant from the Community Heritage Preservation Program in 2020 and the Mississippi Care, LLC match of \$14,927 – with a memorial to granny midwife Virginia Scott Ford’s granddaughter, Ruth Weir, and a select list of individuals, organizations and businesses that have given SFH over \$50,000 since 2015; (2) the presentation of the Mississippi Humanities Council “Granny Midwife Story Boards: 1619 to circa 1980” by Detrice Roberts, a JSU history professor; and (3) a \$50,000 WK Kellogg grant – “Reclaiming our Legacy and Shifting the Narrative of Mississippi Granny Midwives: A Storytelling Project.”

The WK Kellogg grant allows SFH to engage in a three-year project which begins this year “to increase public awareness of interracial systemic racism seen in the neglect of archival resources and the built environment as in the Farish Street Historic District, and the challenge presented by efforts to raise funds to restore SFH,” said Alferdteen Harrison.

Harrison continued, “This year we are motivated by our WK Kellogg grant’s interest in systemic racism and the extent to which systemic racism has prevented us from telling the Mississippi granny midwife story. Therefore, we want to shift the narrative by collecting 20-30 stories to feature in the final video-kiosks and interpretative brochure.”

In shifting the narrative, the 2021 theme differs from themes of the past. According to Harrison, “This is a focused theme that takes our research beyond the chronology that is presented in the “Story Boards,” that were used last year with the MHC forums and will be unveiled during the February 25th press conference.

These oral/griot narratives are targeting family record keepers or griots who recall a granny midwife in the family’s past who delivered babies in the family and/or the

community.

SFH aims to get legal releases to use excerpts of the griots’ stories.

Four regions have been targeted for these stories: the Jackson Prairie; Loess Hills near Natchez; the Black Belt around Tupelo; and the Delta with cities like Clarksdale, Greenwood, Greenville and Yazoo City.

In previous years SFH has received grants from Mississippi Humanities Council, Hinds County matching grant funds and the Jackson Arts Alliance. Additionally, community partners have donated contributions to match those grants. “They have contributed their time serving on committees and especially helping to develop the board,” Harrison stated.

The two properties on Cohea Street were built in 1891 and 1892. Born a slave, Mary Green came to Jackson as a maid and used her savings to purchase 136. Green encouraged her midwife daughter, Virginia, to build 138. SFH remains committed to restoring them. This is [crucial] because “they were donated to SFH in 1995 by the granddaughter of the midwife Virginia Scott Ford to interpret her life as a midwife. Further, “[there is value] in having authentic historical examples from our past like the Scott Ford granny midwife’s home, for our children of all ethnic and racial backgrounds. [When restored] these houses will tell an excellent racially uplifting success story,” explained the visionary.

Harrison was asked about her vision for SFH within the next two to five years.

What came to mind were the following: (1) restoring the houses as an interpretative museum with school days for children such as Friday Wash Day, Tuesday Gardening Day and Wednesday Quilting and Mending Day; (2) seeing the current SFH Board evolve into a working board that would retain its 501c 3 status and be more able to advocate for the museum that the houses were supposed to become; and (3) seeing professionally trained museum staff in charge of the museum that would be supported by a million dollar endowment.

Harrison is encouraging the different races within the aforementioned regions to come forth and tell their stories. During the coronavirus pandemic she stresses “social distancing, wearing masks, getting vaccinated before beginning the interviewing process and taking all possible processes recommended by the CDC.”

To volunteer stories and to inquire contact Harrison (601-953-4060), WM McClendon (601-750-2804) or Detrice Roberts (601-988-7770).

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“I never thought I would see the day when we would be without water, a necessary essential, but that has been the case since the last winter storm. As a result, I have been unable to provide hair care services at Hair by Sonia,” Sonia Carr posted Wednesday on her Facebook page.

This is not the first time freezing temperatures have caused water problems for the city. Former Mayor Tony Yarber weighed in on the water crisis by sharing an article from the *Clarion Ledger* when he declared an emergency concerning the water issue five, six years ago.

“Y’all remember when I declared an emergency for the city’s water infrastructure in 2015? You remember... the one the City Council overturned and the then governor didn’t act on and most of y’all laughed at? Oh ok. Welp...go on back to ya Ho bafs.”

A 2015 statement from then mayor Tony Yarber’s office stated, “The city’s aged infrastructure system has been plagued by problems

for decades, but it has reached a crisis point following severe winter weather.”

“The city of Jackson’s drinking water quality is among the highest in state, but the issue is our failing infrastructure,” Yarber said in the release. “I’m declaring this emergency to protect our city’s water quality. We are very serious about the quality of life we desire for residents in Jackson. With this declaration, we hope to gain access to federal funds that can expedite infrastructure repairs in this city. We have a plan to fix this.”

In January 2014, voters in the City of Jackson overwhelmingly approved a one percent sales tax increase to fund work on the city’s crumbling infrastructure.

The city estimates that the repairs Jackson needs could cost \$743 million to complete the infrastructure work required. According to the city’s plan, the particulars of needed repairs are staggering and

astronomical. There’s 1,200 miles of streets, 200-plus bridges and hydraulic structures, and 1,100 miles of water main. The mileage of drainage was too high to count. The cost is projected to be \$332 million.

“Infrastructure has been a historical problem, and for years each administration kept kicking that can down the road,” he said.

“This is a longtime issue, but now we’re paying a severe price for that neglect, Rep. Ronnie Crudup said.

“This problem will persist as long as we continue to disinvest from our own public works department. A functional city has the internal capacity to maintain itself. We must aggressively use the one percent sales tax fund to invest in equipment and supplies so that the Public Works department can maintain the city,” Councilman DeKeither Stamps said.

In Memoriam
Remembering
Mildred White Willis

January 7, 1953 - February 16, 2021



Willis

“You can make many plans but the Lord’s purpose will prevail.” Proverbs 19:21.

Mildred White Willis was born January 7, 1953 in Prentiss, Mississippi to the proud parents of Vernell and Electrix White. She was the sixth of seven children.

Mildred grew up in Prentiss during the 60’s, a period in history that’s reflected by civil rights and desegregation of schools. However, she attended elementary, grade school, and graduated from Prentiss High School amidst the barriers that existed. Mildred’s ambition was to attend college and earn a degree in public communication. Her dream became reality. She enrolled in the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She completed her studies and received her bachelor’s degree.

One fascinating thing about the south was the strong commitment to religion. While growing up, her parents would take her and her siblings to church or Sunday school every Sunday. We can still remember the Sunday programs and the picnic baskets under the oak and pine trees. All the mothers of the church would prepare food that we refer to today as “soul food.”

Mildred was introduced to the Gospel of Christ and confessed her faith at an early age. She was a faithful church member at Mt. Calvary and later joined New Hope Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Pastor Jerry Young. At New Hope, Mildred found her calling. She joined the choir and looked forward to being a part of the service each Sunday or whenever duty called.

After graduating from USM, Mildred entered the world of work. Her first job was with WJTV Channe 12 where she co-anchored a noon day show with Wynette Hawkins. While trying to establish herself, she worked a full-time day job before going to a part-time job. One of those part-time jobs at Bell South Telephone Company turned into a career

which allowed her to progress from telephone operator to customer service manager for regional offices in Jackson, the Gulf Coast and Northern Mississippi. She was a part of the original “first blacks” being hired by the major telecommunication company.

Mildred met the love of her life, Arthur N. Willis Jr., in 1974 while working at WJTV Channel 12. The rest is history. They were married April 4, 1980. To this union, two boys were born: Jason and Anthony. Over the years, the family developed a running joke that Arthur could never remember their anniversary. He would always say that their anniversary was on the Saturday before Easter.

Mildred was a devoted wife, mother and friend. She was Arthur’s best friend and vice versa that she affectionately called him “Friend.”

Mildred experienced many joys in life, especially that of being a grandmother. She loved to cook for family gatherings during holiday seasons and special occasions. There was always a request for her sweet potato pie and that decadent cream cheese pound cake that we’re going to miss. Friends and family were always the center of her love of life.

Mildred’s strong work ethics and Arthur’s business endeavors led them to open Lakeover Memorial Funeral Home in 1988, an idea that was contemplated over a conversation at their kitchen table. Arthur’s father and grandfather both worked in the funeral home business. They worked very hard to build a successful business and are still proud owners.

In September 2001, Lakeview Memorial Funeral Home was established at 2102 Clay Street in Vicksburg, MS. Being the entrepreneurs that they were, yet another vision was realized; Willis and Sons Funeral Home was opened in 2013 at 5235 Robinson Road Ext. in Jackson, MS. Mildred so beautifully embraced the vision.

Mildred’s legacy is forever

embellished in the hearts of those she loved and those who loved her, her loving husband of 45 years, Arthur Willis Jr.; two sons, Jason and Anthony Willis of Madison, MS; mother-in-law Ella Mae Willis of Edwards, MS; one goddaughter, Jeniffer (Chris) Gibson of Jackson, MS; two sisters, Mary White (Perry, Sr.) Paige of Jackson, MS, and Carla Owens of Prentiss, MS; one brother, Pertis (Mary) White of Atlanta, GA; three grandchildren, Lleyton Carr, Kaylee McQuarter of Madison, MS and Kyla Willis Tate of Lithonia Springs, GA; one god granddaughter, Krislyn Gibson of Jackson, MS; sisters-in-law, Bette Shaw and Evelyn Wesley of Los Angeles, CA, Vivian Willis Robinson (Robert) of Clinton, MS and Elaine Willis of Bethesda, MD; three brothers-in-law, Thomas Willis (Sheila) of Southfield, MI, Col. Paul Willis (Dorothea) of Utica, MS, And Calvin Willis (Rita) of Edwards, MS; one godbrother, Michael Caldwell of Jackson, MS; a special niece, Chanel (Missy) Shaw of Los Angeles, CA; a special uncle, Ernest Jamison of Los Angeles, CA; a special sister/friend Kathy Cole of Jackson, MS; a special daughter, Jessica Thompson; special sons, Darryl Quinn, Lend Dillion and Derrick Barnes of Jackson, MS. Mildred also leaves to cherish her legacy: a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and other relatives as well as her extended families that embraced her and shared her love; the entire Edwards community, Friendship MBC Family, Pastor Burks and First Lady Burks, the Morrisons, Mixon Family, Willie Jean White and the Howard Family, John Ivory and Alma Foster, Lois Flagg and Zolda Tillman, Beulah Kelley, the Butlers, the Fisher Family of Utica, the Wallace/ Owens Family, John and Marcelina Singleton Family, Myra Harris, Glenda Cage Barner, Emma Adams, Carolyn Price, Patricia Camper, Linda James, Phyllis Qualls-Brooks of Nashville, TN and many others from surrounding cities, too numerous to name.

Mildred is preceded in death by her parents, Vernell and Electrix White, father-in-law, Arthur N. Willis Sr.; brothers, James Earl and Vernell McClinton, sister, Annie Smith, brothers-in-law, Jerry Owens, Robert Earl Smith and Henry Cooper.

Remember this: “God made you, He will carry you, He will sustain you, and He will rescue you in times of trouble.” Isaiah 46:4.

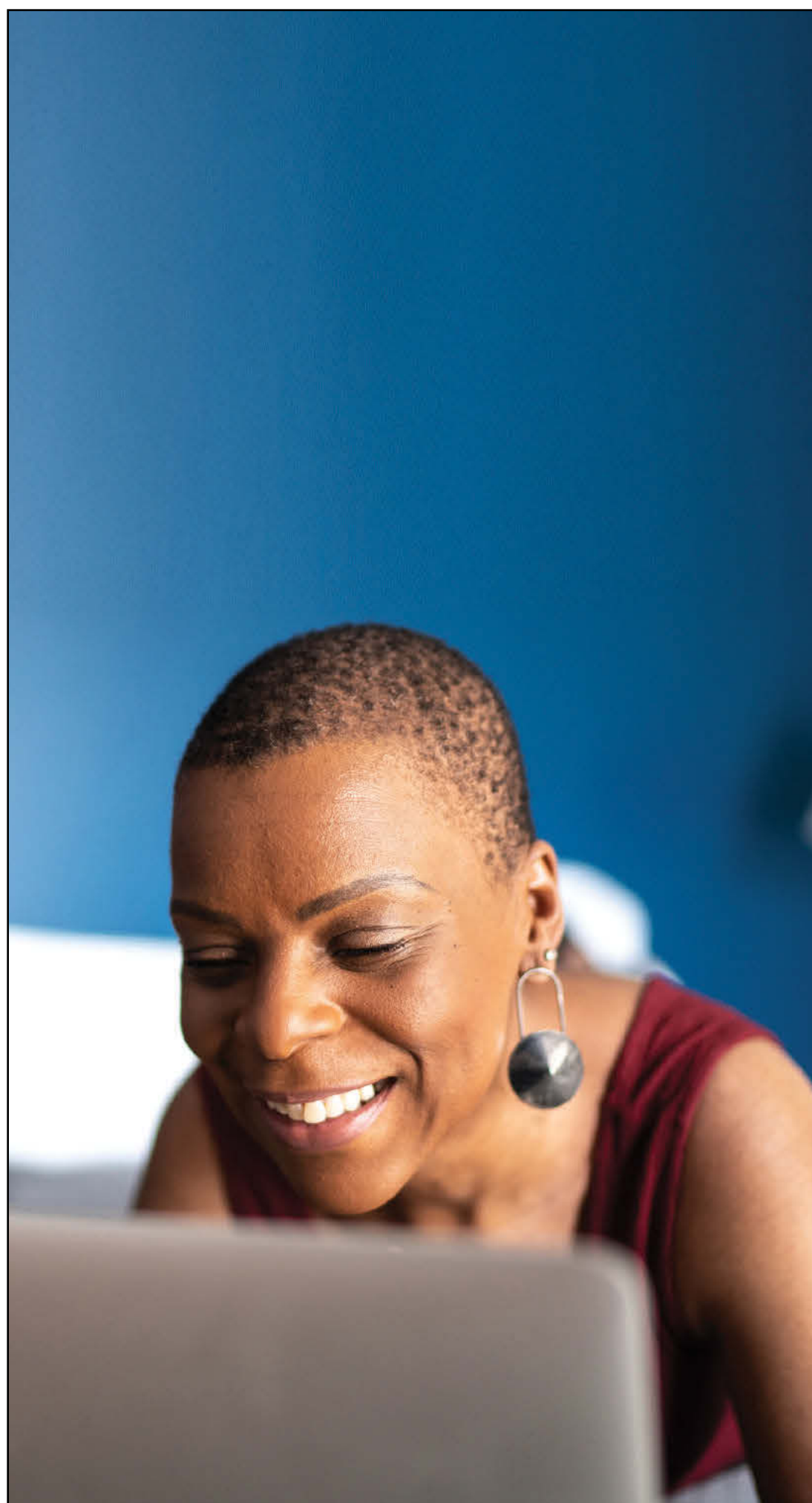
And “Don’t forget to listen to God’s voice in everything you do and everywhere you go; He’s the one that will keep you on track.” Proverbs 3:6.

I will always love you. My only regret is that if I had known that the last time I saw you, would be the last time I saw you, I would have hugged you a little tighter, told you I loved you a little louder, and stayed by your side a little longer. Yes, she’s gone, but she will never be forgotten. She lives on in our hearts and in the hearts of those who knew her and loved her.

“Every good and perfect gift is from above.” James1:17. Mildred was truly a gift from above.

“Let not the night come upon you in your anger, that is, make atonement quickly, for all matters.” Ephesians 4:26

“Nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1:37



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Reparations? Here we go again...

By Leon Williams
Contributing Writer



African Americans have had a love-hate relationship with America since their initial introduction as slaves to the shores of the James River in 1619. Singer-songwriter Marvin Gaye’s song “Ain’t That Peculiar” encapsulates this relationship:

...Every chance you get you seem to hurt me more and more
But each hurt makes my love stronger than before
I know flowers go through rain
But how can love grow through pain
Ain’t that peculiar...

On February 17 a *U.S.A Today* report headline read, ‘Righting wrongs.’ Congress is taking another look at reparations for slavery. The operative word here is another. For centuries, social, economic, civic and practically every other aspect of African-American life has been, by design, impeded at every turn. In fact, the black experience in America has been so horrific that, had it not played out in public, it would be considered far-fetched or implausible.

Many African Americans themselves deny the reality of their own victimhood, internalizing catchphrases of others like “empower yourself” and “stop acting like a victim,” all the while being further exploited.

One such sentiment was on display during a recent testimony by black conservative Republican political activist Star Parker to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary. The committee is currently holding hearings to determine how and whether to implement a form of remuneration to African Americans for the scourge of slavery. Parker testified that the concept of reparations for African Americans is “an appropriate legal concept,” but being able to identify “who caused the damage” and “who suffered the damage” makes the notion of reparations implausible due to the inappropriate application of what Parker calls “collective Guilt.”

Here are some hard facts where “who suffered damages,” “who caused the damages,” and the idea of “collective guilt” didn’t seem to be an obstacle at all:

- 1971 - U.S.A. paid \$1 billion and 44 million acres of land for

Alaska Natives Settlement

- 1980 – U.S.A. paid \$81 million to the Klamath’s indian Tribe of Oregon
- 1985 – U.S.A. paid \$105 million to the Sioux of South Dakota
- 1985 – U.S.A. paid 12.3 million to the Seminoles of Florida
- 1985 – U.S.A. paid \$31 million to the Chippewas of Wisconsin
- 1986 – U.S.A. paid \$32 million (from a 1836 treaty) to the Ottawas of Michigan
- 1990 – U.S.A. paid \$1.2 billion to Japanese Americans

(Source: “Black Reparations Now!” by Dorothy Benton-Lewis)

Given the above listed instances of substantial payments of reparations, why then is the issue of reparations for African Americans so convoluted?

First things first; America has never officially recognized the ravages of slavery, or issued a government-sanctioned apology to African Americans. Sloganeering like “pull yourself up by your bootstraps,” “a rising tide lifts all boats,” “become a credit to your race,” etc. provides cover for whites to ignore the ravages of slavery and conveniently deny their own true heritage and its consistently negative driving force on black lives. Nor have whites publicly acknowledged that their fortunes have always been and continue to be fueled by the benefits they enjoy as a direct result of the initial enslavement of black people and their continued disenfranchisement.

Part of the title of this article is “Here we go again.” The nuances of that statement are manifested in the fact that thirty-six years ago, James Baldwin dealt with this theme in his essay, *The Evidence of Things Not Seen* (1985). Unfortunately, the discussion of forty acres and a mule is likely to again be revisited.

Baldwin writes: “If ‘honest toil and the magic of the marketplace’ – to quote our quite magical and inestimable President Reagan – really created wealth, the black people of this particular time and place and history would be among the wealthiest in the history of the human race.

‘Honest toil and the magic of the marketplace’ sums up Black American history with terrifying precision, and is the key to our continuing dilemma. Our first sight of America was this marketplace and our legal existence here begins with the signature on the bill of sale.’

New Horizon Church International provides COVID-19 vaccinations

PHOTOS BY KEVIN BRADLEY

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

New Horizon Church International (NHCI) provided COVID-19 vaccinations to its’ leadership, pastors in the church’s network and seniors as old as 99 years of age.

The vaccines were administered March 1, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the church’s event center located at 1750 Ellis Avenue.

New Horizon member Ella Garner Jackson, RN, who is the director of the Health and Wellness Ministry at NHCI and executive director for the Abundant Living Organization, stated, “What we as health and wellness nurses in local churches are finding is that many members are having trouble gaining access to vaccines for many reasons, a few being lack of access to computers, transportation to the locations out of their communities and long lines in unfamiliar places.”

The intent for this event was to inspire confidence in the African-American population to take the vaccine and to address some of the issues and barriers in the African-American community.

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Photo of the Week



College Hill Baptist Church, 1600 Florence Avenue in Jackson, honored two students with annual scholarships Sunday, April 28, at 10 a.m. Leah Clark, a senior at St. Joseph High School was the recipient of the Samuel L. Bailey “Ordinary Man” Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Carter Barnes, a senior at Murrah High School, was runner up and received a \$1000 book stipend. PHOTO BY DENISE GRIFFIN

CDC: Life expectancy of black men has dropped by three years

By Lauren Victoria Burke
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Black Americans have lost three years in life expectancy over the last two years according to estimates by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The decline is the largest since World War II. The life expectancy gap by race is now the widest since 1998 and at a 15-year low overall.

Non-Hispanic black males now have the lowest life expectancy of any group. The new data shows that African Americans on average live six years less in life expectancy than whites. The COVID-19 pandemic hit black Americans harder than any other group of Americans. Underlying health issues and lack of health care were a factor.

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The impact of COVID-19, which



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is the cause of 500,000 deaths in less than two years, is a leading cause, not just on deaths directly due to infection

but also from heart disease, cancer and other conditions. The definition of “life expectancy” is calculated by how long someone born today is expected to live. The average life expectancy last year was 77.8.

Though COVID-19 was clearly the driver of the depressing new statistics on life expectancy, drug overdoses and other health factors also factored into the data.

President Biden and Democrats in Congress are currently structuring a multi-billion COVID relief package. Former President Trump largely ignored the coronavirus crisis as mortality numbers mounted. After Trump’s loss to Biden, departments of the federal government are focused on the COVID pandemic.

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Age, what’s that?

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

All athletes will get old, but what does that mean. Do my abilities to perform go down? Do I loose strength? Do I get slower? When should I stop competing? Believe it or not, there are actually advantages to getting older, even for athletes. One of these advantages is accumulating knowledge of our own body, particularly as it reacts to various types of training.

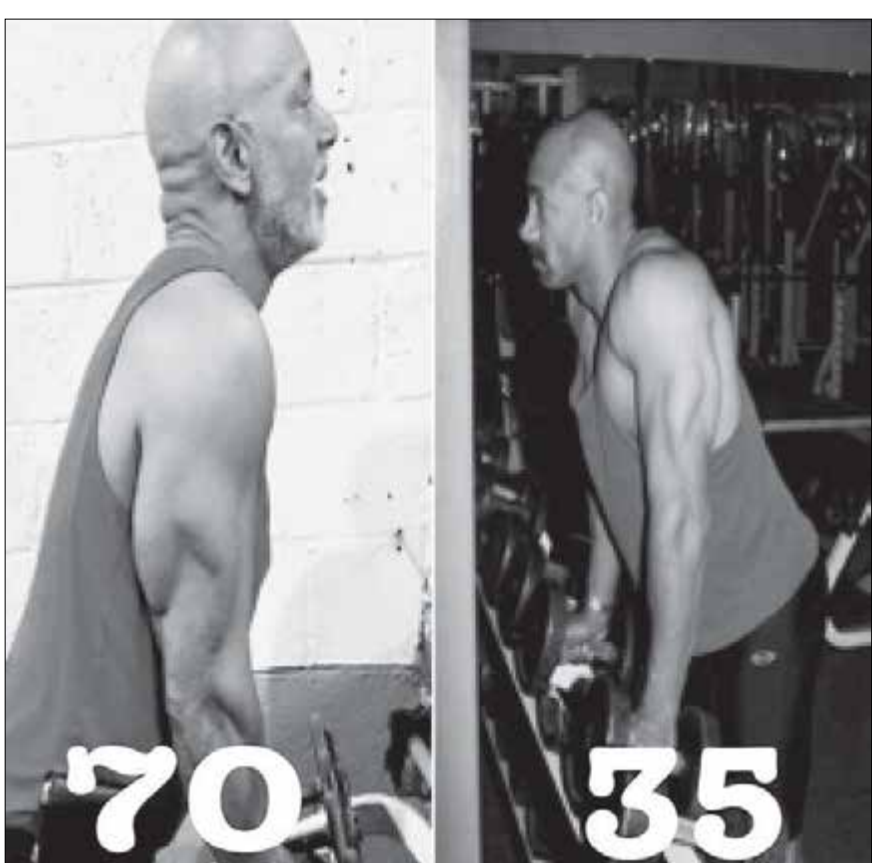
Most of the time it’s not age that gets an athlete to change their minds about being an athlete. Life dictates when it’s time to quit your sport or competition. When I graduated from Penn State I was still thinking how I could continue my gymnastic career. I learned early that the best way to be ready is to always be in shape. I never had an offseason. After nationals there were tours. After that there were camps. Then your competitive season started again.

Constantly getting in shape and then out of shape takes it’s toll on your body. I started taking classes at Temple so I would have access to a great training gym. But I also needed a job that worked around my training. That worked for a few years until your job changes and you have a family. The time you need to stay at a high level begins to not work.

My last gymnastic competition was in Philadelphia where 5 black gymnasts form the first and only all black gymnastic team that competed on an international level. We showed that black gymnasts could compete on an international level. One of our teammates Ron Galimore made the 1980 American Olympic Team. I didn’t know it then but that was my last gymnastic competition. Now I was at a crossroad. I had to decide between my career and gymnastics. I chose my career. I never competed again. I would do something if I got an opportunity to perform until my mother told my daughter to tell me to stop doing double back somersaults off a cliff in Jamaica.

Now I needed to stay in shape without gymnastics. The real enemy is not age, it’s inactivity. The belief that physical decline starts at age 30 is a myth. There is no scientific reason why we cannot continue at or near our peak into our 50s. Serious decline can eventually catch us. Most people over 30 experience more precipitous physical decline not because their bodies fail them but because they fail their bodies. Most people get less and less exercise as they age. An inactive lifestyle, not the passing of time is the biggest cause of our physical deterioration.

We have to make training chang-



es. We should push hard, but not all the time. Older athletes make a few changes because of their age but easing up on intensity is not one of them. Don’t just go for a walk, go for a fast walk or jog. Don’t just try to repeat the same effort. You can do it faster and longer. You can lift a few more pounds and one more rep. This doesn’t mean doing it every time you work out. When you hit a personal best drop the weight or the intensity back and start trying to reach another personal best.

As I always say, “never get out of shape.” Getting in shape is always good but never getting out of shape is even better. The psychological challenge to get back into shape can be challenging. Don’t let yourself become complacent and assume that this decline in physical shape is normal. The longer you stay out of shape the longer it will take you to get back into shape. The best time to get back into shape is today.

You want to work on injury prevention. Know your limits. Warm up, stay in your range of possibilities. Don’t be suckered into a gym challenge. You don’t need another trophy or bragging rights. Focus on what you are doing. Avoid distractions. Plan your workouts. Don’t over do it.

You will have to make changes to your diet after your athletic career. You no longer need as much food. To change or modify your behavior toward food takes a commitment. You must modify or get rid of old habits and develop new positive behaviors. Changing your eating habits is prob-

ably the most difficult part of developing good health.

The first ingredient to modify your eating behavior is the desire to do so. The reasons for change must be more important than those for carrying on your present lifestyle patterns. If a sincere commitment is made the chances for success become much greater.

Developing healthy eating habits takes meal planning. You cannot change your eating habits if you leave your diet to chance. To do this you must shop wisely. Always have a list of the foods you need when you shop and never shop on an empty stomach.

You also have to learn to differentiate between hunger and appetite. Hunger is the actual physical need for food. Appetite is a desire for food, usually triggered by factors such as stress, habit, boredom, smell, depression, food availability or the thought of food itself. Sticking to a regular meal plan will help control hunger and appetite. You need 2 servings of protein, 4 to 6 servings of vegetables, 3 to 6 servings of fruit, 2 to 4 servings of grain and 2 servings of dairy products everyday.

Sometimes you will eat foods you shouldn’t. This happens to everyone. The important thing to remember is that you have to eat healthy on a regular basis for the small slip-ups not to affect you. It takes time to develop good lifetime habits.

Successful older people don’t think of their age as a disadvantage. I ask myself all the time “What is old?”

On Rare Disease Day, Feb. 28: Black families across the nation used their stories to empower others

By Hazel Trice Edney
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It was around 10 a.m about six months ago, August 18, 2020. Jamie and Tonya Nash and their two sons were in class and at work inside their house in Newnan, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta.

It was a scene being played out in millions of homes across the nation as the days of the coronavirus pandemic wore on. But, as if the international quarantine wasn’t enough, the life of the Nash family was about to take on a whole new dimension.

Their older son, Daniel, 13, was at his computer in the dining room and their youngest son, Nicholas, 7, was at a desk in the kitchen. Nicholas, a good-natured, warm and jovial son who loves to sing and video-tape himself playing with toys, was playing around as Mrs. Nash chided him, encouraging him to focus on a worksheet.

“I was explaining to him what he needed to do, and he was just being silly and grinning, and I was like, ‘Boy, look, do this work and you can have a break. You’re taking away from your break time over here playing.’”

Just as she thought he was about to focus, something strange happened.

“All of a sudden his head dropped down and I thought to myself, I know this boy ain’t going to sleep. So, I pulled his head up and I said, ‘Boy you better wake up. What are you doing? And then when I pulled his head up, I could see his eyes. They were rolling around and moving fast.’”

Mrs. Nash, who has a master’s degree in public health, recognized immediately what was happening – albeit unbelievable.

“I knew it was a seizure. But the mama in me was like, this is not happening. What is going on?”

She grabbed Nicholas with one hand and her phone with the other and was trying to dial 911, but she couldn’t get the number right as she struggled to balance. So, she cried out for her husband, Jamie, who was in the bedroom teaching an online JROTC class.

The Nash family story is harrowing and emotional even as she recounts it. But they are telling their story anyway as Sunday, February 28, the last day of Black History Month, has been designated as Rare Diseases Day by the National Organization of Rare Diseases (NORD). Though their situation is more unusual than most, they are hoping to impart awareness to other black families who may have to deal with rare conditions like epilepsy.

“It was very scary. He had never had a seizure before. So, we called the ambulance, and he went to the ER and they told us that, because he had no history of seizures, this would probably be the only one that he’ll have,” she said.

Even after Nicholas was over the seizure, his regular health care provider reiterated the next day that it was not clear what had happened, but he should be fine. That was not the case. “Five days later we found him in the bathroom where he’d had another seizure.”

As is typical of the days of COVID, only one parent was allowed to go into the hospitals or doctors’ appointments with Nicholas. After the second seizure, Mrs. Nash took him to the Children’s Hospital of Atlanta. There he was diagnosed with epilepsy, put on medications, and was told he needed to see a neurologist for an electroencephalogram (EEG) – which is a test that detects electrical activity in the brain.

Both of their sons began showing signs of autism when they were 2 years old. But the Nashes had learned to manage two autistic children. Medical science sometimes connects autism and epilepsy – both being neurological disorders – but, given the advanced ages of their sons, there was no reason to believe either would be diagnosed with epilepsy. So, the Nash family had begun a mysterious journey; not knowing that an even greater shock was on the way.

“When we had the EEG done, we weren’t expecting results right away, but the neurologist looked at the results and she said, “‘I’m going to tell you this. Your EEG results are extremely abnormal,’ which blew me away because I did not expect her to say that. She said the way his EEG looks; it doesn’t look like someone who just started having seizures.”

Ultimately, the diagnosis was confirmed. Nicholas not only has epilepsy, but he has an extremely rare kind of epilepsy, called Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (LGS). It is a form of epilepsy that usually becomes apparent during infancy or much earlier childhood, “usually before the age of 4 years,” according to the National Institute of Health (NIH).

“That was devastating to hear to put it lightly,” said Mrs. Nash. “Since the diagnosis, our son has had different types of seizures and they were pretty much unexpected as to when they would happen. They would randomly happen.”

They can occur at any time, even the most inopportune times: “He had a seizure on his birthday, he had a seizure on Thanksgiving, he had a seizure on Christmas and multiple seizures during the Christmas break,” his mother recalls.

The diagnosis has changed their lives astronomically.

At first the seizures mostly happened in the morning; then started happening in the evening. “So, whenever he’s up, we’re up. We’re watching him like a hawk because there’s been a couple of times that he’s had a seizure, and no one was around him and we found him. We had to put cameras all over our house so that, God forbid, if he had a seizure, we’d at least be able to see what happened and if there was a trigger, what kind of seizure he had, and how long it lasted. He will need monitoring constantly for the foreseeable future until we get things under control.”

In addition to assuring that their home is safe for Nicholas, they are also working closely with his school system to make sure he has the accommodations needed to maximize the quality of his education.

Lorraine Newborn-Palmer, a member of the African-American Professional Advisory Board for the Epilepsy Foundation (EF), says the increased education about seizures in the black community is crucial.

“As an ethnic group, conditions such as epilepsy are being discussed more often in the context of historical backgrounds and now in the face of an ongoing epidemic,” says Newborn-Painter, clinical program manager for the Sandra and Malcolm Berman Brain & Spine Institute. “We, as nurses, recognize the increased importance of education about seizures and epilepsy that cannot be overlooked. Forging ahead in this everchanging healthcare environment has become even more of a challenge.”

Fortunately, Tonya Nash immediately recognized Nicholas’ first seizure. But there are multiple kinds of seizures, all of which appear differently.

The truth shall make you free

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



Jesus, in speaking to a group of believing Jews, said, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32). No doubt many would ask, as Pilate did of Jesus, “What is truth?” (John 18:38).

The Bible, the receptacle of God’s Word, is our guide, our road map to heaven. Without exception, the Word of God is without error. The Word of God is that truth that Jesus said would make us free.

From what does truth set us free? The truth sets us free from the bondage of sin. Egypt was a type of sin.

When Moses led the Nation of Israel out of Egypt, they were no longer under Egyptian bondage; they were free.

Truth also sets us free from that which is false. Satan is the father of lies; that is, he is the father of all that is false. Regardless of the nature of the falsehood, or the lips from which it proceeds, Satan is the father of it; but Satan’s greatest emphasis is centered on twisting God’s Word, turning it into a lie, at which point it ceases to be God’s Word.

Satan’s first recorded lie was to Eve in the Garden of Eden. God had told the first couple that in the day they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would surely die. Satan twisted God’s Words by telling Eve

that she would not surely die, as a result of eating of the forbidden fruit.

In the days of Adam and Eve, Satan had no false apostles to carry his message, so he spoke through the serpent to deceive Eve. Today, he has multitudes of false apostles.

We read in 2nd Corinthians 11:13-15 these words, “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their work.”

Jude understood this and

for this reason he penned the following admonition, “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith (truth) which was once delivered unto the Saints” (Jude 3).

King Solomon expressed the same thought in the following words, “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.” (Proverbs 23:23).

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P R E S E R V E D

Taking Lent one step further

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A number of years ago, I got a great surprise in the mail: “Dear Shewanda L. Riley, Our records show that you haven’t yet registered for the benefits of AARP membership, even though you are fully eligible.” I re-read the first line a few times to make sure I was reading the right thing. I thought, “AARP? Isn’t that for people over 50 year old?” Funny thing was that I wasn’t even 40 years old at the time. How in the world did I get an AARP membership card in the mail? Was it a joke someone was playing on me?

I thought that maybe they got my name mixed up with someone else’s. But how many Shewanda L. Rileys are there out there? I laughed heartily as I then looked at the red AARP card with my name imprinted on it. I looked through the AARP membership benefits packet and thought that it might not be a bad idea to send in the membership fee, after all ... they do get great discounts. Eventually, I threw the card away.

Seeing the card made me think about where I wanted to be when I was 50 years old. I remember praying that I would grow and improve spiritually, emotionally, physically, financially. It also made me think about 1 Timothy 5:24-25 which has a simple truth: our reputations, good and bad, proceed us. I thought about what did I want proceeding and following me when I was 50?

Now that I’m a few years into my 50’s, I see the positive impact of sacrifices I made in the past on my life right now. During this sea-

son of Lent, many of us take similar reflective looks at our lives. In an effort to improve our spiritual and physical health, we give up social media, chocolate, cursing, smoking and alcohol, etc hoping that by sacrificing those “fleshly” desires, we will become more like Christ. Undoubtedly, giving up those things that we love passionately for 40 days once a year is a great exercise in spiritual and physical discipline. However, the key to becoming more Christ like is instead of just taking negative things out, we should also add positive things to our lives. For example, if you choose to give up chocolate for Lent, why not add fruits and vegetables to your diet? Instead of just giving up television, consider adding a more focused daily time of meditation and prayer.

1 Timothy 5:24 says, “The sins of some men are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them. In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not cannot be hidden.”

Like a perfume that fills and lingers in a room, people should recognize the sweet perfume of truth, faith and love from our lives. Regardless of whether we’ve given up everything or just kept some things hidden, I think God is waiting on us to make a choice to go from making temporary shifts and to making permanent transformations.

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The solution to Trump, white privilege and the Republican Party

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We know from the appearance of former President Trump at the conservative Republican gathering in Florida over the weekend that their agenda against America continues. We see over 28 states with Republican controlled legislatures have introduced more than 100 bills aimed at voter suppression. These include restricting the number of voting sites, limiting the hours of voting from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. Monday through Fridays with no weekend voting. There is also legislation to limit the number of drop boxes for return of mail-in ballots and the requirement of state issued voting I.D. cards. But the solution to this assault on democracy has already been demon-

strated in the state of Georgia with its massive voter turnout that produced two U.S. Senators to change the balance of power in the U.S. Senate and thereby empowering Vice President Kamala Harris to be the tie breaking vote as the president of the U.S. Senate. We have also seen the State of Virginia pass a state version of the Voting Rights Act amendments that were struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2013. African Americans, Latinos, Asians, who are now under massive hate crime attacks, Native Americans and any other people of color who now make up the growing majority of Americans, must become politically active. We must follow the Stacey Abrams approach of voter outreach, education and turnout that Georgia used to elect two U.S. Senators. We must do this in every state starting now with a look at who will run for Congress and the U.S. Senate in 2022.

We must change the approach of civics now being taught in our schools starting with an understanding of the political process at the very local level. We must come to understand that every vote counts and that we cannot wait until there are more homicides and abuse of political power from racist law enforcement personnel and White Supremacists who think that democracy means only them and their interests. The Republican Party has demonstrated its lack of concern for human life other than their own throughout this pandemic. Now that a \$1.9 trillion Covid Relief Bill is before the Senate, a bill that can mean the difference between life and death for millions of Americans, we see a solid and lockstep Republican block in the Senate determined to vote against the bill and further continue the suffering of all people in this country regardless of their color. This is the party opposed to food

stamps to feed starving families, but yet believes in subsidies and tax benefits to corporations and big business with those same dollars that could be used to save lives. We must remember that the Republican Party is the Party of White Privilege, even though some mis-guided blacks belong to it. We must learn the track records of those who say they will represent us just as the FBI is learning the identity of those 57 white local elected officials that participated in the attack on the U.S. Capitol January 6, 2021. We must start a collective movement because the Republican Party, its members, the White Supremists and those who use the term “Make American Great Again (MAGA)” to disguise their racist, don’t think we are capable of long range planning. We too must both plan now and act now as if the 2022 elections were tomorrow. Let’s beat them at their own game.

Behind the Prime

By Emmitt Hayes Jr.
Contributing Writer



I recently saw questions across national media sites asking, “Is Jackson ready for “Prime Time? The immediate answer is Jackson is past ready. Jackson needs some prime-time love. While continuing to struggle as though the Confederacy had not lost the Civil War, Jim Crow attitudes have not disappeared; they appear to be on the rise with a vengeance. There seems to be state leaders who view Jackson as a plantation and its residents as less important than the land they want. Jackson needs a fresh new perspective that may need to begin with grand gestures of character and trust-building among its residents. Perhaps its past time to see the potential for increased humanity through demonstrating first, I trust you. Then when that trust is not adhered to then the community seeks to self-correct itself by demonstrating that there is character, there is trust and we can do this ourselves. Jackson needs prime-time attention and assistance by the same state government that taxes are consistently paid to and if the state really cared to help grow the Jackson economy then it will invest with character and trust that this is the right thing to do.

Enters “Prime-Time” Deion Sanders, bringing with him all that Jackson needs in the way of attention from people who can make a difference at the magnificent institution of Jackson State University to lift its football program once again to a place of prominence and eventually prosperity for the entire university. Not only does this attention offer the residents of Jackson a greater source of pride, first, in the educational institution that is at the center of its development, but it impacts economic opportunities and growth in improved tourism.

It also seems natural to meet such personalities as “Prime Time” with suspicion, I mean, why would he really come here? Here is a man of wealth, popularity and the heart of a Christian. Perhaps there is something greater here than we recognize. I mean saviors are often met with skepticism.

Imagine, right here in Jackson, some valuable personal items were stolen and then returned. How could anyone leave valuables in plan view in their truck and be surprised if stolen? Then, you ask for them back and they are returned. Come on. Ok, do it a second time, and yet again the items are returned. Purely publicity stunts some retort. Some say Jackson is not ready for prime time because of its crime; not because of its poverty and neglect by the state.

Take the filters off the thinking because something bigger than the small minds can imagine Jackson is ready for prime time. Jackson is past ready for prime time and perhaps this little demonstration of trust and character is a deposit that will show dividend as light is continuously cast on “Prime-Time,” Jackson State University and the needs of Jackson, Mississippi in the midst of a resurging desire to reinstitute the Confederacy.

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When the Boys’ Club made me a man

By Harry C. Alford
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Growing up in the 1950’s and 1060’s was quite challenging for a young black male in urban America. Many of us didn’t make it or had challenges galore. This worried my mother and she thought long and hard about a solution. She came up with a solution as she drove to work every day. She would drive past this building attached to a playing field which always had young minority boys playing organized sports. One day she visited the place and spoke with the managers. She was most impressed and committed me to join this location known as The Boys’ Club. It was like a public park but had no delinquents hanging around and looking for trouble. It was well managed by young men who were committed to helping youngsters like myself grow up with a purpose and ambition. There were activities everyday but Sunday and was unusually integrated with a good sampling of Hispanic and black boys. The manager was Jim Omo who

had a passion for football and boxing. He became my personal trainer. He taught us how to throw a football and the principal stances of blocking, tackling and running pass routes. In boxing, I learned the art of punching, jabbing and evading your opponents’ strategy. I remember my first touchdown. Omo said, “I want you to run laterally with the ball until you are two yards from the sideline then quickly cut to the right and sprint as fast as you can until you reach the endzone. I ran a 70-yard trail to the touchdown. It was a great thrill and that is when I decided to commit to this sport for the rest of my life. Little did I know it was to become a great influence on my maturity. Boxing saved me from much of the bullying that would be going around in the neighborhood. My “right cross” is still rather “lethal” for those who dare to try me. I would transfer those skills on to my two sons who would become “chips off the old block” as they grew up. Still today, the principles I learned at the Boys’ Club are lived daily by me. Keeping busy, having a plan to work on, respect those in power and be proud with your every move and

project. One day while reading the bulletin board at the club, I read about a summer camp known as the “Devil Pups.” This was a junior basic training school for those aspiring to be in the military. The name comes from the Marine Corps term that was used for the Marine Corps infantry warriors known as “Devil Dogs” during World War II and the Korean War. I would later realize it to be actual military basic training that would give you a good taste of the real thing. I loved the challenges and performed excellently as the skills learned from the Boys’ Club prepared me well. As I grew into manhood my preparedness came into play. I would earn a full scholarship to the University of Wisconsin playing inside linebacker. My sons and I get a thrill watching the Big Ten channel today when they play “Classic Big Ten Games.” Every now and then they will show games that I played in and the fellas will critique my plays with enormous enjoyment and laughter. I took the college degree I earned from UW and have applied it to my professional career throughout my adulthood. It all started at a place

called The Boys’ Club. A tragedy known as the Vietnam War came into being and the Army drafted me into service. My college degree made me eligible for Officers’ Training School. I signed up and excelled during those challenging six months. What became natural was learned during my days at the Boys’ Club and eventually at college. OTS was very stressful and physically challenging. When I was discharged as a first lieutenant, I was totally prepared for the professional world and the skills for management and leadership. My advantage came from the training with the Devil Pups and mastering the stress and challenges of major college football. On my first day of basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, a drill sergeant walked up to me and shouted in front of the four platoons assembled, “Did you play football soldier?” I replied, “Yes Drill Sergeant!” He responded, “What position?” I countered, “Mean ass linebacker Drill Sergeant!” The Company’s First Sergeant stepped in and said, “He might make it around here.” I did and thanks to the Boys’ Club.

Serena Williams is the greatest tennis player of all time. Case closed.

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



Let us be abundantly clear about this fact. Serena Williams is the greatest tennis player of all time. Stop the doubt and embrace the truth. Some media have compared her to other players. Stop it because there is no comparison. The Australian Open is over and Serena lost in the semifinals to the eventual winner, Naomi Osaka. Williams does not need another major title to be the greatest.

Williams has won on every surface, indoors and outdoors for decades. She is a once in a lifetime generational player. When she leaves the tennis scene, we will not see another like her. Do not get me wrong. There are and will be other great players. However, Williams has left a mark of greatness on the sport that will not be duplicated. Some years ago, there was an expression attached to basketball great, Michael Jordan. It was “Be Like Mike.” Now the same moniker will be attached to Serena, “Be Like Serena.” She has won so many tournaments over time that she is now

playing against players that were once babies in the crib. Her high level of playing tennis is unmatched. Comparisons to her are useless and do not hold water. Williams has won 73 singles titles. She and her sister, Venus, have been a dynamic duo over the years. Venus has captured 49 singles titles and together they have won 22 doubles titles. Both are Olympic Gold medalists and world ambassadors for the game. Williams, the legend is not a “part” of the conversation. She is the conversation. While born in Saginaw, Michigan, her tennis journey began in Los Angeles, California on public courts. Her father, Rich-

ard Williams was her first coach. He did not have a tennis background. Now fast forward to the present day, her coach is Patrick Mouratoglou. He has been her coach since 2012. Williams has consistently been at the top of the tennis rankings. She has been ranked number 1 for a total of 319 weeks. The reports show that Williams holds the most Grand Slam titles in singles, doubles and mixed doubles among active players. Her accomplishments cannot be compared. Trying to say otherwise is literally unwise. Other great players have been on the tennis stage. Steffi Graf,

Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert come readily to mind. However, we cannot forget Althea Neale Gibson. Gibson was the first African-American player to win a Grand Slam title in 1956. If you are a tennis fan, then you know the term Grand Slam. If you are not, it refers to the Australian Open, the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S Open. Players who have defeated Williams usually lose in the next round. Why? It is because they consider playing her the match of their life. As a result, it is hard for them to keep up their competitive edge for the next match. Records and Serena Williams are synonymous. Ever time she takes the court, she is breaking a record. Williams has won 23 major tennis championships. The record of 24 is held by Margaret Court of Australia. Those affiliated with tennis have long since determined that Williams is the greatest of all time. Winning a 24th major will be nice but it is not required. Let us enjoy the grace, style and winning ways of Serena Williams because we will miss her when she is gone. So as you watch this champion, you can emphatically and unequivocally say that you are watching the greatest of all time.



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Electronic Bidding
Advertisement for Bid
Bid 3174 Phase II and III Projects at Various Schools
(JPS 2018 Bond Construction Program)

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) April 07, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

- A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the Package A sites of this bid package (North Jackson, Dawson and Watkins) will be held at North Jackson, 650 James M. Davis, Jackson, MS 39206 on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.; Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is non-mandatory but strongly encouraged.
- The Pre-Bid Conference concerning the Package B sites of this bid package (Lester, Key and Baker) will be held at Lester Elementary School, 2350 Oakhurst Dr. Jackson, MS 39204 on March 12, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is non-mandatory but strongly encouraged.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order digital bid documents at www.jpdsmsprojects.com. A \$150.00 non- refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online

orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact John McBride at JBHM Architects, Phone: 601-352-2699 or Email: jmcbride@jbhm.com.

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

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Advertisement for Electronic Bid
Bid 3171 Interior Upgrades for Northwest Middle School

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) April 06, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the Interior Upgrades for Northwest Middle School project will be held at 7020 Highway 49 N, Jackson, MS 39213, Tuesday, March 09, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

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

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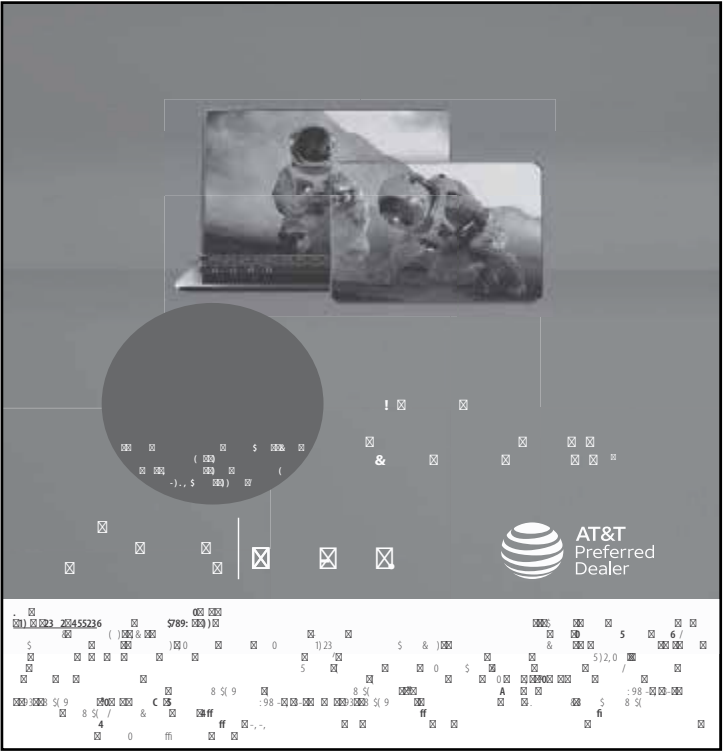
Electronic Bidding Advertisement for
Bid 3175 Forest Hill High School Performance Arts Renovation

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

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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bid
Re-Bid 3153 Mobile Device Storage and Charging Carts

Reverse Auction bidding for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) March 30, 2021, at which time Reverse Auction bidding begins electronically. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date Reverse Auction bid opening ends.

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., March 22, 2021) local time to be the given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specification responses will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at www.centralbidding.com on March 30, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. local time. Vendors must be registered with CentralBiddinginordertoparticipateinthereverseauction. Foranyquestionconcerningthereverseauctionprocessor how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

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Electronic Bidding
Advertisement for Bid
Bid 3173 Walton Elementary School Renovations

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) April 08, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the Walton Elementary School Renovations project will be held at 3200 Bailey Avenue, Jackson, MS 39213, Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

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

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Announcement
Press Release for City of Jackson

The City of Jackson will have the following voting precinct changes for the upcoming 2021 Municipal Elections to be held on the following dates and for the following wards:

Primary- April 6th
Primary Run-off- April 27th
General- June 8th

Ward 1

- Precinct #45 (St. Phillips Church) has temporarily moved to McLeod Elementary School (Precinct #36) located at 1616 Sandalwood Place; voting will be held inside the cafeteria. Signs and directions will be posted for your convenience.

Ward 3 “For Municipal Elections Only”

- Precinct 12 (Bonner Institutional Church) will be open
- Precinct 50 (St. Luther Church) will be open

Ward 4

- Precinct #24 (Formally French Elementary School) voting will now be conducted at George Kurt’s Fieldhouse Gymnasium located at 125 Gymnasium Drive

Ward 5

- Precinct #89 (Formerly located inside the Metrocenter Mall) voting will now be conducted at Greater Mount Bethel Church located at 4125 Robinson Road.

Ward 6

- Precinct #96 (Formerly Miracle Temple Evangelistic Church, 418 Lakeshore Drive) voting will now be conducted at Fire Station #22 located at 1590 Lakeshore Drive.
- Precinct #94 (Formerly located at Higher Ground Family Worship, 3520 Forest Hill Road) voting will now be conducted at Willowood Community Center located at 229 Lake Cove Drive

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Advertisement for Electronic Bid
Bid 3172 Bailey APAC Middle School Renovations

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2-18-2021, 2-25-2021

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ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Department of Municipal Clerk will be open for voter registration between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., daily through March 5, 2021. The Department of Municipal Clerk will also be open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 6, 2021 for voter registration. Individuals must be registered by 12:00 noon on March 6, 2021 in order to be considered eligible to vote in the upcoming April 6, 2021 Primary Election.

The Department of Municipal Clerk will also be open for absentee voting from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 27, 2021 and on Saturday, April 3, 2021. The last day to vote by absentee ballot is 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 3, 2021.

2-25-2021, 3-4-2021

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Electronic Bidding
Advertisement for Bid
Re-Bid 3106 Lanier High School Exterior Window Restoration

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) April 13, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning this project will be held at 833 West Maple Street, Jackson MS 39203 on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is non-mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

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3-4-2021, 3-11-2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIANCES

ZONING CASE NO. 4119

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Dorsey Development, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting Variances from the parking, landscape, and side/rear setback requirements for properties zoned C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to allow for the construction of a Dollar General Store for property located at 4580 Clinton Blvd. (Parcel: 639-301, 639-302 & 639-303), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A parcel or tract of land, containing 0.85 acres, more or less, lying and being situated in the SE ¼ of Section 25, T6N-R1W, Hinds County, Mississippi, being a part of the Warren Center, Ltd. property as described in Deed Book 3116 Page 546 of the Records of the Office of the Chancery Clerk of said Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at Station 142+00 on the centerline of survey of Interstate Highway No. 220 as described in Federal Aid Project No I-IG-220-3(2)41; run thence North 78 degrees 11 minutes 32 seconds West for a distance of 180.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described property; thence

South 85 degrees 41 minutes 07 seconds West for a distance of 100.97 feet along the Northerly right-of-way line of the previously described Interstate Highway No. 220; thence

North 62 degrees 31 minutes 59 seconds West for a distance of 126.08 feet along the Northerly right-of-way line of the previously described Interstate Highway No. 220; thence

North 05 degrees 27 minutes 34 seconds West for a distance of 146.69 feet along the Easterly right-of-way line of Country Club Drive, previously known as White Rock Road, as described in Federal Aid Project No I-IG-220-3(2)41; thence

Leaving the right-of-way line of Country Club Drive, run South 76 degrees 48 minutes 19 seconds East for a distance of 262.01 feet; thence

South 11 degrees 48 minutes 28 seconds West for a distance of 139.73 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING

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

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

WITNESS my signature this 24th day of February 2021.

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

3-4-2021, 3-18-2021

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 219 S. PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39201. IT IS HEREBY SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS RENAMING OF CAPITOL STREET FROM GALLATIN STREET TO STATE STREET TO WILLIAMS BROTHERS DRIVE. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ESTABLISHING THE HONORARY RENAMING OF CAPITOL STREET FROM GALLATIN STREET TO STATE STREET TO WILLIAMS BROTHERS DRIVE.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4117

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Midtown Partners/Midtown Development & Management has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from I-1 (Light) Industrial District and I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District to allow for residential housing development for property located at 1126 Mill St. (Parcel: 65-18), Parcel 65-17 on Mill St, Parcel 71-4 on Bell St, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

- 1126 N. Mill St. (65-18)
- LOT 2 & S 1/2 LOTS 3 4 & 5 & LOTS 24 25 26 & 27 BLK B SCHOOL SUBN
- 0 N. Mill St. (65-17)
- 1128-1130 Mill Street: 201-203 Taft Street: 205-207 Taft Street: Hinds 1st District: Parcel 65-17
- Lot One (1) and the North Half of Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block B, School Subdivision, as shown by a plat of said subdivision of record in the Chancery Clerk's Office of Hinds County, 1st District, Mississippi.
- 0 E Bell St. (71-4)

Part of Lots 1 and 2, Dreyfus Subdivision, and part of Lots 55, 56 and 57 of Ben Whitfield Survey, according to the map or plat of said subdivisions of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi and being more particularly described to wit:

Beginning at a point on the south line of Bell Street 239.8 feet measured Easterly along the South line of Bell Street from its intersection with the East line of Mill Street, as both streets are now laid out in the City of Jackson, Mississippi; run thence Easterly along the South line of Bell Street 258 feet to an iron stake; thence Southerly at right angles 84 feet to a point; thence Westerly at right angles 273.2 feet to a point; thence Northerly at right angles 84 feet to a point on the South line of Bell Street; thence Easterly 15.2 feet to the point of the beginning.

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

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WITNESS my signature this 24th day of February 2021.

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

3-4-2021, 3-18-2021

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 PM, local time (CT), Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

The demolition and cleaning of parcel 220-8-1 located at 2365 West Highway 80 (Metro Inn)

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

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 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. 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 ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Room 223, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City of Jackson 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.

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

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

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

3-4-2021, 3-11-2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4120

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Green Investments, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to Planned Unit Development (PUD) District to allow for rehabilitation and preservation of a historic residential housing community for properties located at Parcels 73-18 & 73-29 (Mill St.), 73-19 & 73-6 (W. Cohea St.) and 73-31 (W. Monument St.), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

TRACT 1

PARCEL I

A certain parcel of land situated in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being a part of Lots 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the Third Cohea Estate Survey, according to the map, or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book A at Page 258; said parcel contains 208,233.49 square feet or 4. 78 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the North right-of-way line of Monument Street with the East right-of-way line of Mill Street (as both are now laid out and improved, July, 1983); run thence northerly along said East right-of-way line of Mill Street for a distance of 448.14 feet; leaving said East right-of-way line of Mill Street, turn thence right through a deflecting angle of 91 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 115.80 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 86 degrees 52 minutes 48 seconds and run northerly for a distance of 51.90 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 86 degrees 19 minutes 38 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 40.0 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 86 degrees 19 minutes 38 seconds and run northerly for a distance of 100.0 feet; to a point on the South right-of-way line of Cohea Street (as now laid out and improved, July, 1983); turn thence right through a deflection angle of 86 degrees 19 minutes 38 seconds and run easterly along said South right-of-way line of Cohea Street for a distance of 35.68 feet; leaving said South right-of-way line of Cohea Street, turn thence right through a deflection angle of 92 degrees 45 minutes 54 seconds and run southerly for a distance of 200.0 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 92 degrees 45 minutes 54 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 30.0 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 87 degrees 14 minutes 06 seconds and run northerly for a distance of 18.01 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 88 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 118.48 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 86 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds and run northerly for a distance of 8.39 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 85 degrees 51 minutes 20 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 305.89 feet to a point on the West right-of-way line of Farish Street (as now laid out and improved, July, 1983); turn thence right through a deflection angle of 87 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds and run southerly along said West right-of-way line of Farish Street for a distance of 51.59 feet; leaving said West right-of-way line of Farish Street, turn thence right through a deflection angle of 91 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds and run southerly for a distance of 49.5 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 89 degrees 33 minutes 44 seconds and run westerly for a distance of 160.7 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 00 degrees 55 minutes 16 seconds and continue thence westerly for a distance of 53.69 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 87 degrees 42 minutes 23 seconds and run southerly for a distance of 95.0 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds and run westerly for a distance of 35.0 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds and run southerly for a distance of 112.0 feet to a point on the aforesaid North right-of-way line of Monument Street; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds and run westerly along said North right-of-way line of Monument street for a distance of 300.13 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING

PARCEL II

A certain lot or parcel of land in the Southeast corner of Lot Eighteen (18), Cohea Third Survey, and more particularly described by metes and hounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the North line of Monument Street which is 335.22 feet measured easterly along the North line of Monument Street from the East line of Mill Street as both streets are now laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, run thence westerly along the East line of Monument Street for a distance of: 35 feet; thence turning to the right through an angle of 90 degrees run northerly 112 feet to an iron stake; thence easterly and parallel with Monument Street for a distance of 35 feet to an iron stake; thence southerly 112 feet to the point of beginning. Being 35 feet by 112 feet off the south end of the property devised by Jennie Henry to the grantors herein.

PARCEL III

Beginning at a point on the south side of Cohea Street in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, which point is 319.7 feet Westerly from the West line of North Farish Street, as both streets are now laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, run thence Southerly along the east line of that certain tract of land belonging formerly to Morton, Lumber Company tract for a distance of 185.8 feet to the southeast corner of said Morton Lumber Company tract; run westerly along the south line of said tract for 116.6 feet to the southwest corner thereof; ran thence Northerly along the west line of said tract for 35.2 feet to a point; which point is the point of beginning of the property herein described; from this point of beginning run thence Easterly for 99.6 feet to a point; thence Southerly 35.2 feet to a point; thence Westerly for 99.6 feet to the West line of the said Morton Lumber company tract; run thence Northerly along the West line of said Morton Lumber Company tract for 32.5 feet to the point of beginning.

There is also conveyed a perpetual easement over and across the 12-foot alley lying immediately East of the above property which said alley is to be used jointly with the property lying immediately North of the property herein conveyed in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, all being part of Lot 15 & 16, Cohea Survey First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

PARCEL IV

Beginning at a point on the south Side of Cohea Street in said City which point is 319.7 feet westerly from the West line of North Farish Street, as both streets are now laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, run thence Southerly along the East line of that certain tract of land belonging formerly to Morton Lumber Company for 185.8 feet to the southeast corner of said Morton Lumber Company tract; run westerly along the south line of said tract for 116.6 feet to the Southwest corner thereof; run thence northerly along the west line of said tract of land formerly belonging to the said Morton Lumber Company for a distance of 75.2 feet to a point, which is the point of beginning of the property herein described; now, taking said point as the point of beginning run thence easterly for a distance of 99.6 feet to a point; thence southerly for a distance of 40 feet to a point; which said point is 40 inches south of the house now

located on said property; thence westerly for a distance of 99.6 feet to the west line of said Morton umber Company Tract; thence northerly along the west line of said Morton Lumber Company tract thence northerly along the west line of said Morton Lumber Company Tract for a distance of 40 feet to the point of beginning. The South line of the property herein conveyed is located 40 inches south of the house now located on said property.

There is also conveyed a perpetual easement over and across the 12 foot alley lying immediately East of the above property which said alley is to be used jointly with the property of the grantor lying immediately south of the property herein conveyed.

PARCEL V

A parcel of land being at the northeast corner of lot owned by w. L. Hayes and Emma Hayes and later owned by H. Botnick, described as the one-half (1/2) acre in in North part of Lots fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16) of the Cohea Estate being the same land sold for taxes on the 3rd day of March, A.D. 1884 to the State of Mississippi and the deed showing said purchase being recorded in Deed Book No. 18 on Page 160 thereof in the office of the Chancery clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi. Said land facing on Cohea Street running thence westerly from the said point of beginning along Cohea Street for a distance of 30 feet thence southerly two hundred (200) feet parallel with the East line of said: land owned by W.L. Hayes and Emma Hayes and thence easterly thirty (30) feet along the South line of said land owned now by H. Botnick and thence northerly two hundred (200) feet to the point of beginning. This being the same land conveyed to J.L.I. Conic by Pauline Dukes King on March 1, 1929, together with an easement or a right-of-way eight (8) feet wide and one hundred (100) feet along from said Cohea Street. Said right-of-way being next west of said lot or parcel of land conveyed. All of the said land and property herein conveyed lying and being situated in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, State of Mississippi and being the same land conveyed to J.L.I. Conic on the 1st day of March A. D. 1929, and recorded in the Chancery Clerk's office of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, State of Mississippi in Deed Book 220 and Page 584, being the same land conveyed to J.E. Conic by J.L.I. Conic and Eudora Ruth Conic by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson Mississippi, in Deed Book 319, Page 297.

AND ALSO

To establish the point of beginning run 180 feet South on the East side of Dreyfus Street from the Southeast intersection of said Dreyfus Street with Monument Street, from said point run East parallel with Monument Street 1.38 1/2 feet: with this as the point of beginning run North parallel to Dreyfus Street 85 feet, more or less, thence East parallel with Monument Street 28 1/2 feet more or less, thence run South 85 feet, more or less parallel with Dreyfus Street to the alley, thence West parallel with Monument Street 28 1/2 feet, more or less, along the North side of the alley to the point of beginning. Cohea Estate Survey Two (2) located and situated in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

Tract 2

Begin at a point in the South line of Cohea Street, which point is 207.6 feet measured westerly along the South line of Cohea street from the West line of Farish Street, as both streets are now laid out and improved in said City of Jackson, and from said point of beginning run thence westerly along the South line of Cohea street for a distance of 96 feet to a point on the East line of a 12 foot alley, which point is 342.2 feet measured easterly along the south line of Cohea Street from the East line of Mill Street; turn thence to the left through an angle of 90 degrees 37 minutes and run southerly in a straight line along the East boundary line of said private alley way and parallel with the East line of Hill Street for a distance of 170 feet; run thence easterly and parallel with the South line of Cohea street for a distance of 96 feet; run thence northerly in a straight line a distance of 170 feet to the point of beginning; TOGETHER WITH all the right, title and interest of the grantor herein in and to the said private alley way and their non-exclusive right to the use thereof, which alley way is 12 feet wide and runs southerly from Cohea street along the West side of the above described land. (Said property now being Tax Assessor - Parcel No. 73/19, and "indexed" as a part of Lots 13 and 14, of Third Cohea Estates)

Tract 3

For a Point of Beginning, commence at an iron pin set at a point on the south line of Cohea Street, which point is 170 feet measured Westerly from the said south line of Cohea street from the West line of Farish Street, and from said Point of Beginning, run thence Westerly along the south line of Cohea Street for a distance of 37.46 feet, more or less, to the Northeast corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed by Maurice H. Joseph to Wade Corner, Inc., by deed dated September 20, 1968, and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Book 1782 at Page 388; run thence southerly along the East line of the aforesaid property conveyed by Maurice H. Joseph to Wade Corner, Inc., by the aforesaid deed for a distance of 64 feet to a point; run thence North 89 degrees 51 feet East for a distance of 38.26 feet; run thence North 1 degree 24 minutes East for a distance of 64 feet to the point of beginning.

(Said property now being Tax Assessor - Parcel No. 73/6, and "indexed" as a part of Lots 13 and 14, of Third Cohea Estates Survey.)

Tract 4

A parcel in Lot 15, and 16 COHEA SY NJ, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds county at Jackson, Mississippi, in Book 3050 at Page 514, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

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

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Vernon Jordan, activist, former Clinton adviser, has died

By Jeff Martin
and Errin Haines
Associated Press

Vernon Jordan, who rose from humble beginnings in the segregated South to become a champion of civil rights before reinventing himself as a Washington insider and corporate influencer, has died, according to a statement from his daughter. He was 85.

"My father passed away last night around 10 p.m. surrounded by loved ones, his wife and daughter, by his side," Jordan's daughter, Vickee Jordan Adams, said in a statement released Tuesday to CBS News.

After stints as field secretary for the Georgia NAACP and executive director of the United Negro College Fund, he became head of the National Urban League, becoming the face of Black America's modern struggle for jobs and justice for more than a decade. He was nearly killed by a racist's bullet in 1980 before transitioning to business and politics.

His friendship with Bill Clinton took them both to the White House. Jordan was an unofficial Clinton aide, drawing him into controversy during the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Jordan "never gave up on his friends or this country," Clinton said Tuesday.

"From his instrumental role in desegregating the University of Georgia in 1961, to his work with the NAACP, the Southern Regional Council, the Voter Education Project, the United Negro College Fund, and the National Urban League, to his successful career in law and business, Vernon Jordan brought his big brain and strong heart to everything and everybody he touched. And he made them better," Clinton and his wife Hillary said in a statement.

Former President Barack Obama said that "like so many others, Michelle and I benefited from Vernon Jordan's wise counsel and warm friendship – and deeply admired his tireless fight for civil rights."

Jordan's death comes months after the deaths of two other civil rights icons: U.S. Rep. John Lewis and C.T. Vivian.

After growing up in the Jim Crow South and living much of his life in a segregated America, Jordan took a strategic view of race issues.

"My view on all this business about race is never to get angry, no, but to get even," Jordan said in a July 2000 *New York Times* interview. "You don't take it out in anger; you take it out in achievement."

Jordan was the first lawyer to head the Urban League, which had traditionally been led by social workers. Under Jordan's leadership, the Urban League added 17 more chapters and its budget swelled to more than \$100 million. The organization also broadened its focus to include voter registration drives and conflict resolution between blacks and law enforcement.

He resigned from the Urban League in 1982 to become a partner at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld.

Jordan was a key campaign adviser to Clinton during his first presidential campaign and co-chaired Clinton's transition team. He was the first black to be assigned such a role.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said Tuesday on Twitter that "Jordan's leadership took our nation closer to its Founding promise: all are created equal."

His friendship with Clinton, which began in the 1970s, evolved into a partnership and political alliance. He met Clinton as a young politician in Arkansas, and the two connected over their Southern roots and poor upbringings.

Although Jordan held no official role in the Clinton White House, he was highly influential and had such labels as the "first friend." He approached Colin Powell about becoming secretary of state and encouraged Clinton to pass the NAFTA agreement in 1993. Jordan also secured a job at Revlon for Monica Lewinsky, a White House intern whose sexual encounters with the president spawned a scandal.

Jordan's actions briefly drew the attention of federal prosecutors investigating Clinton's actions, but he ultimately was not mentioned in a final report issued by special prosecutor Ken Starr.

Vernon Eulion Jordan Jr., was born in Atlanta Aug. 15, 1935, the second of Vernon and Mary Belle Jordan's three sons. Until Jordan was 13, the family lived in public housing. But he was exposed to Atlanta's elite through his mother, who worked as a

caterer for many of the city's affluent citizens.

Jordan went to DePauw University in Indiana, where he was the only black student in his class and one of five at the college. Distinguishing himself through academics, oratory and athletics, he graduated in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in political science and went on to attend Howard University School of Law in Washington. While there, he married his first wife, Shirley Yarbrough.

The young couple moved to Atlanta after Jordan earned his law degree in 1960, and Jordan became a clerk for civil rights attorney Donald Hollowell, who successfully represented two black students – Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter – attempting to integrate the University of Georgia. In an iconic photograph, Jordan, an imposing 6 feet, 4 inches, is seen holding at bay the white mob that tried to block Hunter from starting her first day of classes.

In 1961, Jordan became Georgia field secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. During his two years in the role, Jordan built new chapters, coordinated demonstrations and boycotted businesses that would not employ blacks.

In a statement Tuesday, Georgia Democrat Stacey Abrams said Jordan "battled the demons of voter suppression and racial degradation, winning more than he lost."

"He brought others w/him. And left a map so more could find their way," Abrams said on Twitter. "Love to his family. Travel on with God's grace."

Jordan moved to Arkansas in 1964 and went into private practice. He also became director of the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council. During his tenure, millions of new blacks joined the voter rolls and hundreds of blacks were elected in the South.

Jordan considered running for Georgia's fifth congressional district seat in 1970, but was tapped that year to head the United Negro College Fund. Holding the position for just 12 months, Jordan used his fundraising skills to fill the organization's coffers with \$10 million to help students at historically black colleges and universities.

In 1971, after the death of Whitney Young Jr., Jordan was named the fifth president of the National Urban League, which is dedicated to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream.

"I believe that working with the Urban League, the NAACP, PUSH and SCLC is the highest form of service that you can perform for black people," Jordan said in a December 1980 interview in *Ebony Magazine*. "And if you serve black people you serve the country as well. So if I do a good job here, the black people are not the only beneficiary; so is the country. The country has a vested interest in black people doing well."

The high-profile position landed him in the crosshairs of a racist in May 1980 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jordan was shot with a hunter's rifle outside his hotel after returning from dinner following a speaking engagement.

Jordan had five surgeries and was visited by President Jimmy Carter during his 3-month recovery in the hospital.

"I'm not afraid and I won't quit," Jordan told *Ebony* after the shooting.

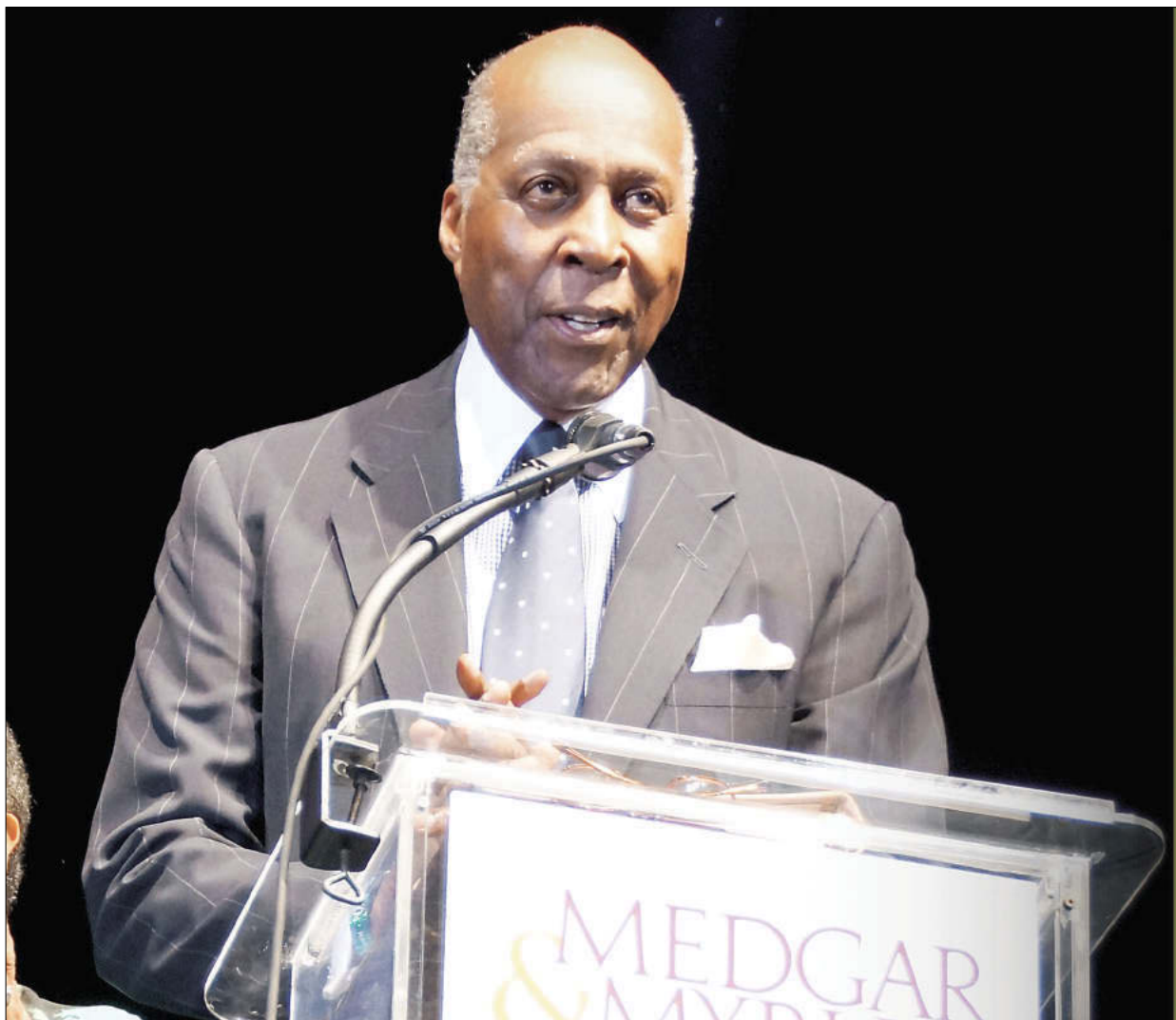
Joseph Paul Franklin, an avowed white supremacist who targeted blacks and Jews in a cross-country killing spree from 1977 to 1980, later admitted to shooting Jordan. He was never prosecuted in Jordan's case, but was put to death in 2013 for another slaying in Missouri.

Jordan left the organization in 1981, but said his departure was not related to the shooting.

In 2000, Jordan joined the New York investment firm of Lazard Freres & Co. as a senior managing partner. The following year, he released an autobiography, "Vernon Can Read!: A Memoir." Also in 2001, Jordan was awarded the Spingarn Medal, the highest honor given to a black American for outstanding achievement.

He has received more than 55 honorary degrees, including ones from both of his alma maters and sat on several boards of directors.

"He became the model for boards of directors; sitting on countless boards," The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. said Tuesday on Twitter. "He became a renowned international lawyer. I miss him so much already."

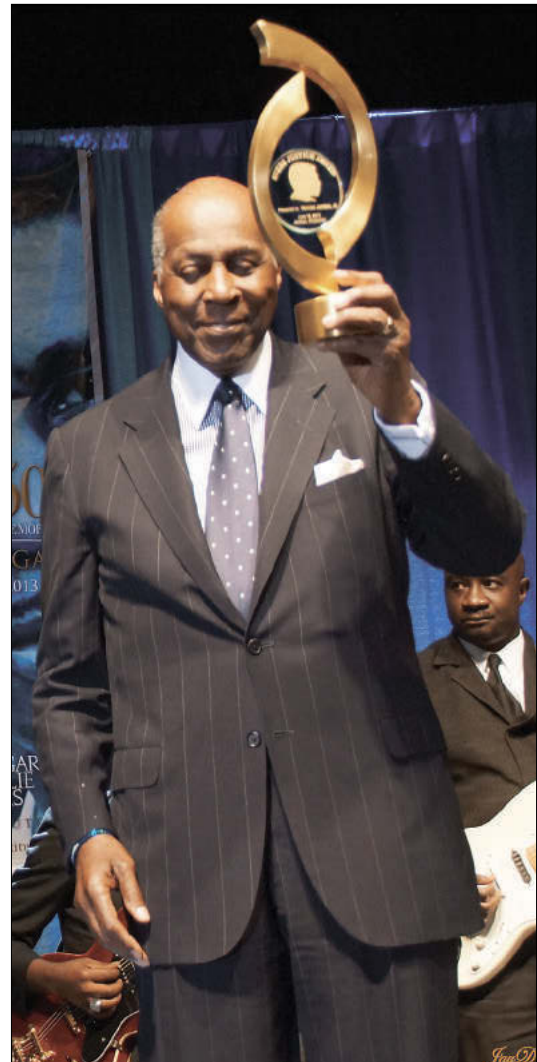


Jordan was tribute speaker and recipient of the Evers Justice Award at the Medgar Evers 50th Anniversary Commemoration Tribute Gala, June 12, 2013 in Jackson, MS

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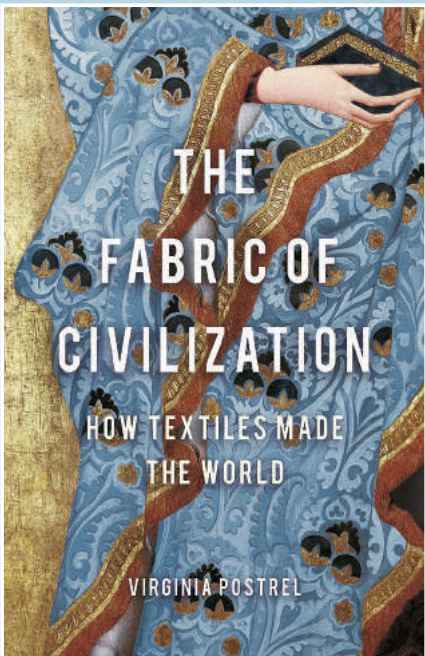


Myrlie Evers-Williams with Jordan at gala



Jordan holding Evers Justice Award





By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

A couple weeks ago, you really needed to wrap up in some extra blankets.

One layer, two layers, covered face and a cold nose. Extra blankets, extra sweaters, coats, socks, gloves, it took awhile to thaw yourself out and in “The Fabric of Civilization” by Virginia Postrel, you’ll see where those snuggly wraps started.

Many thousand years ago – long before your need for insulated gloves and a knitted hat – the tale of textiles began when

early humans invented string. But string, as Postrel points out, “is not cloth.” Nope, and it takes a lot of gathering to obtain enough material to make enough string for the making of cloth, tasks that were easier once humans started keeping livestock eleven thousand years ago.

Accidental genetics are likely what made cotton “the world’s dominant... ‘natural’ fiber” but that took awhile, too. Scientists say that the usefulness of the plant was known on several places at various times in history but it wasn’t until 1806 that

a species nearly tailor-made for the soils and growing season of the Mississippi delta was found in Mexico City and was brought to America. Genetics confirmed that that seed had come from an African seed that had “somehow” gotten to Mexico and germinated, then had cross-pollinated. Further cross-pollination in the South made it the plant from which slaves harvested the fiber.

Remember, though: raw fiber is no good unless it’s processed, which was mostly women’s work for centuries. Their spinning led to weaving, which took a sur-

prisingly advanced knowledge of mathematics. The use of dyes was perfected (and contentious), and new methods of making fine cloth were invented and refined. Hand-spinners were replaced by technology, ancient cities were conquered for want of weavers, cloth-making became a way to pay taxes and participate in trade, and the race was on to make fabric in a laboratory.

And in the future?



There are “hints,” says Postrel, of “a change in the relationship between pure science and industry practice.”

This morning when you got dressed, you picked a comfortably soft shirt, avoided the scratchy sweater, put the worst-fitting jeans back in the drawer, and didn’t think much about how these things got into your closet. “The Fabric of Civilization” will make you appreciate that path, in a centuries-long thread of progress.

Some of what you’ll find in here is common knowledge – it’s likely stuff you learned in history class – but author Virginia Postrel also weaves surprises into her narrative. Read, and you’ll be

glad you don’t have to make flax thread from scratch. Read, and imagine being a weaver during Genghis Khan’s time. Read, and it’s hard not to be transfixed by the stories behind a natural silk kimono, an elegant jacquard robe, or stoles made of kente cloth by weavers who created them in the same way their foremothers did. These are all good yarns, told so appealingly.

So grab that blanket again. Crafters, fashionistas, and historians, heads up and take a chair: “The Fabric of Civilization” is a book to wrap your hands around.



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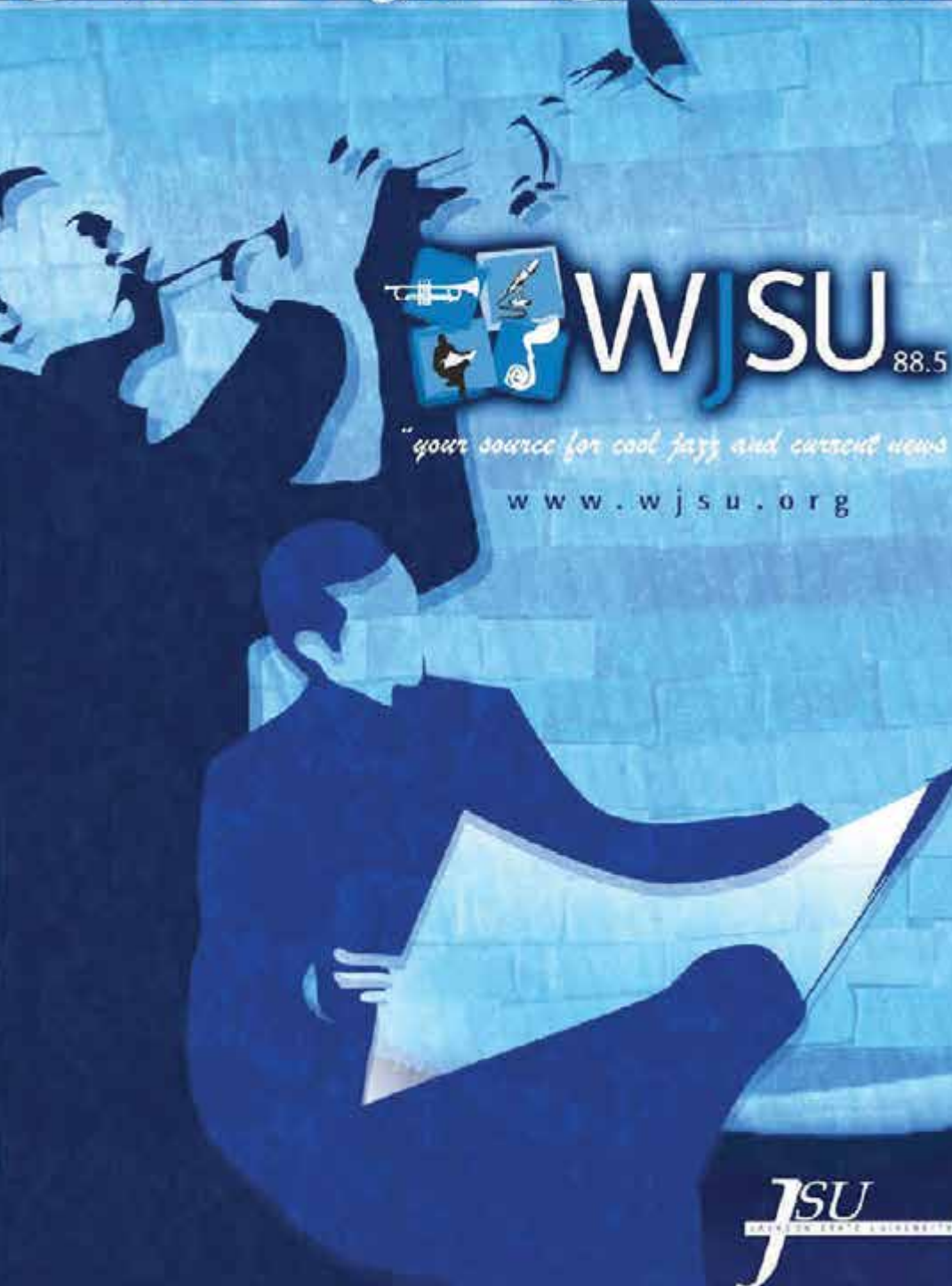
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Mississippi's Finest Authentic Soul Food

By Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob
Contributing Writer

Strategically located on 313 Market Street in Port Gibson, MS is the new restaurant and eatery, Mississippi's Finest Authentic Soul Food.

It is close to Port Gibson's School Superintendents Administrative office on the north end of Main Street. Other popular places in the vicinity include the town library, the post office, the sheriff's office and the courthouse. Its location is thus surrounded with ready customers.

Business Hours

It is open from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays and attracts diners from Mississippi and elsewhere.

Customers

"I always enjoy my time at the restaurant because the food is filled with love," Shayla Coleman asserts. Another regular customer, Toni. A. April, says, "The restaurant offers quality food and a friendly atmosphere."

Historic Building

The building from whence it operates, is historic in many respects. It has served as a center for diverse community events. It was previously owned by the late William Matt Ross Sr., one of the first black supervisors in Claiborne County. It has been home for different businesses over the years including a medical supply shop, a night club, a restaurant and meeting venue.

Ownership

The restaurant is owned by Rev. Ray Coleman and Ms. K. Rankin. Rankin is a business woman and CEO of several com-



(L to R) Joe Sykes, Shala Coleman, Rev. Ray Coleman, April Whitehead and Elnora Perkins PHOTOS BY J. DOMATOB



panies. Her headquarters and operational base is Houston, Texas.

Purpose

The purpose of the restaurant is first to provide a place for individuals to come, sit and converse as they wait for their food to be prepared. It is thus a convenient venue for families, neighbors, friends and visitors to fellowship

and interact. The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming to people from everywhere with good soul food for all ethnicities, races and ages.

Offerings

The restaurant serves fried chicken, baked chicken, collard greens, black eyed peas, steamed okra, rice, gravy, macaroni and

cheese and candied yams, with sides of salads, cornbread and rolls. They also serve hamburgers and fries.

Desserts include lemon pie, pecan pie and sweet banana pudding. Soft drinks of your choice are available.

The restaurant offers Blue Plate specials as well.



Rev. Coleman

Uniqueness

What makes it unique? Coleman says, "It is a place with a lot of history. It was once a home for mass meetings. In the 1960s it was a rallying spot for civil rights leaders who converged in the building.

Challenges

Rev. Coleman says, "Right now the challenge is keeping it going. It is open during this critical time of the pandemic. We have faith in God."

Joy and Pleasure

The joys of running the restaurant is meeting and serving people on a daily basis. "People share their joys and sorrows and focus on the highs and lows of their lives. In some ways, I feel that I contribute to their growth and development and they can go on a little further," said Coleman.

Future Plans

Coleman says the future is to plant one restaurant in all 50 states and abroad. The idea is franchising.

Workers

Workers are Ms. P, Mr. Joe and Ms. Toni.

History

"I always wanted to preach and own a restaurant. In 2020 the second aspiration transformed into reality," said Coleman.

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HCSD celebrate Black History with tributes to the past and present

During the month of February, the HCSD chose to celebrate Black History with projects centered around writing prompts that address historical and current outstanding individuals who have impacted our society on behalf of race equality. Students also created art posters and messages to recognize these individuals. "It's our way of shining a light on those who made us who we are and paying homage to both the widely known and smaller-profile giants of Black History," said Dr. John Neal, associate superintendent of community relations.



Student Artwork



Venus Williams, Professional Tennis Player – Former World No. 1 singles and doubles player; 7 Grand Slam singles titles; 16 Grand Slam doubles titles and 4 Olympic gold medals



Carter G. Woodson / Father of Black History; the second African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard; and one of the first scholars to study the history of the African diaspora, including African-American history



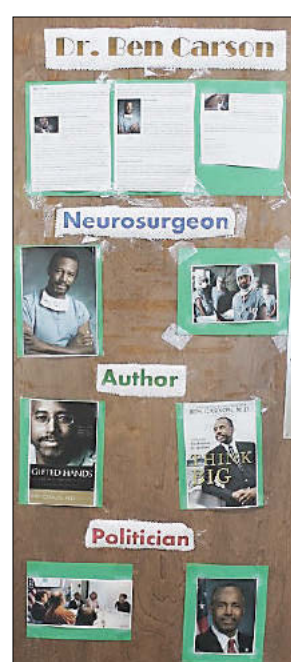
Jackie Robinson / First African American to play Major League Baseball; a prolific athlete that lettered in football, basketball, track and baseball at UCLA; served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army; and his number (42) is the only number to be retired across all of Major League Baseball



Maya Angelou / Poet; Civil Rights Activist; spoke six different languages; and was only the second poet in history to recite work at a Presidential Inauguration



Martin Luther King Jr. / Minister; Civil Rights Activist; received a Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolence; the only non-president to have a national holiday in his name; and there are approximately 900 streets named after King in the U.S.



Student Artwork



Dorothy Hicks, Former HCSD Board President / District 5; Community Leader; Student and

Parent Activist; Activist for diversity, equality and inclusion; and a champion for adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies for the district



Kobe Bryant, Professional NBA Player, 18 time All Star; 5 NBA Championships (LA Lakers); Youth Leader; and Activist for Youth Development



Sheena Allen / CFO - Founder of CapWay and Sheena Allen Apps; National Speaker; Activist for Financial Literacy; HCSD Graduate; Teen Activist; and Community Leader



Dr. Delesicia Martin, Superintendent-HCSD / First Black Female Superintendent in HCSD, Transformed the Hinds County School District into a successful school district with the help of students, parents, staff and community; Successful in getting a \$100,000 grant that resulted in placing a school resource officer in all schools; Instrumental in implementing the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) program for kids in grades 2nd - 12th; and Instrumental in passing a 59.9 million dollar bond issue for additional buildings on our school campuses across the district



Fulton Carson, Acting Chief of Staff of the Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory/ Engineer Research and Development Center Waterways Experiment Station; Parent; Motivational Speaker; Community Leader; Mentor; and a Parent-Student Activist for Education



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