

Kendrick J. Amerson takes oath to support the constitution of MS and the U.S.



Amerson sworn-in by Judge Owens as Judge Wise looks on.

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Throughout the nation, statistics show that only 5% of all lawyers in the United States are African Americans. This is the same percentage that existed 10 years ago, even though 13.4% of the U.S. population is now black. Hoping to become one of many to change that statistic is Kendrick J. Amerson.

On Thursday, April 22, Kendrick J. Amerson, Esquire, was admitted to the Mississippi State Bar and was sworn in by The Honorable Judge Denise Sweet Owens. The Honorable Judge Crystal Wise was also present at the swearing in ceremony.

Amerson received his Juris Doctorate, in May of 2020 and his Juris Masters in May 2019 from Appalachian School of Law, in Grundy Virginia. He received his Bachelor of Arts

Degree in history from Tougaloo College in 2015.

Hinds County Law Clerk Charity Bruce, Esquire, spoke of Amerson's character and fitness to serve during the ceremony. Bruce said to Amerson, "I am so happy to see you join the profession. I know you are an outstanding individual with the knowledge and integrity to serve." Bruce, who attended Tougaloo College with Amerson, attested to his outstanding morals and his knowledge in the field of law.

In front of family and friends Judge Owens asked Amerson to raise his right hand as he repeated the oath to serve the constitution of Mississippi. Upon completion, Judge Owens said, "With that oath, I can accept you into the practice of law." Hearing those words, Carolyn Amerson, who

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Church honors Dr. Jerry Young and First Lady Helen Young for 41 years of pastoral service

By Jackie Hampton
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Pastor Jerry Young and First Lady Helen Young were honored Sunday by the New Hope church family in recognition of Dr. Young's 41st pastoral anniversary. The virtual ceremony was held at New Hope Baptist Church where church members and friends were able to participate through Face Book and YouTube. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only a limited number of participants were in the sanctuary located at 1559 Beasley Road in Jackson.

The Sunday celebration included an afternoon parade with hundreds driving by to offer personal congratulations to the couple and his family.

The chosen theme was "A Man of Destiny: Born to be a Servant Leader."

Expressions were given by The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson, U.S. Representative, MS 2nd District, The Honorable Debra Gibbs, MS State Representative, District 72 and The Honorable Chokwe Antar Lumumba, mayor of the City of Jackson.

Thompson, in his congratulatory remarks, said to Pastor Young, "You have kept the common touch. Presidents have called you for advice and governors have called you for advice." The congressman then said, "If you don't want to hear what he has to say, then don't ask him."

Representative Gibbs, who is



Dr. Jerry Young and First Lady Helen Young

a member of the New Hope family, spoke on behalf of the legislature, the church family and the community at-large saying, "We continue to pray humbly that God will continue to bless Pastor and Mrs. Young so that they can continue to carry out their mission for New Hope Baptist Church as well as the community." She thanked Young for his faithfulness, in not just serving the church congregation, but for serving a world in need.

Mayor Lumumba said, "Today I want to share my congratulations and gratitude to Pastor and Mrs. Young not only for what they have done at New Hope, but also

what they have done within the Jackson community." He said to the honorees, "We are humbled by your calling and my prayer is that this occasion will bring forth the joyful memories that you have extended to so many."

Pastor and Mrs. Young beamed as they heard tributes from several of the children and youth of New Hope church. They were also notably touched by special presentations from several others to include Dr. Valmadge Towner, president of Coahoma Community College and Dr. Ivy Ruth Taylor, president of Rust College, both institutions from which he graduated.

Young seemed immensely pleased when Dean Patricia Bennett from the Mississippi College School of Law presented him with an Honorary Degree of Law from Mississippi College School of Law.

He confessed that at an early age his desire was to become a lawyer, but evidently it was not his calling. Bennett, in her presentation stated that Dr. Young was the first in his family to receive a college degree. She said he transcended from the plantation to become the president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

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Hill Harper: Financial Revolution Tour headed to Jackson May 4

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Author and best-selling author Hill Harper has launched North America's first black-owned digital wallet, The Black Wall Street.

Harper's announcement of The Black Wall Street (TBWS) is the first major step in trying to close the racial wealth gap in the United States. Harper wants to lay the foundation to build the world's largest investment and financial literacy curriculum and toolkit for black and brown communities.

Starting in May, TBWS will embark on a 32-market financial literacy cam-



Harper

Roberts

paign that will start in Los Angeles. It will be done in partnership with Najah Roberts, a world leading cryptocurrency exchange expert.

Roberts said, "We're now creating



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CDC vows partnership with Black Press on vaccination awareness

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Like most of the world, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, watched with nervous anticipation the jury verdict in the trial of former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin.

And, like many others, Dr. Walensky was relieved with the guilty verdicts that brought a measure of justice to the family of George Floyd and, by extension, African Americans and people of color everywhere.

"I was on a Zoom in my office with Dr. [Anthony] Fauci when the verdicts came in," Dr. Walensky recalled during a special live interview with the National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) "Let It Be Known" breaking news program.

"We were all relieved," Dr. Walensky assured. "This is just a single moment. What we face as a nation is generations of racism and discrimination and barriers for black people. We can't erase 400 years in one single verdict, but this is one huge step forward, and we have to make many more huge steps forward."

During the 30-minute interview, Dr. Walensky said the CDC is taking more steps to shift from looking at just



Dr. Walensky reiterated that she and the CDC enjoy the full support of the Biden-Harris Administration in its racism and health initiatives.

markers of health and equity to looking at the drivers of health and equity.

"They are inextricably linked with race and require us to evaluate the structural barriers that exist for so many black Americans, so many Latino Americans and Native Americans," Dr. Walensky offered.

"So, our work as a nation must be to address these drivers to make everyone safer and to make our streets safer and education more accessible."

In the CDC's efforts to reclaim the public's trust – particularly among individuals of color – Dr. Walensky said

it was imperative to announce that racism is a public health crisis publicly.

She pledged that the CDC would partner with the Black Press of America to get critical messaging to minority communities.

"One striking thing is that the [pandemic] started in this country among the wealthy and moved rapidly to communities that didn't have resources," Dr. Walensky said.

"It was clear to me that the health of our nation was not going to be better

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Inside In Memoriam: Harvey Johnson, III



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In Memoriam

Harvey Johnson, III

A Celebration of Life was held for Harvey “Beau” Johnson, III Thursday, April 22, 2021, at Autumn Woods Memorial Gardens in Jackson with Father Joe Dyer officiating.

Harvey Johnson, III was born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 18, 1969, and was the first child born to Harvey Johnson, Jr. and Kathy Ezell Johnson. As a baby, he was given the nickname “Beau,” and was lovingly called that by family and friends up until his passing. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Omak and Kathryn Ezell, and his paternal grandparents, Harvey and Lubertha Johnson.

Being born in St. Louis, Beau had strong family ties there. One of the highlights of his summers was the trip to St. Louis to see family and friends. He was baptized there at Visitation Catholic Church where his mother, Kathy, and other family members were also baptized.

Beau grew up in Jackson and attended Holy Family Catholic School and Chastain Middle School, graduating from Callaway High School in the Class of 1987. He was an active member of Jack and Jill of America, Jackson Chapter. He participated in the Jackson Chapter of The Links’ inaugural Beautification in 1986. Beau was a fun-loving and easy-going young man, and he made many friends with other Jack and Jill members, schoolmates and children in the neighborhood. He attended Tennessee State University.

Beau loved to swim, and he loved the water. This led him to enlist in the United States Coast Guard, serving tours in Port Clarence, Alaska and Gulfport, Mississippi. After military service, and up until his passing, he worked in various manufacturing jobs.

Beau was a hard worker, always committed to making sure the job was done right. All those who knew him, knew him to be a kind, caring and gentle soul...always respectful and always willing to help.

His quick smile and his calm and unworried personality will be dearly missed.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory: his parents, Harvey and Kathy, and his sister, Sharla Johnson (Wilbert) Bryant of Daphne, AL; his St. Louis



Harvey Johnson, III

family, aunts, Joclyn Ezell and Veoris Ezell, and cousins, Kenna Ezell (Tim) Tripp, Candice Harris (Ayinde) Wayne, Elijah Wayne and Denise Harris; loving Wheeler family cousins; loving cousins in Vicksburg; and a host of other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Holy Family Catholic Church, 820 Forest Avenue, Jackson, MS 39206, designated for the food pantry.

May Beau rest in the peace and love of God until we meet again.

Prince’s legendary bassist remembers the icon five years after his death

By Stacy M. Brown
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About one year before Prince’s death, the Purple Rain icon called his favorite bassist, BrownMark, and flew him out to his famous Minneapolis area home called Paisley Park.

“He was riding his bicycle, and when I got out of the car, he told me that I had a glowing aura,” the vaunted bass player for Prince’s famed band, The Revolution, stated.

“It was the last memorable conversation we had,” recalled BrownMark, whose real name is Mark Brown.

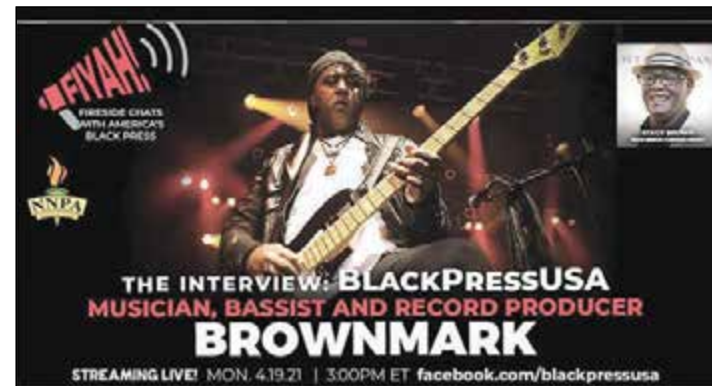
Five years ago, on April 21, 2016, Brown and most of the world were shocked to learn of the 57-year-old Prince’s death from an accidental overdose of prescription medication.

In a live interview with the Black Press’ morning news program, “Let It Be Known,” Brown spoke of his life with Prince, how much he misses the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member, and his new book “My Life in the Purple Kingdom.”

“I was heartbroken,” Brown remembered, noting that he cried for two days.

Brown joined The Revolution in 1981 at the age of 19.

He performed on some of Prince’s most memorable songs including, “1999,” “When Doves Cry,” “Purple Rain,” and “Kiss.”



Although he had departed The Revolution before Prince released “Sign O’ The Times,” one of the greatest CD’s ever, Brown still played an integral part in that seminal recording.

“Prince usually began working on albums two or three years before he would release them,” Brown revealed. “So, although I wasn’t with him when ‘Sign O’ The Times’ was released, I played on that record.”

In Brown’s new book, he detailed his relationship with Prince and noted how he kept his otherwise public position secret from his children for years.

“My son was in high school, he was 18, and some student showed him the ‘Purple Rain’ album cover and told my son, ‘this guy looks like you,’” Brown remembered. “My son said, ‘that’s my dad.’ He ran home and asked me why I hadn’t told him that I was in a band.”

Brown remembers Prince as a brother, someone he could bounce ideas off and vice versa.

“Big brothers beat up on little brothers. I always beat up on my little brother,” Brown insisted. “The family love was so strong in The Revolution. We were really tight-knit.”

He described Prince much like those who only knew him from afar and others who only knew his music – a genius.

“Prince was good at everything,” Brown mused. “He was from another universe.”

Still, Prince allowed Brown to “do my own thing,” the bassist noted.

“He always gave me a lot of latitude and never controlled what I played and how I played. We worked every single night, and he loved it, and we carved a whole sound, and it was a unique group of people that Prince put together. We were all in the Purple University of funk.”

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Rev. F. Bernard Mitchell PHOTOS BY JACKIE HAMPTON

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. F. Bernard Mitchell of Zion Hill M.B. Church, Mendenhall, MS. He was introduced by Dr. Mathew L .Canada of Pilgrim Rest M.B. Church in Madison.

Mitchell spoke from the book of Jeremiah regarding the call of Jeremiah. He expounded on three points regarding accepting the calling; Commitment in the calling; Course of the calling; and Control of the Calling.

In his message Mitchell said people sometimes don’t understand what it takes for one to get where they are in life. He said people often look at your glory but do not understand your story. The destination of the details are not there for people to see; but if it is in your heart, God will get you through your calling.

First Lady Helen Young and Pastor Young expressed gratitude to the participants of the anniversary service, the planners of the celebration and to the entire New Hope family and other viewers.

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the digitized and scalable version of the original Black Wall Street.”

Inspired by a vision of empowering underserved communities while bridging the racial wealth gap, Harper, Roberts and innumerable supporters are catalyzing these chaotic energies in preparation for a brighter financial future for generations to come.

Harper’s Black Wall Street Digital Financial Revolution National Bus Tour will make a rally stop in the parking lot of Socrates Garrett Enterprises, located at 2659 Livingston Road in Jackson, Tuesday, May 4 at 3 p.m. The rally is to provide information on the digital wallet and Cryptocurrency, Build Wealth, Build Self, and Build Community – Black Cash Matters. The public is invited.

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Family and friends

is the grandmother jumped up and down with joy while other family members cheered in the chambers of the Honorable Denise Owens, who seemed just fine with the family’s reaction.

Judge Wise, who also knew of Amerson’s accomplishments, stated he had worked with her mother, Pat Wise, whom she referred to as the ‘original Judge Wise.’ She said to Amerson, “I am so proud to see that you have become a confident and progressive young man. I know you will make a successful lawyer.”

Judge Owens surprised Amerson when she read a letter from Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey who expressed how proud she was of Amerson upon being admitted to the Mississippi Bar. Slaughter-Harvey, a well-known Civil Rights attorney and the first black female judge to serve in Mississippi, said she wanted Amerson to follow in her footsteps.

When later asked about her comments Am-

erson smiled and said, “I was so inspired to hear her words because Attorney Slaughter-Harvey is one of the greatest attorneys of all times. I am proud to represent her legacy as we both are Tougaloo graduates. This is one of the nicest things an attorney has ever told me.”

Amerson, thanked everyone for being present and for the support he has been given over the years. He said, “Just 5% of all lawyers in the United States are black and only 4% are under the age of 30. I would not have been able to achieve this if it had not been for God and all the support I received from family and friends.”

Amerson told *The Mississippi Link* he was so excited when he walked into the chambers of Judge Owens and saw so many of his family members and friends. “Through the ups and downs my family and friends have supported me. That moment was amazing and it signified that I have arrived.”



Carolyn and Cleophus Amerson proudly stand with grandson.



Julius Gladney, law clerk, looks on as Bruce speaks on Amerson’s character.

Amerson continued, “As a child from the inner-city, I proved that anyone can do it, and yes, I did it. My biggest regret is that my great grandparents are no longer with us and missed my big day, but they were definitely there in spirit and I felt their presence.”

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until we addressed the fact that everybody in the nation had to be better. Not just pockets, we needed to reach all communities.”

Dr. Walensky reiterated that she and the CDC enjoy the full support of the Biden-Harris administration in its racism and health initiatives.

“We welcome [the Black Press] partnership, and I recognize that people who are not confident in the vaccine are those we need to meet where they are,” Dr. Walensky continued.

“Some people don’t know where to get the vaccine, and for some, it’s not convenient. Some are worried that the science isn’t complete, and some have listened to misinforma-

tion.

“The real question is as we address concerns and questions, we need to have the person conveying the information to be a trusted messenger. I may not be a trusted messenger, but you [The Black Press] are, and I would like to work with you and create that partnership so that we can provide that information and package it as your viewers and readers want it and delivered by people they trust.”

Dr. Walensky said more than 100 million people have received the Covid vaccine after over 100,000 enrolled in clinical trials to ensure efficacy.

She noted that the CDC has safety monitoring in place and hasn’t seen anything trou-

bling.

A third booster shot is being discussed by scientists and the administration only as extra protection and not out of fear or information that the vaccines would wear off, Dr. Walensky assured.

Dr. Walensky noted that none were involved in clinical trials, but early results in about 700 baby deliveries have revealed good news for pregnant women.

“There is early data to suggest that if you’re pregnant and you receive the vaccine, you can pass the antibodies to your babies, so there’s some potential that the baby might be protected as well,” Dr. Walensky said.

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Analysis: Watchdog gives bleak report on Mississippi prisons

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Bloody clashes that brought Mississippi’s prison system under federal scrutiny last year were part of a dramatic increase in reported cases of violence behind bars.

The Mississippi Department of Corrections logged 853 incidents of inmate-on-inmate assaults during the 2020 state budget year, which ended June 30. That was a 29% increase from the previous year.

The statistics are in a new report published Friday by PEER, the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review.

The report was released the day after Republican Gov. Tate Reeves signed a bill that will become law July 1 and make

more inmates eligible for parole in a state with one of the highest incarceration rates in the nation.

Mississippi prisons have struggled for years with tight budgets, low pay and large numbers of unfilled jobs for frontline guards. PEER says that during the 2020 budget year, the vacancy rate for correctional officers was 54% at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, 45% at South Mississippi Correctional Institution and 40% at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility.

The U.S. Justice Department announced its investigation of Mississippi’s prison system after some inmates were killed and others were injured during outbursts of violence in December 2019 and January 2020.

The PEER report includes Mississippi Department of Corrections statistics for assaults inside prisons from state budget years 2016-2020.

The inmate-on-inmate assaults for those years: 610, 697, 705, 663 and 853.

The inmate-on-staff assaults that resulted in serious injuries: 181, 161, 83, 63 and 65.

The Department of Corrections transferred some inmates out of Parchman in early 2020 after the violence and amid evidence of shoddy living conditions, including broken toilets and mildew-infested showers.

The inmates were taken to the privately run Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility. PEER showed that Mississippi spent \$44 million on private prisons during the budget year

that ended June 30, 2019. That increased to \$53 million the following year because of the emergency transfer from Parchman to Tallahatchie. The report noted that no state inmates were in the Tallahatchie prison as of this February.

PEER said the Mississippi Department of Corrections measures recidivism based on the percentage of former inmates who return to prison within three years after their release. The department said Mississippi’s recidivism rate exceeded 30% from the 2016 to 2020 budget years. The peak during that period was 37.4% in 2020.

During 2019 and 2020, less than 2% of the Department of Corrections’ total spending was for intervention programs

that are intended to reduce the chances that people will leave prison and eventually be sent back. PEER said the prison system has an opportunity to curb recidivism “by more strategically investing the limited resources currently expended on adult prison-based intervention programs.”

Mississippi has 21 correctional facilities. That includes the three big state-run prisons – Parchman, Central Mississippi and South Mississippi. Three prisons are run by private companies, and 15 regional facilities are run by counties.

Twenty of the 21 facilities responded to PEER’s request for information about intervention programs. The report said 19 facilities had treatment for alcohol and drug abuse, 17 had

basic skills education, 16 had religious programs and services and 12 had vocational education.

PEER said the Winston-Choctaw County/Regional Correctional Facility did not respond to the request for information, and the regional facilities in Bolivar and Wilkinson counties provided lists of programs but did not provide spending information or participant data for all of them.

More than 50% of the money spent on prison-based intervention in Mississippi was for programs “with no known high-quality research supporting their effectiveness in reducing recidivism,” PEER said.

The watchdog group recommended moving money into programs backed by research.

Groups plan effort for Mississippi voting rights restoration

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Three groups will sponsor an initiative to try to simplify the way Mississippi restores voting rights to people convicted of some felonies, a person involved with the effort said Monday.

Danyelle Holmes, a national organizer with the Mississippi Poor People’s Campaign, said paperwork to begin a ballot initiative will be filed soon with the secretary of state’s office.

The Mississippi Prison Reform Coalition and the People’s Advocacy Institute will join the Poor People’s Campaign as sponsors. Holmes said the proposal is to automatically restore voting rights to anyone who finishes serving a sentence, including probation, for a disenfranchising crime. She said people would not be required to pay any monetary penalties that are part of a sentence before getting back the right to vote.

The Rev. William Barber, national co-chairman of the Poor People’s Campaign, spoke Monday at a gathering in downtown Jackson and said restoring voting rights to people who have finished serving time is a moral imperative.

“We should not hold people captive beyond their sentence,” Barber said.

The Mississippi Constitution strips voting rights from people convicted of 10 felonies, including murder, forgery and bigamy. The attorney general issued an opinion in 2009 that expanded that list to 22 crimes, including

timber larceny, carjacking, felony-level shoplifting and felony-level bad check writing.

To regain voting rights in Mississippi now, a person convicted of a disenfranchising crime must win permission from two-thirds of the state House and Senate. Legislators in recent years have passed a small number of bills to restore voting rights. Bills to restore suffrage to 28 people were filed this year. Two of those bills passed, and Republican Gov. Tate Reeves let both become law without his signature.

One of the people who regained suffrage this year is Debra Thomas of Jackson, who spoke at the event Monday. She said she was convicted of shoplifting when she was 20 and was sentenced to five years in prison.

“Since my conviction and release from prison, I have been denied access to low-income, subsidized housing,” said Thomas, who has 11 children. She said the conviction 18 years ago has made it difficult for her to find jobs other than housekeeping or working in chicken processing plants.

The voting restoration ballot initiative is the latest effort to try to prompt statewide elections on issues that have not gained traction in the Republican-controlled Mississippi Legislature. One recently announced ballot initiative would broaden the availability of early voting. Another would expand Medicaid.

It could be weeks before peo-

ple begin gathering signatures on the voting rights restoration initiative petitions because the attorney general’s office must first write a ballot title and a ballot summary. The earliest it could be on the ballot is 2022.

In November 2018, Florida voters adopted a state constitutional amendment to automatically restore voting rights to most convicted felons once they complete their sentences, with the exception of those convicted of murder or sex offenses. It was estimated to affect more than 1 million people, although many voting rights advocates were outraged by a court ruling that later found that a Floridian’s right could not be restored until all fines, restitution and legal fees were paid.

Federal lawsuits were filed in Mississippi in 2017 and 2018, seeking automatic restoration of voting rights for people who had finished serving sentences for disenfranchising crimes.

The Sentencing Project, a national advocacy group that seeks to eliminate racial disparities in the criminal justice system, said in a 2020 report that more than 5 million people in the United States are disenfranchised because of criminal convictions. It said that includes more than 8% of adults in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

The report also said Mississippi is one of seven states where more than one in seven black people is disenfranchised, which is twice the national average.



With tears rolling down her face, Debra Thomas speaks of the process to have her voting rights restored after completing her prison sentence, Monday, April 19, 2021, during a Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival assembly and news briefing in Jackson, Miss. PHOTO: ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP

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NCTR continues partnership with JPS to build second teacher residency program



With support from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the National Center for Teacher Residencies will continue its partnership in JPS and develop a second teacher residency program.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The National Center for Teacher Residencies (NCTR) will continue its partnership with Jackson Public Schools to build a second teacher residency to address critical shortages in the areas of elementary, mathematics and special education teachers with support from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Two years ago, NCTR launched its partnership with JPS to build its first teacher residency program as part of the Mississippi Department of Education's effort to improve teaching and learning in the state. To ensure that the needs of students are being met by

the district's second residency program, NCTR will conduct a landscape analysis to help the district determine how best to meet its current human capital needs.

"We knew from working with NCTR before that they were the ideal partner to help us not only build the second residency but to determine which direction to take," said Michael Cormack, chief of staff, Jackson Public Schools.

The work in Jackson will take 18 months, with the first six months spent conducting a landscape analysis. The second part of the project will develop the residency, building upon the successful elements estab-

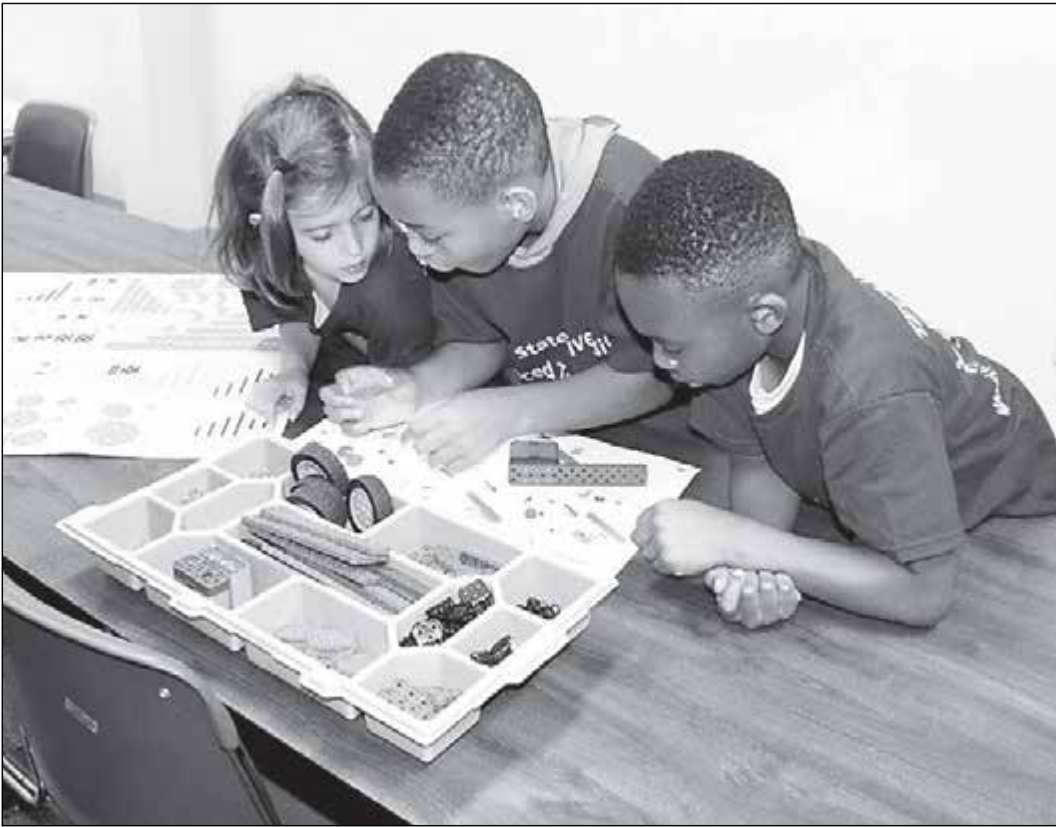
lished during the development of the first program.

"Building a second residency in Jackson is very exciting," said Keilani Goggins, associate program director at NCTR.

Goggins knows the context in Jackson well. Goggins and NCTR Network and Black Educators Initiative Director Erica Hines built Jackson's existing residency.

"The district is poised to do some very innovative things with another residency that is tailored to meet the needs of its educators, particularly given the work we are doing upfront with them," she said.

ASU's Advanced Technologies Department to host virtual STEM summer camps



Students learn and play during Alcorn State University's annual AdTech STEM camp.



By Renita Lacy
Staff Writer

Alcorn State University's Department of Advanced Technologies is bringing the summer camp experience online this year for its annual AdTech STEM Summer Camp. Tailored for students entering grades 4-8, this year's camp experience will be held virtually from June 21-24, and again from July 12-15 via Zoom.

Unlike previous years, this year's participants will have the opportunity to gain cognitive skills, collaborate with peers online, and build confidence – all from the comforts of their own home.

Students will be exposed to various cutting-edge topics, and receive practical training in the areas of computer science, mathematics, robotics and automation, science,

technology and much more.

Faculty and staff will also be in attendance to provide an inspiring introduction to countless STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programs and professions.

"The camps that we offer provide students with a positive online learning space, as well an opportunity to be social and cultivate new skills at the same time," said Michael Atkins, instructor, Department of Advanced Technologies. "They will also allow our students to get more connected, learn about topics that they are interested in or would like to know more about, and explore different career paths for their future," he said.

During the camp, attendees will receive a packet of educational materials and resources. They will also be re-

quired to have adequate internet access as well as a device to access the virtual sessions (cell phone, tablet, laptop or desktop).

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Music, cooking and Alzheimer’s Disease

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

It can be difficult to deal with a person with the agitation and aggressive moods of a love one with Alzheimer disease. A love one with Alzheimer disease can no longer understand what is appropriate when it comes to behavior. Alzheimer’s is a general term for memory loss and other cognitive abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. It is the most common cause of dementia. Alzheimer’s disease accounts for 60-80% of dementia cases.

Today Alzheimer’s disease has no cure, but treatments for symptoms are available and research is on going. Current Alzheimer’s treatments cannot stop Alzheimer’s from progressing but they can slow the worsening of dementia symptoms and can improve quality of life for Alzheimer’s patients and their caregivers.

We are always looking for treatments that help both the Alzheimer patient and the caregiver. Recent studies have shown that when you add music and cooking to the daily life of most Alzheimer’s patients bad behavior was reduced. It also reduced the stress of the caregiver.

Most of the studies looked at professional caregivers but it should also work with family caregivers.

Most Alzheimer’s caregivers are family members. Family caregivers have less training, have a deeper emotional attachment and experience greater stress when they have to deal with bad behavior. Family caregivers also have a greater love for the patient.

In a study with music and cooking, two one-hour sessions were held each week for four weeks. The musical memories are often preserved in Alzheimer’s disease patients because their key brain areas linked to musical memory are relatively undamaged by the disease.

The music included classical music and popular songs from the 1950’s to the 1980’s. Patients were encouraged to listen, sing



along, dance or keep the beat with a small drum.

The cooking group had the patients help prepare various foods. The amount of participation was determined by the capabilities of the patients. Patients were encouraged to express their feelings and to recall memories that the music and the cooking help them to remember.

The study showed that both programs help reduce the severity of behavioral disorders and caregiver distress.

The music program was the most effective program. The music group showed a 74% improvement during the program. After four weeks the music group still showed a 37% improvement.

In the cooking program patients showed an improvement of 57% during the program. After four weeks the cooking group still showed a 32% improvement.

The study showed that both programs also helped reduce the stress level of the caregiver. The music program was the most effective program. The music group showed a 78% improvement during the program. After four weeks the music group still showed a 44% improvement.

In the cooking program patients showed an improvement of 65% during the program. After four weeks the cooking group still showed a 34% improvement.

The Mayo Clinic gives the following tips if you’d like to use music to help a loved one who has Alzheimer’s disease:

- Think about your loved one’s preferences. What kind of music does your loved one enjoy? What music evokes memories of happy times in his or her life? Involve family and friends by asking them to suggest songs or make playlists.
- Set the mood. To calm your loved one during mealtime or a morning hygiene routine, play music or sing a song that’s soothing. When you’d like to boost your loved one’s mood, use more upbeat or faster paced music.
- Avoid overstimulation. When playing music, eliminate competing noises. Turn off the TV. Shut the door. Set the volume based on your loved one’s hearing ability. Opt for music that isn’t interrupted by commercials, which can cause confusion.
- Encourage movement. Help your loved one to clap along or tap his or her feet to the beat. If possible, consider dancing with your loved one.
- Sing along. Singing along to music together with your loved one can boost the mood and enhance your relationship. Some early studies also suggest musical memory functions different than other types of memory, and singing can help stimulate unique memories.
- Pay attention to your loved one’s response. If your loved one seems to enjoy particular songs, play them often. If your loved one reacts negatively to a particular song or type of music, choose something else.

Keep in mind that music might not affect your loved one’s cognitive status or quality of life. Further research to better understand the precise effects of music and Alzheimer’s disease is needed.

Cooking can help stir memories for an Alzheimer’s patient. Recipes that have been passed down over generations may have a name and face of a love one tied to them. Cooking can give an Alzheimer’s patient a sense of purpose and help build emotional bonds. The satisfaction from completing a meal and the confidence it builds are two factors that help keep an Alzheimer’s patient spirit high.

The depression, anxiety and irritability of an Alzheimer’s patient can be lessened when they perform tasks like mashing potatoes or stirring cookie dough. Alzheimer’s patients often have negative feelings and emotions that stem from confusion and frustration. Cooking can give them a task they can accomplish, and relieves the stress they may be facing. Simple recipes may be the best to take on, depending on what your loved one will feel the most comfortable helping with.

It’s important not to give an Alzheimer’s patients a task that will involve the risk of injury. Rolling dough, washing vegetables, mixing ingredients in a bowl with a spoon, setting the table, cleaning dishes and other easy tasks are best.

You should avoid hot stoves, sharp cutlery and other riskier tasks. Even a very able and willing Alzheimer’s patient should be given what you know they are capable of handling.

Alzheimer’s brings challenges to eating and drinking habits. Keeping a routine established will help the senior feel less overwhelmed. Offering a couple of different foods at a time that are easy to eat and use utensils will be best to provide a less stressful mealtime.

What ever you do with your love one do it with love and patience.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Association announces National Health Equity Strategy to confront the nation's crisis in racial health disparities

Sets goal to reduce racial disparities in maternal health by 50% in 5 years



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As part of its ongoing mission to improve the health of America, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) announced its National Health Equity Strategy to confront the nation’s crisis in racial health disparities. This strategy intends to change the trajectory of health disparities and re-imagine a more equitable healthcare system.

BCBSA has convened a national advisory panel of doctors, public health experts and community leaders to provide guidance.

BCBSA’s National Health Equity Strategy is comprehensive and relies on close collaboration with providers and local community organizations. This collaboration was essential in recent months as BCBS companies worked with local leaders to support vulnerable communities with COVID-19 vaccine access.

The strategy includes collecting data to measure disparities, scaling effective programs, working with providers to improve outcomes and address unconscious bias, leaning into partnerships at the community level, and influencing policy decisions at the state and federal levels.

The multi-year strategy will focus on four conditions that disproportionately affect communities of color: maternal health, behavioral health, diabetes and cardiovascular conditions. BCBSA will first focus on maternal health, then behavioral health in 2021.

BCBSA has set a public goal to reduce racial disparities in maternal health by 50% in five years.

“BCBS companies are fully committed to reach this goal,” said Keck. “We will continue to collaborate with our local partners and providers to continually improve our programs and build momentum, and we will seek out new ideas and proven initiatives that accelerate health equity reform.”

Metrics will include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Severe Maternal Morbidity measures. BCBSA will report results annually. Use of nationally consistent measures will evolve over time based on research, industry development, and in-market learnings.

BCBS companies currently have a range of maternal health program supporting women of color during their pregnancies. Each program is tailored to the needs of the communities they serve.

These BCBS companies’ maternal health programs support both BCBS members and non-members of their partner organizations.

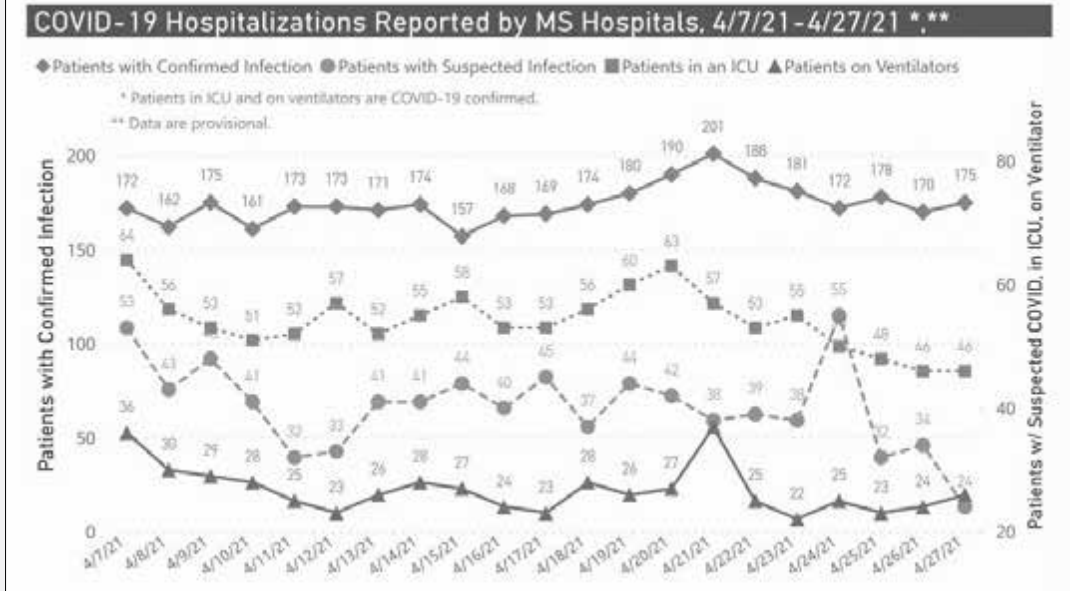
Commenting on the breadth of the BCBS companies’ maternal health programs, Dr. Rachel Hardeman, founding director, Center for Antiracism Research for Health Equity and assistant professor, Division of Health Policy & Management, University of Minnesota School of Public Health, and member of the newly formed advisory panel, said: “Who better to address racial disparities in maternal health than Blue Cross Blue Shield? BCBS companies serve every ZIP code across the U.S., and they have the scale and resources needed to ensure women of color get equitable maternal health care.”

A panel of experts focused on closing America’s gap in health equity.

“The more people we bring to the table, the more we can create lasting change,” said Keck about the nine hand-picked members of the BCBSA National Advisory Panel on health equity. “I’m excited we have brought together such experienced, highly regarded leaders in health equity and the community, and I look forward to their guidance as we move forward.”

Members include: Tracey D. Brown, CEO of the American Diabetes Association®; Marshall Chin, MD, MPH, Richard Parrillo Family Professor of Healthcare Ethics at the University of Chicago; Gilbert Darrington, CEO of Health Services, Incorporated; Adaeze Enekwechi, PhD, MPP, Research Associate Professor at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University; Maria S. Gomez, RN, MPH, president and CEO of Mary’s Center; Rachel R. Hardeman, PhD, MPH, tenured associate professor in the Division of Health Policy & Management at the University of Minnesota; Stacey D. Stewart, president and CEO of March of Dimes; Richard Taylor, CEO of ImbuTec; and Kevin Washington, president and CEO of YMCA of the USA.

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Do not open the door for the enemy

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



We read in 2nd Corinthians 10:4, “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.”

If we really comprehend what has occurred through the ages by God’s people, it should cause us to be stirred. We are not a church among churches. We are part of the divinely built church of the Living God. Our weaponry and power do not come from man. It does not come from an organization here on earth;

it does not come through politics; it does not come through legislation, but it comes from Almighty God.

What will happen if we are not stirred? Sin starts to lose its repulsiveness. Sin will lose its repulsive nature. It will not become so bitter to us if we are not stirred up.

Whether or not we realize it, we are affected to some degree by the moral decay that is around us. Whether we like it or not, we are affected. We either are going to become more complacent, more comfortable or we are going to be stirred up in our spirits and challenged to draw closer to the Lord. We are going to pray out. We are going

to seek the Lord for greater power with Him.

We are told to “Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.” Saints of God, we must never allow sin to not be repulsive to us. We must never cuddle up to sin; we must never make excuses for sin; we must never try to sugar-coat sin. We must see it for what it is, and call it sin.

If we allow ourselves to become complacent and comfortable with our affairs, we will open the door for the enemy in the form of temptation. If we do not use the armor that is given to us by God, if we do not put up a barrier against the enemy, if we just sit back and say, “Well, I’m a little bit

too comfortable to sacrifice, I’m a little bit too comfortable to pray, and things just are not bad enough yet for me to get stirred,” when will we be?

Dear ones, if we are not challenged in our spirit by the world, and the thigs that are going on around us today, when will we be? We need to be challenged. We need to be careful that we do not sit back and simply open the door for the enemy and allow him to come in.

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Two sides of the same coin: rejoicing and mourning

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“Chauvin verdict in one hour” was the simple text message I sent to a few friends mid afternoon Tuesday, April 20. “Praying” was the immediate response from one. “That was quick” texted another soon after. “I’m so nervous” and from the same thread, “Oh God!”

Even though the evidence was overwhelming and the prosecutors presented a nearly flawless case for conviction, there was still a mixture of anxiety and dread that my friends and I felt as we waited for the verdict in the Derek Chauvin murder trial. When the verdict was announced, many celebrated the fact that the disgraced former Minneapolis police officer was convicted on all 3 counts, including 2nd and 3rd degree murder, in the murder of George Floyd.

Watching the news that night reminded me of a similar public reaction almost 30 years ago, but this time to an acquittal. I was on a temporary job assignment at a private correctional company in Philadelphia and was walking through the hotel lobby waiting on a cab to take me dinner. I saw that the OJ Simpson verdict was about to be read and stood close to the television so I could hear. Because I was so engrossed in the verdict, I didn’t realize that I was the only black person in the bar. However, when “Not Guilty” was read, the patrons in the bar groaned, and in what seemed like a scene from a scary movie, all turned to look at me.

Even as the all-white bar patrons grumbled about how unfair the verdict was and some turned away from the televisions, a middle-aged man seated next to me asked me what I thought about it. What I wanted to say was “Finally

In Your Face!” But since I wanted to make it out of the bar alive, I paused and took a sip of my soda before I responded. When I started speaking, I felt a little like EF Hutton as a few others sitting near us leaned in.

My response was simple: “After weighing all the evidence the jury made what I believe is a just and wise decision.” Of course, they didn’t buy that and wanted to get into a debate about jury bias and all kinds of other issues. I let them speak for a few minutes and repeated my first statement again. When they saw that I was not going to argue, they turned away and I hurried from the bar as my cab had arrived. Perfect timing. Later, I saw how others jubilantly celebrated Simpson’s acquittal, for a variety of reasons.

I thought about this experience with the OJ trial as I watched news coverage of the Chauvin verdict. Though separated by decades, both trials show the power that the public space has for allowing people to collectively share grief and joy and ultimately heal. However, even though the trial is over, the Floyd family is still grieving the loss of their brother, father, uncle, cousin and friend.

Romans 12:15 encourages us to “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” As we continue to celebrate the justice of the Chauvin verdict, we should also take time to continue to pray for God’s healing and comfort for George Floyd’s family. And we should also pray that this verdict be a much-needed step toward justice and healing for our nation.

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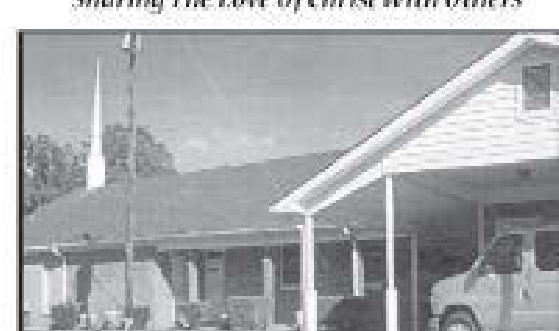
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D.C. statehood is a voting rights issue... and racial justice issue

By Ben Jealous
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Washington, D.C. has a higher percentage of black residents than any state in the country, and they have no voting representation in Congress. This is systemic racism in action. It is long past time to give Washington's 712,000 residents the representation they deserve by making D.C. our 51st state.

It is shameful that people who live in the nation's capital have no say in Congress. And it is unacceptable that local laws and budgets passed by D.C. elected officials can be overturned by members of Congress who decide to meddle in local decision-making. That explains why Washington, D.C.'s license plates include the slogan, "End taxation without representation," a rallying cry by American colonists against the tyranny

of British rule.

The disenfranchisement of hundreds of thousands of D.C. residents is fundamentally un-American and there is no good reason to allow it to continue. There are bogus reasons to oppose statehood, and some Republicans in Congress have been trotting them out now that legislation to admit Washington, D.C. as a statehood bill is moving forward in Congress.

Some claim that Washington, D.C. is too small to be a state. But D.C. has more residents than either Vermont or Wyoming. There are currently six states whose population is less than a million. D.C. pays more federal taxes than 21 states – and more federal taxes per person than any state.

Some make the false claim that it would require a constitutional amendment to make Washington, D.C. a state. Not true. The Constitution clearly gives Congress the authority to admit new states. That's how

every one of the 37 states that were not initially part of the U.S. have joined the country.

The original District of Columbia was created out of land from Maryland and Virginia. In 1846, a good chunk of D.C. was returned to Virginia. No constitutional amendment was required then, and none is required now to admit Washington, D.C. as a new state. Some objections are so idiotic, frankly, that they must be a cover for pure partisanship or worse.

In March, a Heritage Foundation legal fellow testifying before Congress said that D.C. residents shouldn't get representation in Congress because they can already influence congressional debates by placing yard signs where members of Congress might see them on their way to work.

One Republican congressman said (wrongly) that D.C. would be the only state without a car dealership. Another said that D.C. doesn't have

enough mining, agriculture or manufacturing.

Mitch McConnell said the plan to make D.C. a state was evidence of "full bore socialism on the march."

At least some Republicans are honest about their real reason for opposing statehood: they just don't want to let D.C. voters elect Democratic officials who will support progressive policies supported by the majority of the American people.

But that is not a principled position. None of the objections to D.C. statehood hold water, especially when weighed against the basic injustice of disenfranchising hundreds of thousands of people.

Washingtonians have fought in every U.S. war. About 30,000 D.C. residents are veterans. But D.C.'s mayor does not even have the ability that governors have to mobilize its own National Guard – a fact that proved to be deadly during the Jan. 6 Capitol Insurrec-

tion.

The bottom line in this: how can we hold ourselves out as a model of democracy when we are the only democratic country in the world that denies representation and self-governance to the people who live in its capital? We can't.

As the Biden administration recognized in announcing its support for D.C. statehood, it is long past time to correct this injustice. The House of Representatives voted April 22, to admit Washington, D.C. as a state. Senate leaders must not allow filibuster rules or Republican resistance to prevent Congress from righting this wrong.

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The Census, restricting and the Republican conspiracy

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Forty years ago, those who wanted to amend the U.S. Constitution to eliminate the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, along with any other provisions that extended democracy to "we the people," were calling for a Constitutional Convention. Today, that approach is no longer necessary since those who still want to make those stated changes have found new ways to accomplish the same old goals.

Thomas Jefferson was always about "States Rights" with less Federalist (or federal government influence). Today, the Republican Party is carrying out Jefferson's vision with three approaches: (1) Voter Suppression legislation, which is now in 43 of the 50 states and with over 500 bills pending, collectively, to make it harder to vote; (2) Former President Trump's efforts to change the Census 2020 count by questioning whether people in households were legal; and (3) The resulting loss of Congressional seats in at least 6 states, including the one seat from California (a Blue state) and the addition of 2 seats to Texas (a Red State). Texas happens to be one of the states with a complete Republican legislature and governor with major voter suppression legislation pending.

The bottom line is that the Census determines the number of seats in the Congress per state. Since the Congress is fixed at 433 seats, seats are reallocated following the ten year Census. Now the change in number of seats requires a change in how congressional districts are drawn up in each state. The drawing of those boundaries to strengthen one party's voter influence over another is called "gerrymandering."

Where Republicans control state legislatures, they will also control the appointment of the people who draw the boundaries. Such boundaries can determine the allocation of voting precincts and equipment. The whole idea is to ensure that never again do we have the kind of democratic vote among "we the people" that put President Biden in the White House.

The Republican conspiracy against democracy can only work if we sleep and become inactive during this multifaceted effort.

We must prepare now for 2022 by: (1) Boycotting the corporations that refuse to support "Black Votes Matter" and who continue funding legislators that give to those state legislators engaged in supporting voter suppression; (2) Finding candidates now that we can run and finance against the very Republicans supporting and sponsoring voter suppression legislation; and (3) Watching very closely the redistricting commissions charged with redrawing political districts so that the votes of people of color are not weakened. We must attend redistricting commission meetings whether on Zoom or in person. The damage they do will last for another 10 years.

"We The People" can defeat the Republican conspiracy on all fronts if we get started now and stay vigilant. It is ironic that Thomas Jefferson was the one who said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom." Are you willing to pay that price?

Communities of color and other buyers, beware of bold promises from health insurers

By Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.
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The COVID-19 pandemic has brought issues of healthcare equity to the forefront of discussions of racial justice. Even when controlling for factors like age and income, communities of color have been much more severely impacted than white Americans.

A recent report by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that "older black, Hispanic and American Indian/Alaska Na-

tive adults were nearly twice as likely to die of COVID-19 as older white adults," and "cases among black and Hispanic Medicare beneficiaries were 1.6 times higher than the rate observed among white beneficiaries."

Access to healthcare and health insurance is a vital issue for African Americans. And it's important to be on the lookout for healthcare companies that make big promises but fail to deliver.

In this context, let's take a look at Oscar Health, an insurance company that tries to appeal to consumers by position-

ing itself as a tech company. But its track record is questionable at best.

The company has been investigated and fined by the NY State Department of Financial Services. During its expansion in New York, Oscar cut the number of doctors in its network by more than half.

The company also has connections to former Trump Administration officials. It was founded by Jared Kushner's brother Josh, and its parent company, Thrive Capital, was partly owned by Kushner until he took a job at the White House. And the company is run

by serial Wall Street investors who seem primarily interested in flipping companies for a profit.

Even more concerning, Oscar has been expanding into the Medicare Advantage program, where they can leverage taxpayer money to provide health coverage to our seniors. That means one of our most vulnerable communities could be opting into a company that has questions hanging over it.

African Americans clearly need better health insurance. But we can't get lured in by companies that are more interested in taking money than pro-

viding real healthcare benefits.

So, before you make a decision about health insurance, please get more than one opinion or option. There are healthcare insurance companies that are considerably more equitable and beneficial. Healthcare for all is both a fundamental civil and human right.

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Right conquered wrong for George Floyd and his family

By James B. Ewers Jr.
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"Hallelujah!" "Praise the Lord!" are shouts you hear in places of worship across the country because you are thankful that your prayers are answered.

Many of us were not in a place of worship Tuesday, April 20, when the verdict was read by Judge Peter Cahill. Like you, I was standing up because I was too nervous to sit down.

In my opinion, this was a defining moment in American history. Good overtook evil. Justice was served. Our faith, while tortured and tormented, was restored. Our months of anguish and anxiety turned into relief and exhilaration.

George Floyd, a black man born in my home state of North Carolina, was murdered right in front of our eyes.

Was there no vindication for this crime committed by ex-policeman

Derek Chauvin? Yes, there was.

Chauvin was found guilty on all three counts, 2nd degree unintentional murder; 3rd degree murder and 2nd degree manslaughter. We knew the charges and we talked about them with our family and friends. We read about them on the internet and on social media.

In my opinion, when Judge Cahill read the verdicts, the coldness and callousness on Chauvin's face matched the coldness and callousness in his heart on George Floyd's final day on earth.

Expressions of joy, unbridled happiness and relief came from all over the country.

Deborah Watts, a cousin of Emmett Till, said, "They got it right. We have more work to do." President Joe Biden said, "No one should be above the law." Vice President Kamala Harris said, "A measure of justice is not the same as equal justice."

It is the shared opinion of many that we would not have seen a measure of

justice had it not been for Darnella Frazier, a Minneapolis teen, who filmed the entire horrific event using her cell phone.

When interviewed she said, "The world needed to see what I was seeing. Stuff like this happens in silence too many times."

The silence Frazier talked about happened in 1955 when Emmett Till was murdered. Justice was not thought about and was never considered.

Philonise Floyd, the brother of George Floyd, said, "Emmett Till was the first George Floyd."

I must temper my feelings about this case. Yes, I am happy about the verdict but we, in the black and brown community, come out sad and denied on too many occasions.

This verdict must strengthen our resolve to go on and fight harder for criminal justice reform. Our celebrations are be short-lived because the system is still the system. It is a diabolical trap full of loopholes and legislation that is anti-people of color.

We are still guilty until proven innocent. As black men, we are still being terrorized by police who do not themselves uphold the law. We cannot, must not, and will not drop our guard.

As people of color, we are tired of being frightened and fearful while driving when we see the police behind us. Tired and fearful of the apprehension we feel when the police stand at the side of our car and tell us to get out. Our movements are magnified and analyzed as we do not know what will happen next?

In a recent ABC News/Washington Post Poll, 63% of Americans say black people and other minorities do not receive equal treatment.

We must be anchored in getting police reform for this country. The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021 must be passed at the federal level.

Momentum is on the side of us who want changes in how the police do business. The old way is going out and the new way is coming in.

I believe America is ready.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi will host a public hearing to be held in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room of the Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 30, 2021. The Public Hearing will provide information on its Facilities Plan for the proposed Water Distribution System Improvement Projects at O.B. Curtis Water Treatment Plant and J.H. Fewell Water Treatment Plant. The City will be seeking low interest Drinking Water System Improvement Revolving Loan Fund (DWSIRLF) assistance for Fiscal Year 2021. The impact of the project will be improving customer satisfaction and safe, reliable service delivery of drinking water. Adverse impacts on historical, archaeological, or cultural areas are not expected, which is certified in the response letter from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The letter from Fish and Wildlife Service specified that the proposed project does not contain suitable habitat for species protected under the ESA. The project is necessary to ensure the City of Jackson consistently and reliably provide drinking water to its customers. The total cost of the loan is currently estimated at approximately \$ 27,953,300, which is being sought through the DWSIRLF low-interest loan program. The water distribution system improvement project is eligible for participating under the State of Mississippi low-interest DWSIRLF loan program.

The Public Hearing will present a description of the recommended project, estimated costs, as well as the estimated cost per household impact for customers for the eligible loan. The typical residential customer bill for drinking water is expected to increase by no more than 1%, assuming that low-interest loans can be obtained through the DWSIRLF loan program. The purpose of the hearing is not only to inform but also to seek and gather input from people that will be affected. Comments and viewpoints from the public are encouraged.

The City of Jackson will begin a public comment period on April 8, 2021. The comment period will allow citizens to review the proposed Water Distribution Improvement Projects Facilities Plan and offer additional comments.

A copy of the Water Distribution System Improvements Facilities Plan is available by email request to Mauricka McKenzie, PE at admin@cornerstoneengllc.com. Written comments, suggestions, and questions may be submitted to Mauricka McKenzie, PE at admin@cornerstoneengllc.com until May 8, 2021.

Charles Williams Jr., PE, PhD
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE AT LIVINGSTON PLACE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the "Governing Body" of the "City"), will hold a public hearing on May 11, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the regular meeting place of the Governing Body at the City Hall of the City of Jackson, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on the Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Village at Livingston Place, City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, March 2021 (the "TIF Plan"), for consideration by the Governing Body and requesting that the TIF Plan be approved in compliance with The City of Jackson, Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan, and further, to designate the project described in the TIF Plan as appropriate for development and tax increment financing.

The general scope of the TIF Plan is a proposal that the City will issue tax increment financing bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series in an amount not to exceed Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000), in order to provide funds necessary to pay for the cost of acquiring and constructing various infrastructure improvements in connection with the Project (as defined in the TIF Plan), which may include, but are not necessarily limited to, installation, rehabilitation and/or relocation of utilities such as water, gas and sanitary sewer; construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of drainage improvements, roadways, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, site improvements, structured and surface parking; relocation of electrical lines; lighting and signalization; landscaping of rights-of-way; related architectural/engineering fees, attorney's fees, TIF Plan preparation fees, issuance costs, capitalized interest, and other related soft costs (collectively "Infrastructure Improvements").

The Bonds shall be secured solely by a pledge by the City of the incremental increase in sales tax rebates and real and personal property ad valorem tax revenues generated within the TIF District, as described in the TIF Plan, and will never be a general obligation of the City, will not be secured by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the City, and will not create any other pecuniary liability on the part of the City other than the pledge of the incremental increase in the ad valorem taxes and sales tax rebates set forth above. If deemed necessary and appropriate, the City may require additional security from the developers of the Project.

Construction of the Infrastructure Improvements and payment of the Bonds issued pursuant to the TIF Plan will be paid as hereinabove set forth and will not require an increase in any kind or type of taxes within the City. Copies of the TIF Plan and the Redevelopment Plan are available for examination in the office of the City Clerk in Jackson, Mississippi.

The City may exercise its authority under Chapter 45 of Title 21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (the "Act"), as authorized by Sections 21-45-1, et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

This hearing is being called and conducted, and the TIF Plan has been prepared as authorized and required the Act.

Witness my signature and seal, this the 27th day of April, 2021.
S/Angela Harris
City Clerk
(SEAL)

4-29-2021

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS City of Jackson Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are being extended and you are invited to participate, they will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

34060-051121 Twenty-Four Month Supply of Muller Fire Hydrants

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV, AND WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM.

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

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

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

Destiney Williams, Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1022 or 1025

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Electronic Bidding Advertisement for Bid

Re-Bid 3162 Brinkley Middle School Renovations

Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) May 26, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conferences concerning this project will be held at 3535 Albermarle Road, Jackson, MS 39213 on May 13, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is non-mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.jpdsdm-projects.com. A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Charles Bunniran at Allen & Hoshall, Phone: 601-977-8993, Fax: 601-949-4344 or Email: cbunniran@allenhoshall.com.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Case No. HPNC-21-16, requested by: Eric Collins to open up the boarded windows and doors, install the missing windows and doors, and add awnings to the building at 612-618 N. Farish St. located in the Farish Historical District.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Case No. HPNC-21-19, requested by: Zita Webb to construct an addition and remodel the kitchen at 1044 Manship St. located in the Belhaven Historical District.

2. Case No. HPNC-21-20 (Historic Preservation Violation), requested by: Jennifer Welch DBA Tandem Investments, LLC to remove a chain link fence in poor condition and install an 8' Good Neighbor wood fence to visually block large commercial dumpsters from view of the Museum Trail, the Belhaven Heights Park, and residents in the surrounding area at 0 Madison St. (Parcel # 1025-48) located in the Belhaven Heights Historical District.

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Advertisement for Bid

Bid 3184 Fuel, POL and Fleet Management

Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) May 17, 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all 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

Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing Michelle Shelton Robinson at mishelton@jackson.k12.ms.us, (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us

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Employment Ad

Hinds County Economic Development Authority (HCEDA) Board of Trustees seeks a full-time Executive Director to oversee the day-to-day operations of HCEDA, including the management, utilization and conservation of its financial, human and physical resources, under the authority and supervision of the HCEDA Board of Trustees.

Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in business administration, economic or community development, urban & regional planning, engineering, or a related field, along with a minimum of five (5) years' experience in economic or community development, urban & regional planning, or a closely-related profession and with a proven track record of successfully locating new capital investments.

Advanced degree(s) and CEcD designation and/or EDFP certification is preferred.

Salary will be based upon experience.

Applications must be received by June 10, 2021.

For additional details regarding this role as well as information on how to apply, visit <https://selecthinds.com/careers>

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT


IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND
TESTAMENT OF JERRY HOPKINS, DECEASED NO.: 25CH2-20-PR-00067

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 12th day of November 2020 by the
Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executrix upon the Estate of
Jerry Hopkins, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the
same to the Clerk of this Court for the probate and registration according to law within (90) days
from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

DATED this the 29th day of March, 2021.


ANN HOPKINS, Executrix

Solicitor: Howard R. Brown
Attorney and Counselor at Law
Post Office Box 158
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
MSB# 10631

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3. Case No. HPNC-21-21, requested by: Jennifer Welch to install a door on the east rear elevation, install 2 sets of stairs at the rear elevation, install doors and window on detached structure as indicated in the elevation drawings, install a parking area to hold 4 vehicles, and install a fence at 834 Madison St. located in the Belhaven Heights Historical District.

4. Case No. HPNC-21-22, requested by: Jeff Seabold to renew the previously approved COA 2014-16, for exterior repairs, new driveway, garage addition at 1240 Rose Hill Cir. located in the Belhaven Historical District.

II. OTHER ITEMS

1. Administratively Approved COAs.

2. Discussion: Recommendation up to the fine amount allowed in the Ordinance for violations when proceeding to environmental court.

III. ADJOURN

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE, COMMISSIONERS AND APPLICANTS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING BZHAO@JACKSONMS.GOV TO REGISTER PRIOR TO MAY 5, 2021.

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Legal Notice

We, the member of Perusa Investments LLC/DBA Swinging Bridge Discount Liquor, intend to make application for a transfer of a Package Retailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, Section 67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, and Annotated. If granted such permit, I propose to operate as a limited liability company under the trade name of Perusa Investment LLC/DBA Swinging Bridge Discount Liquor, located at 2 Holiday Rambler Ln, Byrum, MS of Hinds County. The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of the owner(s)/ partners/corporate officer(s) and/or majority stockholder(s)/member(s)/ trustee of the above named business are: Jorge Gonzalez. If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division, Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 22828, Jackson, MS 39225.

Date of First Publication: April 29, 2021. This the 28 day of April A.D., 2021.

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RFP 2021-04 Lead partner to Provide Support with Online Supplemental Digital Software for Reading, Language and Math

Electronic and sealed rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), May 05, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened.

Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing Bettie Jones at bjones@jackson.k12.ms.us or calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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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Advertisement for Bids

Bid 3180 JPS Site Care (Lawn Services)

Bid 3181 Waste Disposal

Sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) May 11, 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all 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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RFP 2021-10 Pool of Providers to offer Translation, Transcription, and Interpretation Services

Electronic and sealed rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), May 14, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened.

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RFP 2021-07 Digital Curriculum for K – 12

RFP 2021-08 Science Support

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Electronic Bidding
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Bid 3183 Track and Field Facility Renovation at Hughes Field

Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) May 25, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conferences concerning this project will be held at 545 Ellis Avenue, Jackson, MS 39209 on May 12, 2021 at 02:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is non-mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened

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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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Advertisement for Bids

Bid 3182 Bakery Products (Bread)

Sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) May 12, 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all 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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RFP 2021-04 Pre-kindergarten – Eighth Grade On-line Supplemental Music Program

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RFP 2021-06 Individuals with Disabilities Education Program (IEP) Writing Program Software/Subscription

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Electronic Bidding
Advertisement for Bid

Re-Bid 3163 Powell Middle School Renovations

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RFP 2021-03 JPS Seeks a Pool of College/University Partners to Provide Teacher Certification Program Support and an English as a Second Language (ELS) Endorsement

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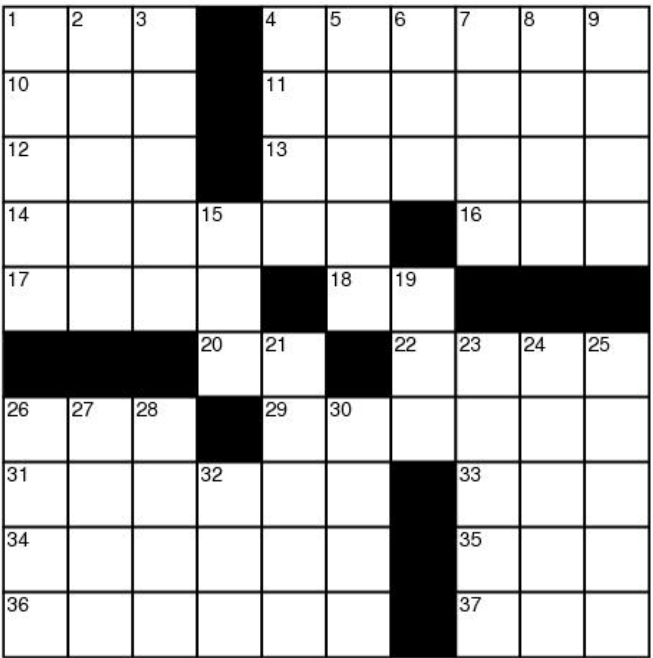
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- 4. Homes
- 10. Vase
- 11. Panegyric
- 12. Tiny mark
- 13. Sunset State
- 14. People from Asia
- 16. Escudo
- 17. Loch __ monster
- 18. Teacher's assistant, for short
- 20. Low frequency (abbr.)
- 22. Hindu goddess, consort of Siva
- 26. Eye infection
- 29. Microscopic
- 31. Whale hunter
- 33. Boxer Muhammad
- 34. Yellow fruit
- 35. Lodge
- 36. Indian's home
- 37. Fall back

DOWN

- 1. African nation
- 2. Jagged
- 3. Those who are opposed
- 4. Long time
- 5. Break
- 6. Roberto's yes
- 7. Former magistrate of Venice
- 8. Id's counterparts
- 9. In __ (together)
- 15. American sign language
- 19. Hubbub
- 21. Matador's passes at bull
- 23. Electronic mail
- 24. Capital of Lithuania
- 25. Frosting
- 26. Compass point
- 27. Citizen
- 28. Yin's partner
- 30. Trolley
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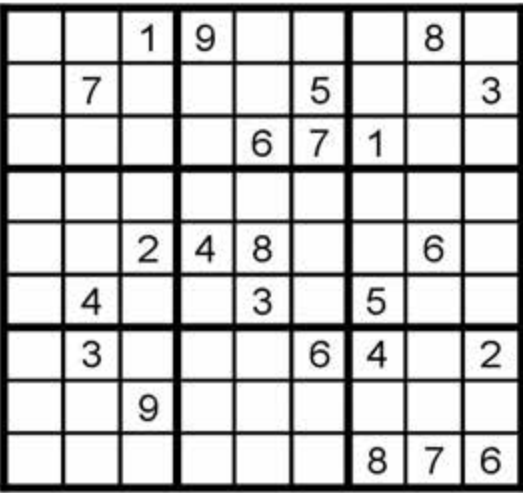
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Sharpton decries ‘stench of racism’ in Wright’s death

By Aaron Morrison, Tim Sullivan and Tammy Webber
Associated Press

Daunte Wright, the young black man shot by an officer during a traffic stop in suburban Minneapolis, was not “just some kid with an air freshener,” but a “prince” whose life ended too soon at the hands of police, the Rev. Al Sharpton said April 22 during an emotional funeral.

Hundreds of people wearing COVID-19 masks packed into Shiloh Temple International Ministries to remember Wright, a 20-year-old father of one who was shot by a white police officer April 11 in the small city of Brooklyn Center. The funeral was held just two days after former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin was convicted in the death of George Floyd and amid a national reckoning on racism and policing.

“The absence of justice is the absence of peace,” Sharpton said. “You can’t tell us to shut up and suffer. We must speak up when there is an injustice.”

The civil rights leader’s thundering eulogy included a stinging rebuke of the possibility that Wright was pulled over for having air fresheners dangling from his mirror. Wright’s mother has said her son called her after he was stopped and told her that was the reason. Police said it was for expired registration.

“We come today as the air



Katie and Arbuty Wright, parents of Daunte, speaking during funeral services for their son. Rev. Al Sharpton stands behind them.

fresheners for Minnesota,” Sharpton said, vowing changes in federal law. “We’re trying to get the stench of police brutality out of the atmosphere. We’re trying to get the stench of racism out of the atmosphere. We’re trying to get the stench of racial profiling out of the atmosphere.

“We come to Minnesota as air fresheners because your air is too odorous for us to breathe,” he said. “We can’t breathe in your stinking air no more!”

Brooklyn Center’s police chief said it appeared from body camera video that the officer who

shot Wright used her pistol when she meant to use her Taser as Wright struggled with police. The 26-year veteran, Kim Potter, is charged with second-degree manslaughter. Both she and the chief resigned after the shooting.

Ben Crump, attorney for both the Floyd and Wright families, has called for more serious charges against Potter and said Wright’s son “is going to get old enough to watch that video of how his father was slain so unnecessarily. A misdemeanor, a misdemeanor.”

“It’s too often that traffic stops

end up as deadly sentences, a death sentence,” Crump said, adding he wants Wright’s son to know, “We stood up for Daunte, his father.”

Daunte’s mother, Katie Wright, told mourners, “The roles should be completely reversed. My son should be burying me,” before burying her face in her hands.

Wright recalled her son becoming a father to a boy born prematurely: “He was so happy and so proud, and he said he couldn’t wait to make his son proud. Junior was the joy of his life. He lived for him every sin-

gle day.”

Funeral attendees were brought to their feet when artist Ange Hillz painted a portrait of Wright – white paint on a black canvas – as trumpeter Keyon Harrold played “Amazing Grace” and “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing,” the Black National Anthem.

And during a silent reading of Wright’s obituary, some could be heard crying softly.

Later, at the cemetery where Wright was buried, some shouted “Daunte!” after his parents opened a basket, freeing two white doves that flew away.

The families of several other black people killed by police were there, too, including the mothers of Philando Castile, who was shot by a police officer during a traffic stop in a Minneapolis suburb in 2016, and Eric Garner, who was filmed saying “I can’t breathe” in a fatal 2014 encounter with New York City police.

Also attending were relatives of Oscar Grant, killed in 2009 by a California transit officer who mistook his service weapon for a stun gun, similar to the Wright case, and of Emmett Till, the teenager whose 1955 lynching in Mississippi helped spark the civil rights movement, as well as the boyfriend of Breonna Taylor, who was shot in her Kentucky apartment by officers serving a warrant in 2020.

U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Gov. Tim Walz and Minneapolis

Mayor Jacob Frey also attended.

“True justice is not done as long as having expired tags means losing your life during a traffic stop,” Klobuchar said before a minister gave the closing prayer. “True justice is not done as long as a chokehold, the knee on the neck or a no-knock warrant is considered legitimate policing.”

More than a dozen members from an armed team of local men, the Minnesota Freedom Fighters, provided security.

Wright was killed when a scuffle broke out as police tried to arrest him after realizing he had an outstanding warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of fleeing police and having a gun without a permit.

It set off protests in Brooklyn Center, a working-class, majority nonwhite city, with hundreds of people gathering every night for a week outside the city’s heavily guarded police station. While the mayor called for law enforcement and protesters to scale back their tactics, the nights often ended with demonstrators lobbing water bottles and rocks at the officers, and law enforcement responding with pepper spray, tear gas and rubber bullets.

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President Biden announces executive orders to curb gun violence



Vice President Harris said she had seen gun violence up close. “I have looked at autopsy photographs. I have seen with my own two eyes what a bullet can do to the human body,” the vice president noted. PHOTO: ISTOCKPHOTO / NNPA

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Determining that “enough is enough,” President Joe Biden announced a series of executive actions to reduce gun violence.

Vice President Kamala Harris joined the commander-in-chief in calling on Congress to pass more extensive gun-control legislation.

“This is an epidemic, for God’s sake, and it has to stop,” President Biden remarked outside of the White House in the Rose Garden.

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“I have looked at autopsy photographs. I have seen with my own two eyes what a bullet can do to the human body,” the vice president noted.

“I have held hands with the hands of parents who have lost a child. I have seen children who were traumatized by the loss of a parent or sibling. And I have fought my entire career to end this violence and to pass reasonable gun safety laws.”

Vice President Harris continued:

“Time and again, as progress has stalled, we have all asked, ‘What are we waiting for?’ Because we aren’t waiting for a tragedy; I know that. We’ve had more tragedy than we can bear. We aren’t waiting for solutions either because the solutions exist. They already exist.”

The executive orders issued include:

- Directing the Justice Department (DOJ) to propose a rule within 30 days to help stop ghost guns’ proliferation – firearms assembled from kits that often lack serial numbers and are difficult to trace.

- Directing the DOJ to craft a rule within 60 days, which clarifies the point at which a stabilizing arm brace effectively turns a pistol into a short-barreled rifle, subjecting that firearm to additional regulations.

- Directing the DOJ to publish within 60 days, model red-flag legislation, which lets law enforcement officers or family members ask a court to bar someone from accessing guns

under certain circumstances temporarily. The White House says the model legislation will make it easier for states to pass their own versions of that law.



- Directing the DOJ to issue a comprehensive report on gun trafficking.

- The actions arrive after several recent mass shootings in the United States, including South Carolina, on April 7.

In that incident, former NFL player Phillip Adams murdered five people, including two young children, at a doctor’s home. Phillips then fatally shot himself.

“This gun violence in our neighborhood is having a profound impact on our children, even if they’re never involved in pulling the trigger or being the victim of – on the other side of a trigger,” President Biden said.

“For a fraction of the cost of gun violence, we can save lives, create safe and healthy communities, and build economies that work for all of us, and save billions of American dollars.”



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Lynda Jackson-Assad, COVID-19 virtual forum, moderator



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Washington

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent, Ph.D. Contributing Writer

“Immunization has been a great public health success story. The lives of millions of children have been saved, millions have the chance of a longer healthier life, a greater chance to learn, to play, to read and write, to move around freely without suffering.” That’s what the late Nelson Mandela, one of history’s most inspirational figures, said some years ago.

The Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated harmonized that expression not only for the young, but for all citizens during Crucial Conversations: COVID-19 Vaccinations Virtual Forum with the public Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m.

The forum was moderated by Lynda Jackson-Assad, MD, FAAP, MS, MPH – Pediatrics, Medical Director, Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center.

Jackson-Assad called on Paul Byers, MD, Mississippi State Epidemiologist, to address COVID-19 cases in Mississippi. Accordingly, the doctor expressed that Mississippi had experienced 7,153 deaths since COVID-19, and according to the Mississippi Health Department, that number is increasing among different age groups. Byers emphasized to viewers the need to “blunt the impact of increase in cases we have seen.”

Byers asserted that although the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines “are very effective in preventing hospitalization and deaths, now is not the time to let our guard down.” He then encouraged listeners to wear masks and social distance, “even if you’ve been vaccinated.”

Referencing African Americans and the vaccines, Terrence Shirley, MPH, UMMC Cancer Research Administrator, maintained that the general issues are hesitancy due to the Tuskegee Study; mixed messages from the White House; and belief that the vaccine came too fast.

“It’s not new. It was present 10 years before it was placed on the shelf,” contended Shirley.

Byers explained that though Mississippi ranks 47 in getting people fully vaccinated, all must get involved to help them overcome their hesitancies. Persons not having had the opportunity to yet get vaccinated can engage in walk-ins at facilities and door-to-door approaches. He injected that persons who have been vaccinated might need a booster.

Claude Brunson, MD, Executive Director of Mississippi State Medical Association, stated that at the start of the pandemic a committee was set up to protect the safety of Mississippians. The committee studied vaccine availability, inequities in vaccine distribution, hesitancies among African Americans to take the vaccine, disadvantages among the poor, lack of transportation and demand for limited supply.

“It came out that only 15 percent of African Americans had access. So [physicians] worked on that. Dr. Timothy Quinn and other physicians followed up with the African-American Legacy Physician Event to educate the public to encourage them to take the vaccine.”

Brunson added that there were conversations with Dr. Jerry Young and other pastors to encourage their congregations to get vaccinated. This

pool of pastors stated that they motivated the people, but additional vaccines were needed.

“We need to continue to work with local mediums and campaign to educate those who are hesitant,” petitioned Brunson.

Candance Childress, FNP-C, Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center, warned that she no longer recommends that zinc and vitamin C be used for treating COVID-19 but preferred patients to their physicians. For persons not hospitalized or diagnosed with COVID, monoclonal antibody treatment is effective.

St. Dominic, Mississippi Baptist Center, University of Mississippi Medical Center and Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center are places to treat and test patients for COVID-19.

Jackson-Assad questioned Michelle Owens, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Prolific Health and Wellness, regarding the safety of vaccinations among pregnant women. “Since the vaccine came to market, almost 40,000 pregnant women received [it]. In no way is the vaccine harmful during pregnancy. Pregnant women are at higher risk if they’ve not had the vaccine. [So] we strongly advocate that pregnant women do receive the vaccine,” she said.

According to Owens, “If they would like to be protected as soon as possible, pregnant women should be vaccinated during the first trimester. [Further], antibodies that come [from] the mother can provide additional protection for [their] babies. Breast feeding is [a great mechanism for protection].”

Latonya Washington, MD, MBA, president of Bluff City Medical, Society, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, informed viewers that the Pfizer vaccine is now available for ages 16 and up. “There’s an opportunity of new variants, and we’re looking to see that these vaccines be released to the young. College campuses can be a breeding ground. So we’re trying to keep our community safe,” noted the Jacksonian.

“To ensure a better tomorrow is to get our young people involved through a level of trust.

We have to ensure that we have access to them and to get them to disseminate that information to their peers,” stated Shirley.

Childress told Shirley and others that to prevent more deaths, everyone should become fully vaccinated. “[My family and I] were definitely impacted with COVID-19.” She had a fever on March 20, 2020. Two days afterwards, she had multiple chest pains and shortness of breath. On May 31 she and her husband were exposed to someone who was asymptomatic.

The spouse continued: “My husband’s symptoms progressed very rapidly. He was admitted to one of our local hospitals. He received oxygen and progressed to ventilation with kidney failure. All of his blood supply was wiped out.

In January of this year, Childress’s husband was cleared to return to work. She claimed, “Today he is 100% recovered.”

In bringing closure, Jackson-Assad thanked panelists for sharing their knowledge and expertise and viewers for their attendance.

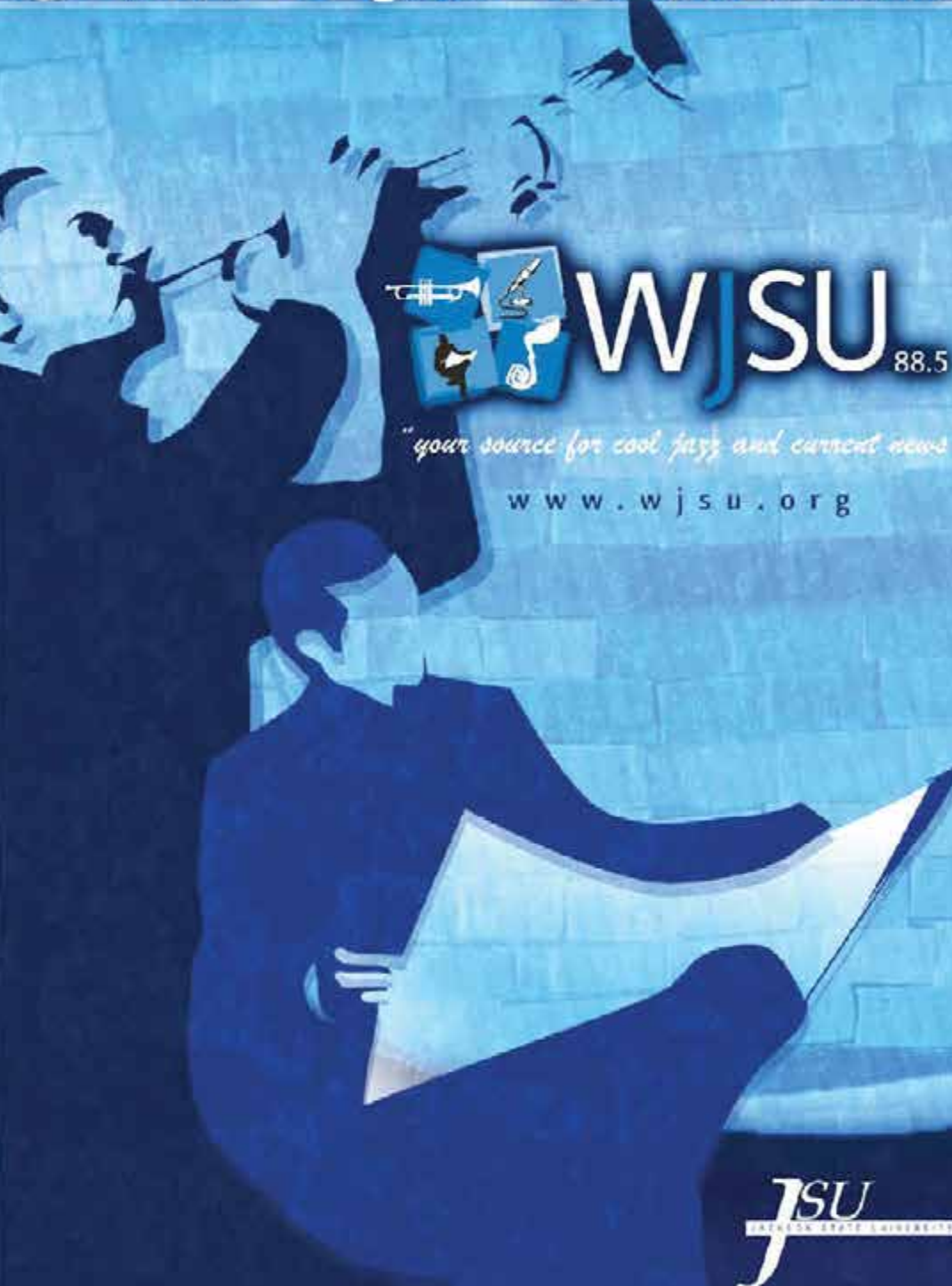
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