

# 160-plus joined Holmes’ virtual Teen Talk: ‘Healthy vs. Toxic Relationships’

## CSLC-HCCSD HOPE community partners collaborated with teens to observe NTPPM



Students, community partners and teachers in attendance at the ZOOM general assembly panel discussion.

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

Despite historic declines in teen pregnancy and birth rates, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) also reports that there is still more work to be done. One county in Mississippi is doing just that: “more work.”

For the past two years, the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) in core partnership with the Holmes County Consolidated School District (HCCSD) and other community partners, have been implementing HOPE (Health Optimization and Prevention Education). HOPE is a federally-funded project via HHS, Office of Population Affairs’ (OPA) Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs (TPP).

However, HOPE’s use of Dibble Institute’s Love Notes 3.0 Evidence Based Program

(EBP) curriculum goes beyond teen pregnancy prevention. HOPE trains 6th-12th-graders in the rural Delta Mississippi county on proven best practices and the importance of healthy adolescent relationships.

To culminate May as National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month (NTPPM), HOPE core/community partners, staff, students, etc. teamed to host a virtual general assembly May 27, at 10:30 a.m. called Holmes County Teens Talk. The assembly feature a panel discussion of HOPE participants, past and present, who discussed the thought-provoking topic, “Healthy Versus Toxic Teen Relationships” moderated by HOPE facilitator Kendra Nash, an educator and area playwright whose plays

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# “Underground Railroad Re-Run” visits “Black Wall Street” in Tulsa



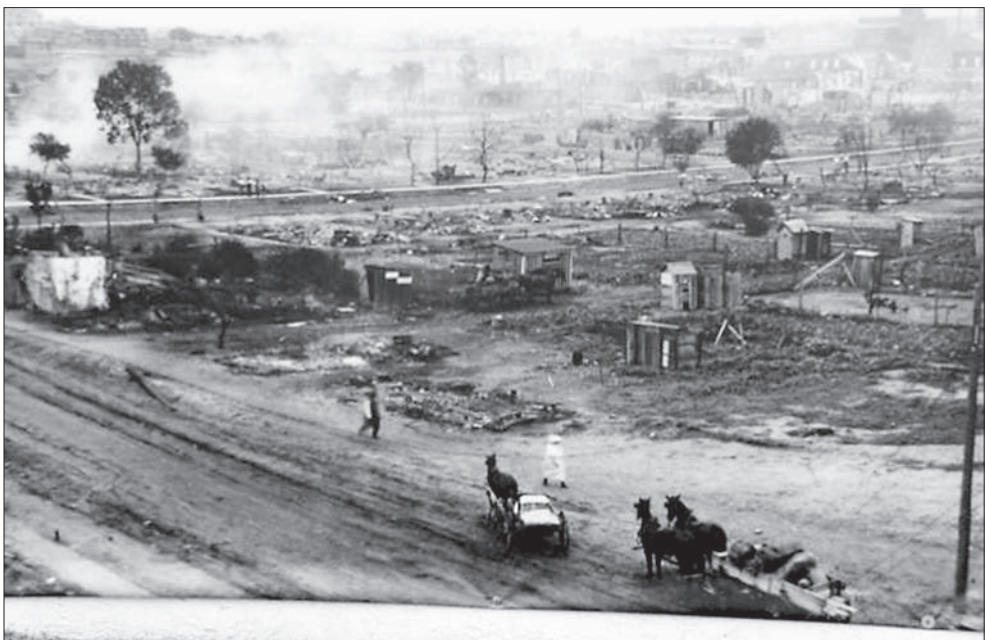
Members of UGRRR that rode to Tulsa. PHOTO BY GAILYA M. PORTER

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

The Underground Railroad Re-Run, Inc. (UGRRR) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate and re-educate the world regarding the resilient history of African Americans by retracing tragedies and massacres such as the “Underground Railroad” which abolitionist and political activist Harriet Tubman treaded to lead hundreds of slaves to freedom in the North.

UGRRR members often travel by motorcycle to areas throughout the country that exposes participants to sites where significant liberating events occurred during and after slavery. Such was the case May 30, 2021.

There were fifteen (15) riders that left Jackson, eighteen (18) left Atlanta and one (1) left Huntsville, Alabama; all joining the long ride to Tulsa, Oklahoma where the most heinous cold blooded massacre of black people in the history of the United States of America occurred. The victims had built a bustling robust city within the Greenwood District of Tulsa and because of



Scene of the once bustling Black Wall Street in the Greenwood District of Tulsa after the 1921 riot.

their amazing success, it became referred to as “Black Wall Street.”

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# Campbell College: No HBCU is ever “lost”

By Shirley Hopkins Davis, PhD  
Special to The Mississippi Link

If you’ve ever wondered what happened to a small private A.M.E. school called Campbell College in Jackson, Mississippi, you will find it online using the key phrase “Lost Colleges.” Lost? Campbell College has never been lost, nor should we allow any Historically Black College and University (HBCU) be defined as “lost.”

The college was named honoring Bishop Jabez P. Campbell, the 27th elected/consecrated bishop and founded in 1890 by the Mississippi and North Mississippi conferences of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.). It continued to function into the early 1960s with an enrollment of 300 students, closing in 1964, after 70 plus years of providing blacks basic educational and religious principles.

First founded in Vicksburg, Mississippi, the college was and is more than meets the eye when assessing



The first attempt to desegregate Jackson’s bus transport occurred in late April 1961 with local Campbell College students. (L-R) , Johnny Barbour Jr., George Ann Washington, Walter H. Jones and Doris Ruth Bracey. Jet Magazine reported the story of their arrests and fines in its May 11, 1961 edition. PHOTO COURTESY

its torchbearers, the proud alumni of the junior college. Still to blacks who were denied the opportunity to get an education in public schools, it represents the beacon of hope for better lives in America that were the objectives of all HBCUs.

Its mantra was “to give students a thorough education – preparatory, collegiate, theological and industrial – together with such instruction in the art of expression, music, industry, business, and all prerequisites, which will contribute to their efficiency in

the home, the state and the nation.” (Lost Colleges: <https://www.lostcolleges.com/campbell-college-ccnn>)

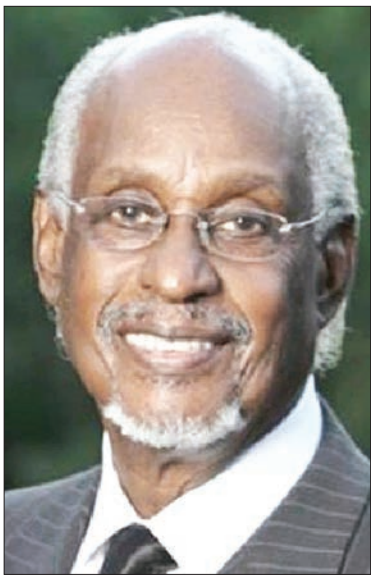
Historian Sheren Sanders noted that Campbell College was established as a grammar school and junior college “to impose strict standards of behav-

ior on its students based on Christian principles. Some 50 years after its closing, the same purpose and values can still be found in the hearts, minds and lives well-lived by many alumni.

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## Iconic Actor Clarence Williams III dead at 81

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

Actor Clarence Williams III, who starred as Lincoln Hayes on the countercultural ABC drama, “The Mod Squad” and as superstar Prince’s father in “Purple Rain,” has died. He was 81.

Williams’ management team said the celebrated actor died of colon cancer.

“RIP Clarence Williams III. He was amazing in everything. Please watch him in Sugar Hill, Half Baked, and Purple Rain,” tweeted actor Reggie Watkins Jr.

Williams career started on the Broadway stage where he earned a Tony nomination for his acting in the three-person drama, “Slow Dance.”

Comedian Bill Cosby recommended Williams to producer big-wig Aaron Spelling, who immediately took to the actor.

Williams returned to Broadway in 1979’s “Night and Day.”

His co-starring role as Linc on “The Mod Squad” in the 1970s, catapulted Williams into the mainstream.

However, some of his best work came on the big screen, particularly as Prince’s father in the 1984 hit, “Purple Rain,” and nine years later, in the Wesley Snipes-led, “Sugar Hill.”

In 1998, Williams portrayed jazz legend Jelly Roll Morton on the big screen, and he also worked in hits like “Reindeer Games” and “Against the Wall.”

He was a favorite of comedian Dave Chappelle who worked with him on several features.

According to the Hollywood Reporter, Williams was born Aug. 21, 1939.

The son of professional musician



Williams

Clay Williams, he was raised by his grandparents, composer-pianist Clarence Williams, a frequent collaborator of blues legend Bessie Smith, whose songs were used years later in “Ain’t Misbehavin,” and Eva Taylor, a singer and actress.

Williams became exposed to acting as a teenager when he stumbled upon a rehearsal for “Dark of the Moon” at the Harlem YMCA – Cicely Tyson was starring in it – and the director gave him a couple of lines in the play.

His work included “The Cool World” (1963), “Deep Cover” (1992), “Hoodlum” (1997), “Imposter” (2001) and “The Butler” (2013).

Williams also appeared on television’s “Hill Street Blues,” “Miami Vice,” “Law & Order,” “Everybody Hates Chris” and “Empire.”

## Ralph James Watson

January 11, 1951 - June 1, 2021

God’s eternal wisdom closed the eyes, sealed the lips and welcomed the spirit of Ralph James Watson, Sr. into His Heavenly Kingdom Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Ralph’s earthly life journey began on January 11, 1951 in Jackson, Mississippi. Ralph was the eldest child born to Ada Vertil Watson and Robert Brent. His mother was an accomplished home economics major from Jackson State University. His brothers were Brad Dexter Watson with Reginald Watson the youngest, who predeceased Ralph, along with his mother, Ada Vertil.

During Ralph’s early childhood, his mother relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where she raised her sons. He attended Our Lady of Sorrows Grade School. In addition, Ralph returned home to live with his grandmother, Golena, Aunts Ella and Zelma and sister-cousin, Paulette to attend Holy Ghost High School.

Ralph was a most energetic and very outgoing young man, playing the tuba in the band and participating in sports activities while attending Holy Ghost. After two years, Ralph returned to Chicago. He attended Saint Philips Catholic High School.

While in high school, Ralph was intelligent and very athletic. He was on the varsity football and basketball teams where he helped lead both teams to many victories. Ralph was recognized many times as MVP in basketball and football tournaments. He graduated from St. Phillips in 1969.

In 1970, he married Gwendolyn R. Roberts and remained married for 13 years. To this union, three children were born; Julia Dee, Ralph James Jr., and Mercedes Rose. Ralph was also the father of Justin Smith and Derek Smith with Christine Smith. And much later he became the father of Nicholas True Berger with Viyada Berger.

In 1972, Ralph graduated from Control Data Institute, earning his certification as a computer programmer/operator. He worked in this field for over 30 years.

With the anticipation of having more



Watson

opportunities for career advancement, Ralph moved his family to Dallas, Texas in 1977 to attend Bishop College. Though he did not finish college with a degree; he was very committed to the importance of learning. He would teach and study with his children at home daily installing a solid foundation and love for learning in them. As a result, Julia, Ralph and Mercedes have received their college degrees. And of course, being the passionate athlete, he taught his kids to swim, which served them as teenagers to become lifeguards; earning money during summer months.

As the Lord led, under the leadership of Rev. Anthony Williams, Ralph and four other classmates from Bishop College established the Martin Luther King, Jr. Baptist Church from 1980-1983. Ralph was a deacon during this period.

In addition to Ralph being a sports advocate, and a tremendous conversationalist (he loved words), he was extremely charismatic. In 1982 Ralph became a licensed insurance agent in the state of Texas. He sold insurance for A. L. Williams and United Liberty Life Insurance Company. During his successful career as an insurance agent, Ralph consistently performed as top salesman, earning awards and paid trips to Europe, visiting, Amsterdam, Switzerland and Germany for himself and Gwen.

It was an interim time, when Ralph and his two younger children moved to Southern California to reflect and readjust to a change in his life. They were welcomed by his sister-cousin, Paulette, Darryl and their four children to be restored. Ralph used his salesman skills and his computer skills to make a living for himself and his children.

Ralph had a large and loving extended family around the country and always found support and love from them. Thank you Vickie Lynn Singleton and Argusta Watson (Little Man).

Ralph is the nephew of Ella Watson Robinson, beloved life resident of Jackson, Mississippi. He relished his relationship with his aunties Ella, Zelma and Q.T. He kept in close communication with his sister-cousin, Paulette.

His greatest desire was to return to his home in Jackson, Mississippi where he was born and enjoy a happy, carefree life. On May 29, 2021, with the help of his daughter, Julia, his son, Ralph, Jr. and his sister-cousin, Paulette, he returned home and transitioned peacefully into the presence of Jesus Christ, his Savior. The scripture provides joy and hope to the last chapter of his life, Psalm 73:26, “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength and my portion forever.”

Cherishing the memory of Ralph are his children, Julia Dee (Dariat) McDuff, Lancaster, TX, Ralph James Watson, Jr. (LaTasha) Sacramento, CA, and Sadie Mercedes Watson, Dallas, TX; grandchildren, Jomo (Candace) McDuff, Littleton, Colorado, Dariat McDuff Jr., Lancaster, TX.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Lakeover Memorial Funeral Home. A public viewing will be held Thursday, June 10, 2021 from 3-6 p.m. Graveside services will be held at Morning Star Baptist Church, Learned, Mississippi on Old Port Gipson Road, Friday, June 11, 2021 at 11 a.m.

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## Tulsa

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Walt Gardener, president of the UGRRR said while visiting the 100 year's commemoration of Black Wall Street, it was not easy to describe the emotions everyone felt as they walked through much of the old "Greenwood" District.

He said, "For me, it started with a "heaviness" within my heart and soul that initially caused tears to well-up in my eyes."

A few others expressed similar emotions. "One lady rider from Atlanta literally wept openly and unashamedly," he said. "All of us respected her space and emotions. We knew how she felt. There was so much to see and yet so much that could not be seen. It had been totally destroyed," said Gardner.

In the Greenwood District there were numerous successful businesses, such as theaters, pharmacies, hotels, restaurants, dental and medical facilities and so much more. It was a self-sufficient city with estimated 10,000 black residents enjoying a middle to upper income life style.

Gardner had obviously researched this horrendous massacre quite thoroughly and believed the true cause of the riot by whites occurred due to envy and jealousy of those whites who were determined to derail the growth and development of a real economic foundation for people of African descent.

Just as others have similarly expressed, since learning the history of the Tulsa massacre, Gardner said, "Even though there were so many assets and so much of value destroyed, the greatest loss was the lives of an estimated 300 or more men, women and children and the loss of the future that those that survived could have had."

## Teen Talk

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have focused on relationships, teens and adults. She wrote and directed a CSLC Teen Pregnancy Prevention Production for teens several years ago called, "It Can Wait!"

"I really enjoyed being the moderator for the Teen Talk assembly," said Nash. "I am very passionate about helping children and teens prepare for their future relationships and families. I was so impressed by the responses of our former HOPE participants. It demonstrated that they have the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy decisions about relationships. It makes me feel like I am really making a difference in the lives of our youth."

HOPE Project Director Gail H.M. Brown, Ph.D. concurred. "The assembly really gave evidence that students have really been paying attention to the lessons, she said. Brown was also amazed at the event's participation. "When I looked down and saw 167 participants on the videoconference, I was so pleased."

Community partner Willie McGriggs of WEM Consulting, who specializes in housing, said he had not seen that "many brilliant and in-tuned minds come together for the good of the community." His consultant business sponsored one of several prizes that were given away. Other prize sponsors included *The Mississippi Link* newspaper, Agape Restaurant and facilitator Lucretia Holmes.

*The Mississippi Link* was delighted to sponsor a key prize.

CSLC Executive Director Beulah Greer said she was so grateful to the community partners for supporting the HOPE program and for helping derive the idea of a virtual general assembly to observe NTPPM. "We are extremely grateful to school leader Mr. Jamie Kyles and the S.V. Marshall Middle School staff for volunteering to serve as the virtual host," Greer added.

Charity Smith, who virtually completed the



Atlanta UGRRR rider Eric Moore (C) with fellow rider and Tulsa security. PHOTO BY GAILYA M. PORTER

He was speaking of the education they could have acquired, resulting in significant contributions they could have made to their city, state, nation and even the world. "But we will never know what could have been. An evil mod saw to that," he shared.

Underground Railroad Re-Run is a 501-c3 organization. An equally significant part of it's mission includes providing scholarships to deserving students of African-American ancestry. Founded in the 4th quarter of 2016 and having completed the first run in June 2017, they presented their first scholarship in 2018 and have continued to do so yearly.

UGRRR will select their 2021 scholarship winner(s) this September. Students interested in applying for the scholarship should visit their website at [www.ugrrrr.org](http://www.ugrrrr.org).

HOPE program last Summer after COVID-19 abruptly disrupted their winter/spring in-class implementation, said, "The HOPE program was and continues to be beneficial to my former classmates and me in informing us about the realities of life by describing relationships and sexual well-being."

"The HOPE program also gave me the confidence to express myself, manage adulthood, avoid red flags, be happy in relationships, maintain sexual health, protect myself from any type of abuse, and, finally, weigh the pros and cons before making a decision. Returning to this helpful activity provides me the confidence to urge younger kids that this content is critical as we move forward in life. It has to begin early, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share the information that the HOPE program's teachers have given me with junior high children."

NTPPM is held nationally in May by OPA to highlight the work that still needs to be done to help adolescents reach their full potential.

2021 graduating seniors who completed the HOPE program received a certificate and were awarded a gift card to a local restaurant.

CSLC HOPE community partners include: Holmes County Consolidated School District, Mallory Community Health Center, Goodman Mayoral Health Council, *The Mississippi Link* Newspaper, The Holmes County Sheriff Department, P.E.A.R.L Mentoring for Girls, Inc., Local Government, Bryant Clark Law Office, PLLC, Power House Deliverance Church, Holmes County Youth Court and WEM Consulting Group.

HOPE will continue this fall.

**Note to parents:** *If your HCCSD 6th-12th graders have not participated in HOPE or was interrupted and did not complete the program due to the pandemic impact, you may contact Beulah Greer or Gail Brown at 662 834-0905 if they wish to participate in the fall 2021.*

## Campbell College

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It contributed to the basic foundation of three most prominent A.M.E. elected and consecrated bishops: H. Hartford Brookins (91st – deceased at age 86, 2012), Henry Allen Belin Jr. (104th ) and Carolyn Tyler Guidry (122nd).

It was a privilege to interview Bishop Guidry this year, who now resides in Atlanta, Ga. At the age of 83, she remembers distinctly that Bishop Howard Thomas Primm (71st) preached the baccalaureate service at her graduation, based on Genesis 1, to "put God first and all others would fall in place."

Bishop Guidry moved through life as a gospel preacher/pastor, the first female presiding elder in the 5th District of the A.M.E. Church, and the second elected/consecrated female bishop in the AME Church.

She relates, "If I had not graduated from Campbell, I would not have been able to go to Tougaloo College. Although I did not complete studies at Tougaloo, I was able to use credits earned at Campbell and Tougaloo to get into Fuller Seminary in Los Angeles, Calif."

Despite its small size, Campbell played an important role in Jackson's civil rights movement, as it did not rely on state money as a private school. Its students not only participated in demonstrations and protests but also served as supporters and ambassadors of the movement.

Sanders noted that on April 8, 1960, Mississippi's field secretary of the NAACP and civil rights activist Medgar Evers held a press conference at Campbell College to announce the "Easter boycott" targeting white-owned businesses in downtown Jackson.

It was organized by Campbell students and led by dean of students Charles Jones and student body president Alfred Cook. Johnny Barbour Jr., a Campbell College student, was arrested and charged with "breach of peace" for sitting in the whites-only section of a city bus during a bus sit-in in April of the following year.

Barbour went on to become pastor of A.M.E. churches in Louisiana and Mississippi, spanning 60-plus years of service with the "Campbell Passion" for education, justice and equality. He was elected president and publisher of the A.M.E. Sunday School Union in Nash-

ville, Tenn., in 2000. He served 15 years as pastor at Pearl Street A.M.E. Church in Jackson. After serving 16 years as Publisher, he retired in 2016.

In October 1961, after students staged a walkout at Burgland High School to show solidarity with participants in a sit-in in McComb, Campbell College attracted the ire of white officials when it allowed students boycotting Burgland to enroll there. (*Campbell College – MS Civil Rights Project, 6-19-20*)

In 1964, the state of Mississippi seized the college by eminent domain. Scholar Jay Ann Williamson wrote, "Legislators never called it an act of retribution, but Campbell's place in the Jackson movement clearly influenced the decision."

Williamson stated, "The demise of Campbell College provides an extreme example of private Historically Black Colleges and Universities' (HBCU) vulnerability to state attempts to quash the Civil Rights Movement."

Campbell's physical plant became part of Jackson State College (now Jackson State University – JSU). Jackson State used the Campbell structure to house student affairs up until 2004, when it was demolished. When JSU expanded its physical plant, Campbell College was remembered as "a contributor to the advancement of education for blacks in Mississippi." (*JSU Catalogue 2021*)

JSU named its "Campbell College Suites" in honor of "one of the first colleges for African Americans in the state of Mississippi." The Suites house approximately 420 male and female upper classmen – noted as Suites North and Suites South. Each residence hall is suite-style with study rooms on each floor, laundry facilities, multi-purpose room and community kitchen.

In closing, let us remember: No HBCU is ever a lost cause or a lost college, and may Campbell College never be thought of as lost for it is lost no more.

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# Meet this Mississippi school’s first black, female student

By Theo Derosa  
The Commercial Dispatch

Jasada Penelope Dunbar knows everyone gets nervous for their first day of school.

But when she walked through the doors of Heritage Academy, a private school in Columbus, MS, in 1988 to start third grade, her worries reached a different level.

“Is my teacher going to say my name right?” Dunbar thought. “Is anybody else going to realize that I look different?”

As the first black female student to attend Heritage Academy – her brother Jabari integrated the ninth grade the same year – Dunbar forged a different path than did those who came before her. It wasn’t an easy one to walk, either.

Although Dunbar never considered going anywhere else, she and her brother dealt with their share of abuse as they excelled academically throughout their days on Magnolia Lane.

And now, more than 20 years after she graduated, Dunbar is still active in the Heritage Academy community. Her son Lathan Dunbar-Keys recently finished his freshman year, and through him, Dunbar remains connected to the school where she once made history.

“We do have a legacy here,” Dunbar said. “It’s just our reality. I don’t walk around like, ‘Oh, I have a legacy.’ I’m very humble in the fact that God allowed me to be this little girl who integrated this school, and all these years later, I get to see my kid do it.”



Dunbar stands in front of school she and brother Jabari integrated in 1988. PHOTO BY THEO DEROSA/DISPATCH

## This looks a lot different

When Dunbar’s parents, James and Maxine, moved the family from Memphis, Tennessee, to Columbus, MS they prepared their older son a lot more than their young daughter.

“No one told me, ‘You’re going to be the only black at school,’” Dunbar said. “It was, ‘Get ready for school. We have gone and bought your favorite lunchbox.’”

On her first day in the fall of 1988, she sat down in an all-white classroom. Then it hit her.

“Wait a minute,” Dunbar thought. “This isn’t like what last year was when I was in Memphis. This looks a lot different.”

At recess, classmate Alana

Fields helped assuage Dunbar’s fears by inviting her to play with Fields and her friends. Fields now lives in Austin, Texas, but the two remain close.

It was people like Fields who eased Dunbar’s way even when she faced resistance. Most of her fellow students were welcoming, but it was often teachers and parents who looked down on her because of her race, she said.

“I think for children, if they’re not taught much of a difference, they don’t see it,” Dunbar said. “They see a friend. They naturally invite you to spend the night. Their parents may be the ones who say, ‘No, you can’t.’”

Still, Dunbar – a “free spirit” and “social butterfly” – made Heritage Academy history

countless times by the time she graduated in 1998. She was the first black cheerleader, the first black member of the school’s social club. She helped start Heritage Academy’s first dance team, the Patriettes, and she was its sole black member.

“You become the first of everything – not on purpose but because you’re a kid who just goes after stuff,” Dunbar said.

**A force to be reckoned with**  
Jabari, who died in 2010, helped pave the way for his younger sister.

When he was still in high school, he’d check on Dunbar before she practiced with the band as part of the flag team. She even got help trying out for the junior

high cheerleading team from varsity cheerleaders who were friends with her older brother.

But she knows Jabari faced consequences she was sheltered from along the way. As a freshman in his first year at the school, he spent hours drawing, coloring and painting posters of prominent black figures for Black History Month. The artwork was vandalized. Jabari’s car was defaced three times, too.

Often, Dunbar would see her parents meeting with the high school principal for reasons she never learned. There were conversations at home to which Dunbar wasn’t privy as her brother bore the burden of racial abuse alone.

“My brother was my hero because I cannot imagine just some of the things that he dealt with compared to what I would have dealt with on my own,” Dunbar said.

Jabari remained a stellar student, graduating as Heritage Academy’s salutatorian and going on to graduate summa cum laude from Howard University and attend Howard Law School.

“When I say he was a force to be reckoned with – not because of his color, just as a student at Heritage – that’s the truth,” Dunbar said.

But in the six years between the siblings’ graduations, no other students of color graduated from Heritage. A few came, including a black boy the second semester of the Dunbars’ first year. For different reasons, none stayed long.

Some of those who transferred

in but didn’t enjoy the experience asked Dunbar why she was still at Heritage. For her, there was never a question.

“I don’t ever remember us saying, ‘I wish I went somewhere else’ or ‘I hate going here,’” Dunbar said. “It was just, ‘This is where you go to school.’”

## The new generation

It was similar for Lathan, who became Heritage Academy’s only second-generation black student when he started at Heritage Academy in kindergarten. This year, he beat his mother’s record, becoming the longest-tenured black student at the school.

Already, he’s enjoyed some of the same success that his mother and his uncle once did. As a freshman, he helped create the school’s sports streaming network as well as running for and winning a student government position.

“I have probably the best child in the world, in my opinion,” said Dunbar, a single parent. “He has made parenthood the greatest accomplishment I’ve ever had. He has honestly made my life better than anything I imagined for myself.”

In March, Dunbar spoke to her son’s ninth-grade honors English class about her experience, hoping to educate white students on Heritage Academy’s history and continue to encourage diversity at the school.

The students listened intently, hanging on the edge of their seats and asking so many questions they ran out of time with hands still in the air.

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# JPS top cadets awarded Leland R. Speed scholarships

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Cadet Samunique Blackmon of Callaway and Cadet Jerica James of Murrah are 2021 recipients of the first Leland R. Speed scholarships of \$5,000 each. The awards were presented to the cadets at a ceremony held May 21 at Callaway High School.

Blackmon was named the JROTC Cadet of the Year in 2020 and has served throughout her senior year as the highest-ranking JROTC cadet districtwide.

James was named the Murrah High School Cadet of the Year in 2020 and has served alongside Blackmon as the adjutant/human resource officer of the JROTC command staff.

The Leland R. Speed scholarship for JPS JROTC top cadets goes to the districtwide Cadet of the Year and the Murrah High School Cadet of the Year. The scholarship is awarded during their senior year of high school.

Funds are paid directly to



Blackmon

the cadet's community college, college or university.

Murrah alum William VanDevender coordinated with Jane Alexander of the Community Foundation of Mississippi to establish the scholarship fund. The scholarship honors the late Leland R. Speed, a longtime Jackson businessman



James

and founder of two Jackson-based NYSE-traded companies, and was recognized as a member of the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame.

Blackmon will attend Xavier University in New Orleans, and James will attend the University of Southern Mississippi this fall.

# Germantown scholar wins Frank “Super Fantastic” Branch scholarship

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Major Frank J. Branch (Durant Attendance Center & Alcorn State University) is a proponent of academic excellence and has been generous over the years in his giving of scholarships to college bound high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, leadership and community service.

Over the past two years, his sons, Marvin Fletcher of Durant High School and Jackson State University and Jeremy Branch of Murrah High School and Xavier University in New Orleans, have played major roles in helping him keep this scholarship alive through their financial contributions.

This year they awarded five scholarships: 1st place - \$500; 2nd place - \$400; two 3rd place awards, \$300 each; and



White

4th place - \$200.

Kelsi White, a graduating senior of Germantown High School was named the winner of the 5th Annual Frank “Super Fantastic” Branch scholarship in the amount of \$500. Major Branch stated that White's application scored the highest out of all entries

Other scholarship winners were 2nd place of \$400, Xavian Branch, Jim Hill High School; 3rd place ties of \$300 to Sydney Ellis, Madison Central High School and Clinecia White of Saint Joseph Christian School; 4th place for \$200 to Joshua Briscoe of Saint Joseph Christian School.

# JPS celebrates the Class of 2021, honors valedictorians and salutatorians

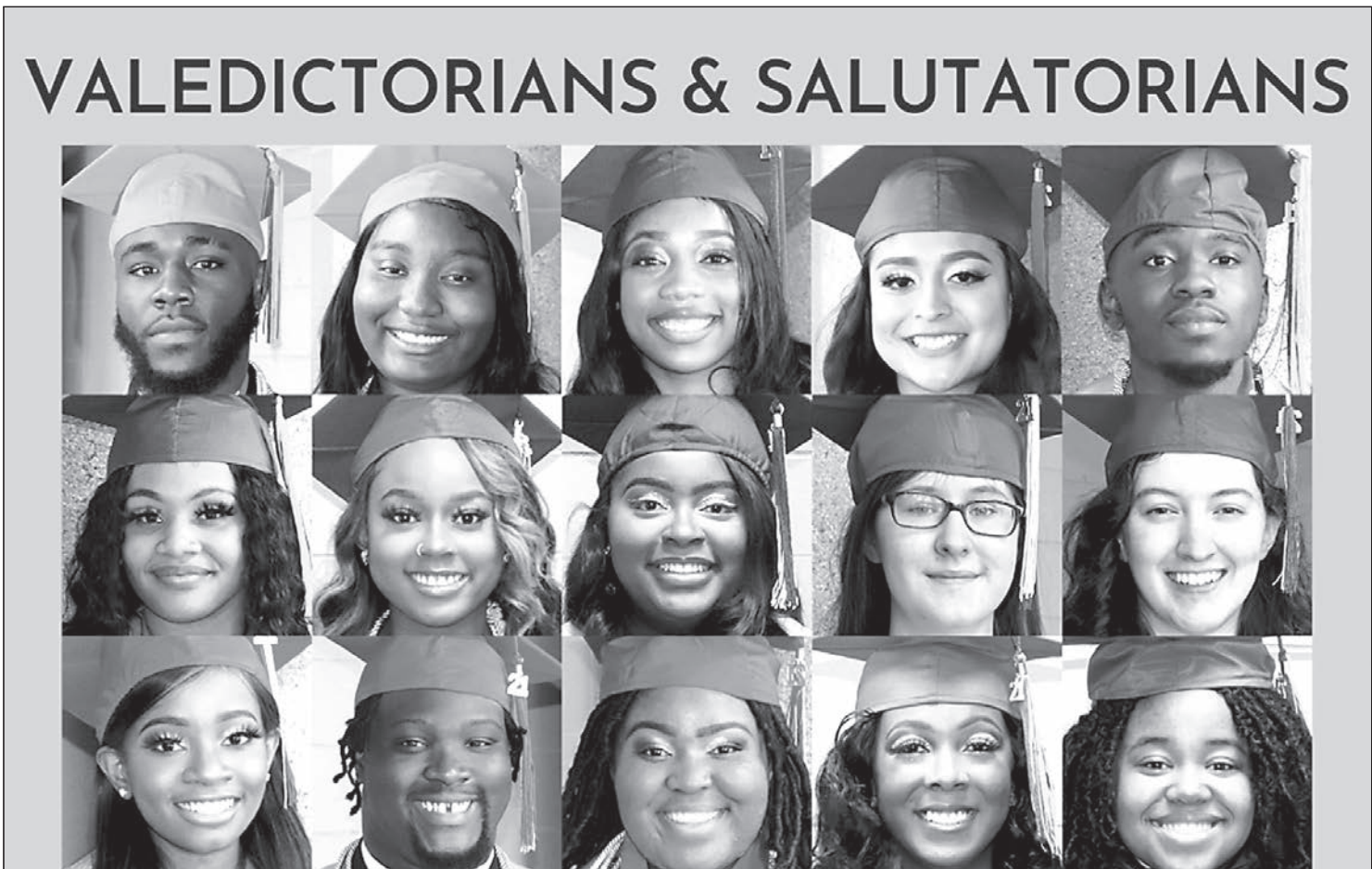
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Jackson Public Schools returned to in-person ceremonies for the class of 2021 as proper accommodations were made to control the size of the gatherings in order to balance the need for a celebration to mark this triumphant milestone.

The common theme was ‘you made it.’ These graduates truly earned a celebration. They endured to the finish through a full year of online instruction, adapting to hybrid instructional scenarios mid-year, unexpected weather days just as in-person learning was available, and intermittent water outages at some of the schools.

Valedictorians and salutatorians were represented by each of the high schools, namely Callaway, Forest Hill, Jim Hill, Lanier, Murrah, Provine and Wingfield.

Errick L. Greene, JPS superintendent told the graduates: “As you prepare for the next stage in your life, I sincerely hope you will continue to increase your knowledge and continue your education whether it's formally or informally. Never stop learning. Never stop being curious about the world around you, increasing your skillsets, and creating more and more opportunities for you, not only for you but also for your loved ones.”



# JPS School Board unanimously approves four-year renewal for Superintendent Errick L. Greene



Greene

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At its regular meeting held Thursday, June 3, the Jackson Public Schools Board of Trustees unanimously approved a four-year contract renewal for Superintendent Errick L. Greene. Under Greene's leadership over the past three years, the district has improved its accountability rating, increased graduation rates and launched an ambitious five-year strategic plan.

Initially, Greene was hired on a three-year contract and now has a four-year contract that begins July 1 of 2021, and ends June 30, 2025. The new contract will use the district's 2019-2024 strategic plan as the basis for evaluating the district's performance as well as the superintendent's continued leadership.

“Thank you for the vote of confidence,” said Greene. “I really do appreciate your support of the work that we've lifted here, and

I'm excited to continue the work and with this team.”

“On behalf of the Jackson Public School District Board of Trustees, I am proud to announce to the JPS community the board's decision to renew the employment contract of Superintendent Dr. Errick L. Greene,” said Letitia Johnson, board president. “We share the confidence that Dr. Greene continues to be the right person to lead Jackson Public Schools. Dr. Greene demonstrates remarkable leadership during this time of great challenge to the district and our community. He excels at goal setting, team building and cultivating talent, leading to numerous successes for JPS. The board looks forward to this subsequent tenure of working with Dr. Greene to enrich the scholars and families of the Jackson Public School District.”

“I'm grateful that you want to be here for the next four years and

commit to us and for the work that you have done here in the district,” said Board member Cynthia Thompson. “It takes a great leader to have a great team that follows him. I appreciate the work that you all do for our children and our city, and I believe that we're just on a great trajectory to recruit and retain teachers and for them to be here and stay here and make our city great.”

“I'm excited about the contract because I think it's, in the strongest way, a statement from the board that we believe in you, we believe in your team,” said Edward Sivak, board vice president. “But I also want to say, thank you for believing in us, thank you for believing in Jackson and our students and our community. I'm excited that we are able to offer some stability. Stability and leadership are often qualities that are credited in turnaround situations, so let's get this work done.”

Greene joined Jackson Public Schools in 2018 after the City of Jackson and the state of Mississippi created a task force to steer the district's improvement efforts. Having previously served as the chief of schools of Tulsa Public Schools in Oklahoma, Greene brought experience providing instructional leadership, family support services, and district athletics.

His career started in the classroom teaching middle school and upper elementary students. Later, he became a principal, principal supervisor, chief of staff, and consultant to senior district leaders in systems across several states.

Greene holds a doctoral degree in educational and organizational leadership from the University of Pennsylvania, two master's degrees in education – one from Trinity University and another from Howard University – and a bachelor's degree in political science from Howard University.



# Dr. Fauci addresses ‘Shots at the Shop’ during Black Press appearance

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Dr. Anthony Fauci said he wholeheartedly supports President Joe Biden’s initiative with black-owned barbershops and beauty salons to get more African Americans vaccinated.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director and the nation’s foremost authority on the coronavirus, Dr. Fauci, called the president’s tactic solid.

In a discussion with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), Dr. Fauci added that medical and administration officials have a laser-like focus on meeting the president’s goal of having 70 percent of all adults vaccinated by Independence Day.

“That’s the reason why you see what [President Biden] is doing, and all of us are doing to get people vaccinated,” Dr. Fauci asserted.

“We want to make it very easy for people to get the vaccine.”

President Biden declared June as a month of action and an-



nounced a “Shots at the Shop” initiative that unites 1,000 African American-owned barbershops and beauty salons in the country to serve as vaccination hubs.

The initiative comes with incentives like free child-care for parents and other perks.

“We want to give incentives and do whatever we can to get people to get vaccinated,” Dr. Fauci stated.

He noted that the NNPA, the trade association of the hundreds of black-owned newspaper and media companies, is a trusted voice in the nation’s Af-

frican American communities.

“That’s why I am speaking with you today,” Dr. Fauci insisted. “The Black Press is vital, it is trusted, and we need to get the word out and get everyone vaccinated.”

To view Dr. Fauci’s entire interview with the Black Press, register today and tune into the NNPA’s annual summer convention.

It is free to register at [www.virtualnnpa2021.com](http://www.virtualnnpa2021.com).

Headlined by music icon Chaka Khan, the convention begins Wednesday, June 23.

# This Louisiana town is on the forefront of heart research

By Emily Woodruff  
*The Times-Picayune/The News Orleans Advocate*

Whenever Wendy Perrette saw the big white trailer outside her elementary school, she knew it was going to be a good day.

It meant getting out of class and following her color-coded yarn to different stations, where researchers would take her height and weight, measure her skinfolds, ask questions about nutrition and take her blood pressure. The excitement outweighed the fear about them drawing some blood.

“You were out of class, you got to wear a paper nightgown with these little paper shoes, you had yarn. It was like, ‘woohoo,’” said Perrette, now 45 and the mayor of Bogalusa, a town about 70 miles north of New Orleans on the Mississippi border.

Perrette and the other residents of Bogalusa – some 16,000 participants over many years – are part of the Bogalusa Heart Study, a landmark research project known for establishing that risk factors for heart disease can be detected in childhood.

The pilot study began in 1972 before officially enrolling Bogalusa residents in 1973. Nearly 50 years and 1,200-plus scientific papers later, the same data is still helping researchers draw connections between childhood health factors and what happens to people as they age.

The earliest participants are now in their early 60s.

Though it began as a heart study, the data has helped researchers learn about nutrition, obesity, childbirth, the brain and how health factors can be passed down through generations.

“The study is about a lot more than just the heart,” said Tulane University’s Dr. Lydia Bazzano, the current principal investigator. “The vascular system really touches all parts of the body and all the different organ systems.”

In one ongoing study that began in 2013, Dr. Owen Carmichael, a brain health researcher at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, started analyzing brain scans of participants. Carmichael was trying to answer a question that fuels most of his research: Why do some people remain healthy in old age while others have brains that are ravaged by Alzheimer’s or bodies that can no longer function?

The scans showed that Bogalusa children who had higher blood sugar also had less brain tissue in middle age and fewer white matter pathways, which are responsible for communicating information through areas of the brain.

The alarming part about the finding was that none of the children had blood sugar high enough to be flagged by medical standards.

“No doctor would have tagged those blood sugar levels as suggesting diabetes,” said Carmichael, whose work was published in *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*.

The findings, among others generated by the study, may help illuminate the myriad reasons why some people experience long, healthy lives and other previously healthy people begin to struggle in their 50s.

“People seem to do pretty well, more or less as well as each other, throughout life, going through about middle adulthood. And then somewhere in middle age, different people start to diverge,” said Carmichael. “The real mystery in medicine is that we really can’t tell who’s going to do what.”

With data from childhood, researchers have a clearer picture of what might have an effect.

“The Bogalusa Heart Study



Perrette

is the one and only study in the United States at this time that allows you to address this question,” he said.

The Bogalusa Heart Study was conceived by Dr. Gerald Berenson, a Bogalusa native who got his medical degree at Tulane in 1945.

In the 1970s, he applied for a grant with the National Institutes of Health. He wanted to study the children in his hometown, what would become one of the first multiracial studies to cover a population from infancy to adulthood in a single community.

“I think the initial grant was for about \$4 million, which at the time sounded like so much money we couldn’t believe it,” said Ann Goldfarb, his daughter.

The study was first introduced through the school system, where nearly every child was enrolled. Parents jumped at the chance to have their kids participate because they saw it as a free medical exam. Over the years, the study would flag when a child had heart abnormalities or when an ultrasound picked up a tumor.

It’s hard to find someone over the age of 40 in Bogalusa who wasn’t involved.

“I keep hearing my mom – ‘Go get those free tests!’” said Joe Culpepper, 59, who joined the study in 1973.

Perrette, the mayor, remembers being told to eat more raisins when her iron was low. A scan caught a heart defect in her 10-year-old sister, she said.

The residents have also watched as economic conditions have eroded health in their kids and grandkids.

When the heart study began in the 70s, few Louisiana children were obese. The national rate of obesity among children was 5.5%. Now, the children in the study reside in one of the most obese regions in Louisiana, which is one of the most obese states in the nation. Washington Parish has an obesity rate of 43% compared to around 36% in Louisiana and 32% nationwide, according to federal data.

Among children ages 10 to 17, Louisiana ranks 6th for obesity, with one of five children considered obese, well above the national average.

Participants said they thought fewer activities, more screen time and a faster pace of life have contributed.

“We didn’t eat out,” said Perrette. “If you ate out you were on vacation. If you went to the wave pool, you packed a lunch.”

“There used to be a lot more activities, Little League-type stuff,” said Culpepper, who now drives his son an hour back and forth to Slidell for two months out of the summer so he can play on a football team.

Berenson never retired, staying involved in research until his death at 96. And over the years, the study has yielded information about how childhood experiences translate to adulthood.

Researchers learned that children of parents with heart disease in middle age are much more likely to be obese and develop signs of future cardiovascular disease in early adult-

hood. They found that hardening in arteries could be seen in kids as young as three, and connected childhood asthma to left ventricular mass, a predictor of heart-disease related death.

A 2006 analysis found that 77% of obese children become obese adults, compared to just 7% of non-obese children, and researchers linked genetics to obesity, pinpointing six possible genes that might play a role in diabetes and high blood pressure.

Early findings influenced nationwide pediatric blood pressure standards and helped create “Health Ahead/Heart Smart,” a guide to health published in 1987 for elementary school students.

All of the findings cried out for earlier screening of children for heart disease and the ultimate goal: preventing the conditions that increase the risk of obesity, heart disease and a poor quality of life in the first place.

“It’s really just incredibly difficult to prevent or combat obesity,” said Carmichael, who said he was shocked to learn about junk food ads in video games.

“If you have a certain console, you can order pizza through the game,” he said. “Everything is kind of piled up against you.”

While the study has been churning out academic analyses for decades, the research hasn’t informed government policies that might help prevent obesity as much as scientists have hoped.

Enacting sales taxes on sugar-sweetened beverages, for example, takes persistence, political will and solid research, which informs health guidelines, which can then influence regulations, said Bazzano.

Unlike other long-term studies tracking health, like the Framingham Study in Massachusetts, the Bogalusa study is not funded by continual government contracts. Researchers must apply for grants for specific studies, usually on a five-year basis.

Bazzano, who is attempting to catalog and store nearly 50 years’ of data collected through various technologies, is tasked with making sure researchers can continue to influence policy with some of the only lifetime data on obesity and heart health. The study is currently funded through 2024.

“That’s what I spend most of my time doing, writing grants, so I can make sure the study is funded for the next five years,” said Bazzano, who grew up in Metairie and received her medical degree and public health degree from Tulane.

She’d like to get enough funding to study the offspring of the original Bogalusa participants.

Driving through Bogalusa, she can’t help but feel a little defeated when she sees what kids are up against today in small, rural towns like Bogalusa, where cheap, quick food options have set up shop.

“There’s a large concentration of fast food restaurants in the center of the city, around Walmart, that include a Popeye’s, a Taco Bell, a Little Caesar’s, a McDonald’s, a Burger King and I think there’s a Hard-ee’s,” Bazzano ticked off. “And it’s definitely within one square mile.”

In a town of 12,700 people where nearly 40% live in poverty and one in five have diabetes, Bogalusa has offered a unique set of data among large studies, illuminating how health is impacted in poor, rural areas.

“Very few life course studies, studies of the heart, have information from childhood. We have information from black and white children,” said Bazzano.

# CDC director urges parents to get their teens vaccinated

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Rochelle Walensky reiterated the agency’s call for parents to vaccinate their children.

In an email statement, Walensky urged parents who may have questions to speak with their child’s health providers or with local pharmacists or health departments.

“I strongly encourage parents to get their teens vaccinated, as I did mine,” Walensky asserted.

Until they are fully vaccinated, adolescents should continue wearing masks and taking precautions when around others who are not vaccinated to protect themselves and their family, friends, and community, Walensky continued.

“I ask parents, relatives and close friends to join me and talk with teens about the importance of these prevention strategies and to encourage them to get vaccinated,” said Walensky.



Walensky

“If parents or their teenagers have questions or concerns, I suggest they talk with their adolescent’s healthcare provider, local health department or neighborhood pharmacist.”

On Friday, June 4, the CDC’s weekly report forced the agency to redouble its efforts to get adolescents and young adults vac-

nated.

“Vaccination is our way out of this pandemic,” Walensky stated.

“I continue to see promising signs in CDC data that we are nearing the end of this pandemic in this country; however, we all have to do our part and get vaccinated to cross the finish line.”

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# A lesson from the birds

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



“Chirp, chirp.” The sound was so faint that I thought it was a part of the television program that I was watching this past week. However, when I turned down the volume, I still heard the sound. Was there a bird stuck in my fireplace? I tipped over to my fireplace but didn’t see anything. As the day continued, I began reading a book and forgot about the chirping. I still heard it but figured that it was the birds outside enjoying the sunny day. Nevertheless, when I walked to my front door to check my mail, I noticed that there was a lot of bird poop on my front door. “How in the world did that get there?” was my first thought. I opened the door to go back inside but made it a point to look closely behind

my door wreath and was surprised by what I saw: a small clump of twigs attached to the wreath. “How in the...what in the..?” I couldn’t finish the questions because I was confused about what I was looking at. Was that a bird’s nest on my door wreath? I quickly closed the door and prayed for a strategy to get the wreath and bird poop off my front door. As much as I didn’t want to disturb the nest, it couldn’t stay on my front door and had to be moved. My weapons of choice for this battle were household cleaning gloves, a broom and spray bottle filled with a homemade disinfecting solution of vinegar, water and baking soda. When I gently lifted the wreath from its holder, at least 3 small birds flew out, obviously agitated that their home was being moved/destroyed. I stood back from wreath that now lay on the ground

amazed at the large size of the nest. “How long had that been on my door?” I wondered. A little disappointed that the birds had ruined one of my favorite door wreaths, I started to disinfect the door. It took me close to an hour to get the poop off the door, porch and mat. Perhaps I was feeling guilty about destroying their home or maybe I was haunted by visions of Alfred Hitchcock’s “The Birds,” but as I was cleaning I kept looking over my shoulder to make sure an army of angry birds wasn’t headed my way. Once my door was clean and I was back inside my house, I heard some very loud chirping outside my front door. I worried about now being on the “Bird Hit List.” Would they get revenge on me by chirping outside of my window at all times of the morning? But secretly, I marveled at their boldness. Those birds built a nest and

had hatched some baby birds without regard to whether they had permission from me to do so at my house. They did what came naturally. I think we as Christians need to have that same kind of boldness regarding our Godly purpose. Matthew 6:26 reminds us about not worrying when it says, “Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.” Instead of worrying and asking for permission to live in our purpose, we should trust God will take care of us as we follow His purpose for our lives. Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email [bypurpose@gmail.com](mailto:bypurpose@gmail.com) or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

## Are you living free from sin?

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



The Apostle Paul wrote in Colossians 1:16-19, “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell.”

When you come to Jesus, He will make you holy. Your obedience causes Him to give of Himself, and you become like He is. We read in 1 John 3:7, “Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous.”

We are living in a time when holiness is a strange word to the world. I have talked to people

about living free from sin, and they pointed a finger at me and said, you are the sinner, because you are telling me that you can live free from sin. You are a liar, so that makes you a sinner. There are not two kinds of righteousness; there is only one kind. As God’s people, we receive the righteousness that comes from Jesus Christ. Our righteousness is not our own; it is His. One application of Jesus’ blood is sufficient for all sin; that makes a person holy. Dear one, where do you stand with God? Are you living a holy life? Has God saved you from sin and disgrace? He can put His Spirit within you and enable you to walk successfully for Him day by day. If you are unable to walk with Him day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute, then you need help from heaven. Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

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# The Republican Senate, the filibuster and racism

By Dr. John Warren  
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The American people need to realize that the real issue in the United States Senate is not the “filibuster” but racism. Former President Obama clearly stated this in his recent interview with Anderson Cooper of CNN. The fact that the U.S. Senator Joe Manchin is meeting or has met with national Civil Rights leaders as if he is interested in what they have to say, is no more than a media stunt in an attempt to soften the blow of his racist attitude concerning the filibuster. Yes, it is racist to see that you are one of the two people in the U.S. Senate attempting to

re-institutionalize “Jim Crow” segregation through supporting the filibuster which would require 10 Republican votes in the Senate instead of a simple majority, which could allow passage.

Everytime the American people hear the term “filibuster,” the word “racist” should be inserted in its place. Those members of the Senate who support the filibuster over debate and legislative consideration of the public policy issues facing this great nation should be labeled for the racists they are.

When one considers the 22 states that have already passed voter suppression laws, which eliminate hours and locations for polling places, that require voter identification cards for those with the greatest issues of getting such cards, like our

black and Latino seniors who have already been voting since the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the very fact that the John Lewis “For the People Act” would render null and void the voter suppression acts now in all of 47 states, it becomes clear that the whole idea is to prevent people of color from voting so that we do not have a repeat of the black voter victories in Georgia that placed a black and a Jew in the U.S. Senate.

Donald Trump has become the symbol of the Republican Party because he gives body and voice to the fears that old school whites have about the “browning” of America.

The same wave of righteous indignation that swept America after the “murder” of George Floyd and that placed Joseph

Biden and Kamala Harris in the presidency, should be continued with all the same passion.

“We The People” must demand the abolishment of the “filibuster” and the racism it represents. It is not a part of our Constitution. We must remain a nation of laws and not outdated racist tradition.

Joe Manchin’s and his Democratic colleague Kyrsten Sinema’s actions support the racist behavior of the Republican Senate and the Republican Party which is leading this national attack on blocking legislation that supports all of America and people of color in particular.

Let’s not waste more precious time on the Republicans. Let’s get rid of the filibuster now by any means necessary. The future depends on it.

# The truth for many Republicans is optional

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



The truth will set you free is a phrase we have heard in and out of places of worship during our lifetime. It creates a space in our minds where we are no longer held hostage by lies.

There is hope for our future because we are letting go of falsehoods and assertions that are wrong. I have found in life if you tell a lie for so long, after a while you believe it.

Within the past five years, the truth has been put to the test. National leaders also invented new terms to go along with their basic lying.

Take for example, alternative truth. What in the world is an alternative truth? Ask some members of the Republican Party and they will tell you. Initially, I heard this off the wall term from Rudy Giuliani and Kellyanne Conway. You remember them, don’t you?

This term in my opinion started the Big Lie stampede. The election results have been a constant sore spot with the Republican Party. They cannot accept the election results and will not believe them.

Now some are saying Mr. T will be returning to the presidency in August. That is insane and almost criminal. He won’t be returning to the White House and just days ago he was suspended from Facebook until at least 2023.

A day that will arguably be known as one of the darkest days in American history is January 6, 2021.

That is the day a bunch of lunatics and backwards thinking supporters of the former president stormed the capitol. It was in living color for America to see. We watched as men and women of ill repute defaced one of our most sacred structures.

House Republicans and Democrats were led to safety fearing for their lives. Mike Pence, vice president of the

United States was among those taken to a secure area.

The result of this gruesome event left an everlasting stain on American democracy.

Shortly after this tragedy, a bi-partisan group of lawmakers wanted to convene a January 6 Commission to review the root causes of this incident. Last week, the bi-partisan bill failed by a 54-35 vote. The Republican Senators did not want to hear the truth about themselves. They have been blinded by guilt and shame.

Instead of walking through the front door to face the truth, they chose to run through the back door and continue to lie.

Shame on them for not having the courage to be true representatives for the American people.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said, “Leader McConnell and Senate Republicans’ denial of the truth of the January 6 insurrection brings shame to the Senate. Republicans’ cowardice in rejecting the truth of that day makes our Capitol and country less safe.”

There is some discussion about creating a House-led commission. Of course, that plays into the sour hands of the Republicans who will bark that it is partisan and unfair. The bad blood rendered by a specific group of Republicans is hurting the entire Republican Party.

Larry Hogan and Ashley Hinson are two Republicans who are philosophically opposed to the lunacy that Trump brings to the table. Trump is joined in his craziness by Graham and Cruz.

America, the truth will “trump” a lie. It has always been that way.

Do not fall for these T-lect ways. They are headed in the wrong direction. Breathe a sigh of relief. He is not electable.

He is smelling fairy dust if he thinks he is coming back. Do not take a sniff. Why? Because the truth is still the truth. It just has not set him free yet. It probably never will.

# Power and Pride to the people

By Ben Jealous  
*People For the American Way*



Happy Pride month to black LGBTQ readers and to all of us who love LGBTQ people.

June has become the traditional month for Pride celebrations in honor of the gay and transgender people, including black and brown gay liberation and transgender rights activists like Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, who fought back against harassment and abusive policing in June 1969. These protests became known as the Stonewall riots. They energized the LGBTQ rights movement and gave momentum to the demands for full equality for LGBTQ Americans.

Over the years, voices of clarity and conscience moved the civil and human rights movement to fully embrace the cause of LGBTQ equality. My mentor, the late civil rights champion Julian Bond, was clear that fighting for equality means fighting for equality for everyone. He knew that Bayard Rustin, the organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, was a gay black man who changed history.

Another history-making leader, President Barack Obama, signed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act in 2009. That

law was named for two people killed in attacks fueled by bigotry – Matthew Shepard, a young gay man beaten and left to die, and James Byrd Jr., a black man dragged from a truck in a brutal lynching in 1998.

Passing hate crimes legislation was a major victory, but fighting hate is unfinished business. Violence against black LGBTQ people still takes far too many lives every year.

We mourn our losses and reaffirm our commitment to fight bigotry. But Pride is also about celebration. We celebrate progress toward the full equality and inclusion of LGBTQ people in our communities and country. That progress can be seen in public attitudes. Huge majorities of Americans, including three-quarters of black Americans, support laws that protect LGBTQ people against discrimination.

One of my proudest moments as president of the NAACP was announcing the organization’s support for marriage equality in 2012. The press conference announcing that policy was emotional for me, because marriage equality is personal. My parents – my black mother and white father – were confronted by laws that made it illegal for them to get married in some states. That was before the U.S. Supreme Court did away with state laws that banned interracial marriage in 1967.

It took almost 50 years, and a lot of hard work by equality activists, before the Supreme Court overturned state laws that kept same-sex couples from getting married. That 2015 ruling was another milestone on the road to full legal and lived equality for LGBTQ people in this country.

As we all know, progress often brings backlash. We see it everywhere.

Black voters turned out in key states last year to defeat Donald Trump and elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. This year, Republican legislators are passing new voter suppression laws. They want to punish black voters by making it harder to register and vote in the future. That’s why Democrats in Congress need to pass the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

We’re also seeing a backlash against equality for all. Right-wing legislators are passing laws to restrict LGBTQ rights. Right-wing legal groups are pushing Trump-appointed judges to roll back legal equality. That’s why Democrats in Congress need to pass the Equality Act.

You might hear some politicians raising false alarms about the Equality Act. Don’t listen to them. They told the same kind of lies when they were fighting the hate crimes law. And none of them came to pass.

What has come to pass, thanks

to black voters and everyone who helped put the Biden-Harris administration in power, is a return to equality as U.S. government policy. The administration wasted no time reversing some of the Trump team’s attacks on equality.

And last month a black gay woman made history. Principal Deputy Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre became the first openly gay black woman to lead a press briefing at the White House. “Being behind this podium, being in this room, being in this building, is not about one person, it’s about what we do on behalf of the American people,” she said.

It’s about what we do on behalf of the American people. That’s a good principle for all of us to embrace as we celebrate Pride and work to build a country in which we the people means all the people.

*Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.*

# Migraine is a health disparity for people of color

## Act now to support a congressional resolution on health equity

By Jaime M. Sanders  
*The Migraine Diva, Co-Lead of the Disparities in Headache Advisory Council*



Migraine is a neurological disease that affects 60 million Americans and is the 2nd leading cause of disability worldwide. It is an underestimated, underdiagnosed and undertreated disease despite its heavy burden. However, communities of color, which have been historically, socially and economically disenfranchised from research

studies and treatment are bearing the brunt of this burden. The American healthcare system is riddled with flaws, and headache medicine is no different.

The racial inequities in headache diagnosis and patient care have been brought to light by the recent increased focus on systematic racism that impacts health equity. Numerous studies have shown that the rates of migraine diagnosis and treatment vary significantly between blacks, Hispanics, and whites. Although prevalence of migraine is similar (14.5%, 14.5%, and 15.5% re-

spectively), blacks and Hispanics utilize healthcare at a disproportionate rate compared to whites.

When seeking treatment, Hispanics had a lower total number of visits that result in a migraine diagnosis. Blacks with severe headaches are more likely to get a diagnosis of probable migraine, while whites get a more definitive diagnosis.

Because of disparities in the U.S. health care system, migraine is more severe and more likely to become chronic among blacks and African Americans. This chronification is unfortunately

linked with increased depression and disability, and a lower quality of life.

Black, indigenous, people of color (BIPOC) experience stress and adverse health outcomes due to the exposure to racism and racial trauma. A theory, known as race-based traumatic stress, indicates that some individuals experience racial prejudice as psychological trauma. This PTSD-like reaction leads to increased severe headaches and migraine attacks. Research confirms all of these inequities – but an ongoing lack of quality research on BIPOC

with migraine means there is still much that is unknown or poorly understood.

CHAMP is one of many patient advocacy organizations participating in National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month. Every June, we spend the month raising awareness and educating the public via a variety of programs and projects held around the country. The theme for this year is “A New Era of Care,” which reflects the surge of innovation in headache and migraine treatments that are dramatically improving lives.

June 16 is our first Advocacy Day of Action, supporting a U.S. House Resolution designating June as Migraine and Headache Awareness Month, led by Representative Madeleine Dean (D-PA-4th). This resolution addresses the inequities that BIPOC communities face in health access and quality of care. You can show your support by contacting your representative in Congress and asking them to co-sign the resolution.

*Take action by visiting: [headachemigraine.org/policy-partners/](http://headachemigraine.org/policy-partners/).*



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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
**City of Jackson Meadow Road Bridge Replacement Project**  
**Jackson, Mississippi**

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for applying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of City of Jackson Meadow Road Bridge Replacement Project. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

Contract time for this contract shall be 90 consecutive calendar days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed for each calendar day the Work has not been completed. The amount of liquidated damages per day will be \$500.00 plus any additional actual costs above \$500.00 incurred by the Owner. These actual costs include, but are not limited to, engineering, inspection, and other construction related costs resulting from the Contractor's failure to complete the work on schedule.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a precondition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provision of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder, or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1638. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 218 South President Street, 2nd Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing his classification as to the value and type of construction on which he is authorized to bid.

Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal forms to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "City of Jackson Meadow Road Bridge Replacement Project." Each bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal.

Bids and EBO plans shall be submitted in triplicate (bound/sealed separately), sealed and deposited with the City Clerk City Hall, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Official Bid Documents, including the Contract Documents and Drawings can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic Bids may be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810.4814.

Awarding public contracts to non-resident Bidders will be on the same basis as the non-resident bidder's state awards contracts to Mississippi Contractors bidding under similar circumstances. Current state law, Mississippi General Laws of 2010, Chapter 383, section 31-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, requires a nonresident bidder to attach to the bid a copy of the Bidder's resident state's current laws pertaining to a bidder's treatment of nonresident contractors. Non-resident bidders must attach to their bid a copy of any bid preference law of the state, city, county, parish, province, nation or political subdivision where they are domiciled. If there is no bidder law where they are domiciled, all non-resident bidders shall attach a letter to their bid stating that there is no bid preference law where they are domiciled. The bid of any non-resident bidder who fails to attach to its bid a copy of its domicile's bid preference law or a letter stating that its domicile has no bidder bid preference law, whichever is applicable, shall be rejected and not considered for award.

Each Bidder must deposit with his bid a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent of his bid, payable to the City of Jackson as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City of Jackson. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount.

Plans, specifications and contract documents are on file and open to public inspection at the Office of Crown Engineering, PLLC, 5269 Keele Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 39206. One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be produced upon payment of \$100.00 (by check made payable to "Crown Engineering, PLLC."). All telephone inquiries should be directed to Calvin Dean, PE, (601) 713-4346. The payment is non-refundable.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that minority and women businesses enterprises are solicited to bid on these contracts as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities equipment, material and/or supply needs

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on June 25, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. local time, in the 5th floor conference room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All potential contractors subcontractors and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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

Charles Williams Jr., PE, PhD, Director/City Engineer  
Department of Public Works  
6-10-2021, 6-17-2021

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	PUBLIC NOTICE		
	WATER SEWER REFD B & I 2011 (0211)		
	Adopted		Amended
	Budget for	Proposed	Revised Budget
	2020-2021	Amendments	2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Other Services & Charges	\$ 3,500	\$ 26	\$ 3,526
Debt Service	3,006,646	750,000	3,756,646
Total	\$ 3,010,146	\$ 750,026	\$ 3,760,172

Siemens Settlement Water/Sewer RFD B&I 2011A Water and 2011B Sewer. Both bonds  
1/6 of interest and 1/12 of principal payment.

	WATER SEWER REFD B & I 2013 (0220)		
	Adopted		Amended
	Budget for	Proposed	Revised Budget
	2020-2021	Amendments	2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Other Services & Charges	\$ 5,750	\$ 33	\$ 5,783
Debt Service	5,514,883	1,910,000	7,424,883
Total	\$ 5,520,633	\$ 1,910,033	\$ 7,430,666
Siemens Settlement Water/Sewer Revenue B&I 2013A Water and 2013B Sewer. Both 1/6 interest and 1/12 principal payment.			

Siemens Settlement Water/Sewer Revenue B&I 2013A Water and 2013B Sewer. Both 1/6  
interest and 1/12 principal payment.

	Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Other Services & Charges	\$ 2,750	\$ 36	\$ 2,786
Debt Service	4,677,025	750,000	5,427,025
Total	\$ 4,679,775	\$ 750,036	\$ 5,429,811
Siemens Settlement Water/Sewer REFD B & I 2012A Water and 2012B			
Sewer. Both 1/6 interest and 1/12 of principal payment.			
WATER SEWER REFD B & I 2016 (0500)			

Siemens Settlement Water/Sewer REFD B & I 2012A Water and 2012B  
Sewer. Both 1/6 interest and 1/12 of principal payment.

EXPENDITURES			
Other Services & Charges	\$ 400	\$ 20	\$ 420
Debt Service	1,800,400	750,000	2,550,400
Total	\$ 1,800,800	\$ 750,020	\$ 2,550,820
Siemens Settlement Water/Sewer REFD B & I 2016 Bond: 1/6 interest and 1/12 of principal payment.			

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Siemens Settlement Water/Sewer REFD B & I 2016 Bond: 1/6 interest and 1/12 of principal  
payment.

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

FILED  
MAY 21 2021  
EDDIE JEAN CARR, CHANCERY CLERK  
BY: *[Signature]* CL.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
MAYA E. TEEUWISSEN, DECEASED

CAUSE NUMBER: 21-Pr-00288

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2021, by the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County [MEC.] 5 to the undersigned Nina M. Teeuwissen as Administratrix and Lia N. Teeuwissen as co-Administratrix of the Estate of Maya E. Teeuwissen, notice is hereby given, pursuant to MISSISSIPPI CODE ANN. §91-7-145 (1972) to all persons having claims against the Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court. Failure to have a claim probated and registered by the Clerk of the Court granting Letters within ninety (90) days from the first publication of the Notice to Creditors will bar such claim as provided by MISSISSIPPI CODE ANN. §91-7-157 (1972).

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2021.

*Nina M. Teeuwissen*  
NINA M. TEEUWISSEN, ADMINISTRATRIX  
OF THE ESTATE OF  
MAYA E. TEEUWISSEN, DECEASED

*Lia N. Teeuwissen*  
LIA N. TEEUWISSEN, CO-ADMINISTRATRIX  
OF THE ESTATE OF  
MAYA E. TEEUWISSEN, DECEASED

PIETER TEEUWISSEN, MSB# 8777  
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Jackson, Mississippi 39206  
Telephone: 601-362-8400

COUNSEL FOR THE ESTATE

6-10-2021

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

**GATE NO. 14**

Notice is hereby given the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi will hold a public hearing on June 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 219 S. President Street for the Special Council Meeting to consider granting approval of the public access gate(s) as outlined in the Jackson Code of Ordinances Section 110-28, Section 5. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Additional information can be found at www.jacksonms.gov/engage

Proposed gate(s) will be located at: East Over Drive at Ridgewood Road, East-bourne Place at Ridgewood Road, Lake Circle between Resbrook Place and Rhynes Place, Douglas Drive between Ridgewood Road and Lake Circle, and Quail Run Road at East Manor Drive.

WITNESS my signature this 7th day of June 2021.

Jordan Hillman  
Director of Planning  
City of Jackson, Mississippi  
6-10-2021, 6-17-2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE			
JACKSON ZOO (0390)			
Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021	
EXPENDITURES			
Personal Services		458,104	458,104
Supplies & Materials	-	130,000	130,000
Other Services & Charges		768,153	768,153
Debt Services		-	
Grants, Contributions	-		- 0
Transfers and Other Functions		-	
Capital Outlay			- 0
Total	\$ -	\$ 1,356,257	\$ 1,356,257

The Jackson Zoo will be moving from the Department of Human and Culture Services to Parks and Recreations.  
The Jackson Zoo will have its own fund (390) where revenue and expenditures will be charged. The division and function of the Jackson Zoo will be 498.00

6-3-2021, 6-10-2021

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**  
**MAYA E. TEEUWISSEN, DECEASED**

**CAUSE NUMBER: 21-pr-00288**

**NINA M. TEEUWISSEN and**  
**LIA N. TEEUWISSEN, AS**  
**ADMINISTRATRIXES OF THE ESTATE OF**  
**MAYA E. TEEUWISSEN, DECEASED**  
**PETITIONERS**

**VS.**

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW**  
**OF MAYA E. TEEUWISSEN, DECEASED**  
**RESPONDENTS**

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**


**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**TO: THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF**  
**MAYA E. TEEUWISSEN, DECEASED**

You have been made respondents in the suit filed in this Court by Nina M. Teeuwissen and Lia N. Teeuwissen, Individually, as Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Maya E. Teeuwissen, Deceased, and as Administratrix of the Estate of Maya E. Teeuwissen, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition for Determination of Heirship and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed against you in this action at **1:30 P.M.** on the **13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2021**, at the **HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURTHOUSE IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

  
Hon. Eddie Jean Carr,  
Hinds County Chancery Clerk

BY: K. Howard, D.C.

PREPARED BY:  
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621 NORTHSIDE DRIVE  
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COUNSEL FOR THE ESTATE

6-10-2021

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**  
**MARTHA NELSON RAWLS, DECEASED**  
**RUTHIE W. WHITE, PETITIONER**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**COUNTY OF HINDS**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**Letters of Testamentary** on the Estate of **MARTHA NELSON RAWLS**, Deceased, having been granted to me on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, to **Ruthie W. White** as Executrix of the Estate of **MARTHA NELSON RAWLS**, deceased, Notice is hereby given that all persons having claim(s) against said Estate to present such claim(s) to the Clerk for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days of the First Publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ruthie W. White*  
**Ruthie W. White**, Executrix of the Estate  
of **MARTHA NELSON RAWLS**

Chester Ray Jones, Esq., MSB #3191  
Attorney for the Estate of **MARTHA NELSON RAWLS**  
Counselor and Attorney at Law  
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Jackson, Mississippi 39296  
(601) 953-6491 – chetjones4545@yahoo.com

6-3-2021, 6-10-2021, 6-17-2021



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AT 2807 OLD CANTON TO INCLUDE 2801 OLD CANTON RD

ZONING CASE NO. 4033

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Michael Boerner has filed with the Jackson City Council a request for the expansion of a Conditional Use Permit into an additional suite for the operation of a community recreational facility/family fitness center within a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District for the property located at 2801 Old Canton Rd. (Parcel: 47-6-1), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the parcel of land conveyed by The East Point Corporation to Standard Life Insurance Company of the South by deed dated December 30, 1949, and recorded in Book 630, Page 49 of the land records of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Mississippi, and run thence in a westerly direction, along a prolongation of the southern boundary of the said Standard Life property 15.8 feet to a point, and run thence in a southern direction along the western boundary of the property of The East Point Corporation 40 feet to a point, and run thence east along a line parallel to the southern boundary of the said Standard Life property to a point on the western boundary of the Old Canton Road right-of-way (which Old Canton Road is sometimes referred to as Canton Avenue), as said boundary exists as of this date, and run thence in a northerly direction along the said western boundary of said Old Canton Road 40 feet to the Southeast corner of said Standard Life's parcel of land, and run thence west along the said southern boundary of said Standard Life's parcel to the point of beginning.

And being the same property in Instrument recorded in Book 2774 at Page 237.

Said application will be heard at the City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 209 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, June 21, 2021, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the Jackson City Council can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this 1st day of June 2021.

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

5-27-2021, 6-10-2021

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NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021, for the purchase of certain City owned property parcel 1804-755, located on Frank in D. Roosevelt Drive in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at \$500.00. The City will retain all mineral rights it owns together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same from said property. For additional information or for a "bid form", contact: Vice Secretary at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail: [ekon@cityjackson.ms.us](mailto:ekon@cityjackson.ms.us)

BID INSTRUCTIONS: All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the City Clerk of the City of Jackson (located in City Hall at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201). The outside of the envelope must be plainly marked to identify the parcel number being bid on along with the bidder's name. Enclosed one (1) original and one (1) copy of the bid. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, June 15th, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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## Growing Mississippi's economy—together.

We live and work in the communities we serve, and we're invested in growing this place we all call home. So we're always looking to partner with local suppliers and contractors to help us bring safer, more reliable energy to the people of Mississippi.

So if you're a Mississippi-based supplier or contractor, we'd like to include you on future proposals for projects. Because no one knows how to better serve the people of this state than you.

If you'd like to learn more about our qualification and insurance requirements, bid and contracting processes and other details, reach out to us at [Supplier@SpireEnergy.com](mailto:Supplier@SpireEnergy.com), or visit us at [SpireEnergy.com/Doing-Business-Spire](http://SpireEnergy.com/Doing-Business-Spire).

At Spire, we're proud to support Hire Mississippi.



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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bids  
Bid 3192 Chromebooks, Laptops and Desktops Computers

Reverse Auction bidding for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Pre-bidding Time) on June 08, 2021, at which time Reverse Auction bidding begins electronically. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids to waive informalities and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date Reverse Auction bid opening ends.

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., June 25, 2021) local time to be the given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specification responses will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at HYPERLINK "http://www.electronicbidding.com" www.electronicbidding.com on June 08, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. for Chromebooks 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. for Laptops and 12:00 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. for Desktops local time. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to participate in the reverse auction. For any questions concerning the reverse auction process or how to register, please contact: Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

6-10-2021, 6-17-2021

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Advertisement for Electronic Bid  
Re-Bid 3161 Ferguson JROTC Building Renovation

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Pre-bidding Time) on June 13, 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project Ferguson JROTC Renovation will be held at Forest Hill High School, 2706 Raymond Road, Jackson, MS, on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 1:30 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids to waive informalities and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at [www.jpsdms.org/projects](http://www.jpsdms.org/projects) on Monday, June 14, 2021. A \$250.00 Non-refundable deposit must be all be required on each digital PDF set of bid documents. Documents must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact: Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact: Nikita Brown at M3A Architectural, PLLC, Phone: 601-981-1227 or Email: [NA\\_CKSON@M3AARCH.COM](mailto:NA_CKSON@M3AARCH.COM).

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6-10-2021, 6-17-2021

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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, June 18, 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 of 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 participation 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 May 13, 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](mailto:admin@cornerstoneengllc.com). Written comments, suggestions, and questions may be submitted to Mauricka Mckenzie, PE at [admin@cornerstoneengllc.com](mailto:admin@cornerstoneengllc.com) until June 13, 2021.

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AT THE JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
JMAA PROJECT NO. 004-21

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking bids for construction and related services in connection with: JMAA's Airport District Office Building: FAA Tenant Interior Upgrades Project at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

Sealed bids to perform the Work will be accepted at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Thursday, July 8, 2021 (the "Bid Deadline"). Bids shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

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

JMAA will open and read publicly all bids on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 4:05 p.m. (CST) (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

Questions and communications regarding the bidding procedure and schedule on this project should be directed: Name, Title, email address, and telephone number. Dr. Dexter M. Brookins, Director of Procurement, [dbrookins@jmaa.com](mailto:dbrookins@jmaa.com), 601-664-3516.

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The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) Bidder's company name; (ii) Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number; and (iii) the wording: JMAA's Airport District Office Building: FAA Tenant Interior Upgrades Project at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, JMAA Project No. 004-21." If the submission is submitted via email, the identification information must be provided in the email subject line. If the submission is submitted by hand delivery or mail, the identification information must be marked on the outside or exterior of the bid envelope or container.

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

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

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Video Conference on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (CST) using the following login information:

Link: <https://jmaa.zoom.us/j/93452170791?pwd=UnZlTXNHNHwYVkMyNjDa3AvNkIeXU09>  
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Passcode: 293050

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

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

JMAA has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprises contract goal of 0% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

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DATE: 06/10/2021

Paul A. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

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1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8
9					10				
11					12				
13				14			15		
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21				22			23	24	25
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### ACROSS

1. Short for aluminum
5. As well as
9. Tactic
10. Head skin
11. Ceases
12. Vocalist
13. Tennis player Andre
15. Certified public accountant
16. Review
18. Chosen disciple
21. Little bit
22. Roomer
26. Hill
28. Margarine
29. Uncanny
30. Detail
31. Association (abbr.)
32. Traveled by horse

### DOWN

1. Realm
2. Breathing need
3. U.S. Department of Agriculture
4. Misters
5. Genius
6. Weapon
7. Spills
8. Ms. Winfrey
10. Smother
14. Lounge
17. Famous painter
18. Afloat (2 wds.)
19. Whitens
20. Bad smells
23. Singing voice
24. Require
25. Very large book
27. Tenpin

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## Cryptogram

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

Hint: Quote by Charlie Brown

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

D G R S Q L C C T C W B D W Q R S Q I G J X Q K J  
E T E  
T K Q G R D G R S Q L I Z T

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## Sudoku

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

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

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## Crossword Solution

A	L	U	M			A	L	S	O
R	U	S	E		S	C	A	L	P
E	N	D	S		T	E	N	O	R
A	G	A	S	S	I		C	P	A
A	P	O	S	T	L	E			
T	A	D							
S	L	O	P	E		O	L	E	O
E	E	R	I	E		I	T	E	M
A	S	S	N			R	O	D	E

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## Cryptogram Solution

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
I	L	Z	N	Q	W	A	S	D	O	T	B	E	G	C	U	F	K	J	R	V	P	X	M	H	Y

I N T H E B O O K O F L I F E , T H E A N S W E R S  
D G R S Q L C C T C W B D W Q R S Q I G J X Q K J  
A R E N ' T I N T H E B A C K .  
I K Q G R D G R S Q L I Z T

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## Sudoku Solution

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

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSAL FOR ON-CALL MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR AIRPORT PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGES AT THE JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY JMAA PROJECT NO. 007-21

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking electronic proposals ("Proposal") for services related to the ON-CALL MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR AIRPORT PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGES at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport. Sealed Proposals to perform the services will be accepted at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Thursday, July 8, 2021 (the "Proposal Deadline"). Proposal shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

Email: [bids@jmaa.com](mailto:bids@jmaa.com)

By mail or hand delivery: JMAA's Administrative Office, Suite 300  
Main Terminal Building  
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100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208

The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) Attention: Dr. Dexter M. Brookins, Director of Procurement; (ii) the wording: "ON-CALL MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR AIRPORT PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGES" at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, JMAA Project No. 007-21. If the submission is submitted via email, the identification information must be provided in the email subject line. If the submission is submitted by hand delivery or mail, the identification information must be marked on the outside or exterior of the bid envelope or container.

JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Dr. Dexter M. Brookins, JMAA's Director of Procurement, as follows: Jackson Municipal Airport Authority  
100 International Drive, Suite 300

Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109  
Attention: Dr. Dexter M. Brookins  
Telephone: (601) 664-3516  
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713  
Email: [dbrookins@jmaa.com](mailto:dbrookins@jmaa.com)

or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/partner-with-us/procurement/>. Based on the Proposals received and the scoring of each proposal, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA. JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Video Conference on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (CST) using the following login information:

Link: <https://jmaa.zoom.us/j/93452170791?pwd=UnZjTXNHaUwyVkMYnJDh3AvNkIXUT09>  
Meeting ID: 934 5217 0791  
Passcode: 293050

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

JMAA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

JMAA has chosen to not establish a DBE participation goal for this RFP. However, twenty (20) points are potentially available to Respondents submitting an acceptable DBE participation plan for the Services.

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Date: 6/2/2021  
Paul A. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

6-3-2021, 6-10-2021

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# Founded by former slaves, historically black East Towson residents say white supremacy and environmental racism threatens their land

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

In historic East Towson, Maryland, things are not always black and white. But residents of the Baltimore County municipality that freed slaves founded in the 1850s are seeing red over a proposed 156-unit affordable housing development they called blatant environmental racism.

The residents are appealing Administrative Law Judge Maureen Murphy's March 2021 ruling to allow the so-called Red Maple Place development to proceed.

"This project is an effort to turn the community over," Nancy Goldring, president of the Northeast Towson Improvement Association, wrote in an email to the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

The NNPA is the trade association representing the hundreds of African American-owned newspapers and media companies that comprise the Black Press of America.

"Cities everywhere are tearing down developments like Red Maple Place, so what would drive the powers-that-be in Baltimore County to build a housing project at precisely the same time that Towson is reinventing herself? The late (Baltimore County Commissioner) Kevin Kamenetz envisioned Towson as the next Bethesda, but Montgomery County has inclusionary zoning for working-class



families," Goldring insisted.

"You can't have it both ways, and you can't be progressive and backward at the same time. Or, can you? Even if it takes 40 years, someone somewhere wants this last six blocks of an already gentrifying African American neighborhood gone."

Goldring added that Baltimore County recently purchased 24.5 acres of land to preserve a neighborhood suburb but refuses to use the same state funding source to protect land on behalf of East Towson.

She said trees, ballfields, amenity green space, and walking trails are not the province of the rich. "Nature is not white privilege," Goldring jawed.

"If there was a basic human right, it is or ought to be accessible to nature. We think it only right to share the bounty and privilege of greenspace allotted to neighboring communities with historic East Towson, the

region's oldest African-American community."

Further, if the property is paved, the most oversized parcel of green space in Towson would be a cemetery, Goldring noted.

Goldring and other residents are proud of East Towson's history.

In September 1853, newly freed slave Daniel Harris purchased a plot of land for \$187.50 from Benjamin Payne and became the first documented African American to hold land in Towson.

According to published reports, by 1927, East Towson was 95 percent improved with single-family dwellings, social buildings, a school and religious structures.

Through the years, the community suffered after younger families moved out and larger buildings were developed, effectively removing some of East

Towson's character and charm.

Many of the homeowners in East Towson today are descendants of the first black residents.

David Riley, president of the nearby Knollwood association, said local officials are breaking laws to enable the Red Maple development.

"An agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which requires the county to add a total of 1,000 affordable units by 2027, said nothing about fulfilling the requirement on the back of a historic working-class minority community," Riley argued.

"When you see a working-class minority community being marginalized to this extent, you have to ask, 'in what country club was this deal cut?'"

Riley asserted that East Towson has always been the dumping ground of municipal solutions that the political estab-



Goldring PHOTO BY JOHN LEE

lishment "did not have the guts to enact anywhere else."

"When Towson needed a bigger power grid, historic East Towson's ballfields were bulldozed over for a power station," Riley stated.

"When traffic in the downtown district became too congested, a bypass was built that cut the community in half. And now, a court order for affordable housing is cause to build an oversized and environmentally dangerous project in the community."

Despite her ruling, Judge Murphy acknowledged the intrusions.

She announced that those intrusions have "caused and, or, contributed to attempts to erase this neighborhood."

However, Judge Murphy determined that the development of Red Maple would occur outside the boundaries of East Towson's Community Conser-

vation Area, so she said it will not negatively affect the character of the municipality.

"Historic East Towson is on the verge of extinction from decades of being systemically carved up by the political establishment," Riley continued in his argument against Red Maple, which she called the latest and possibly greatest threat to the town.

"This project, opposed by numerous environmental and politically progressive groups and by a bipartisan alliance of elected officials, will further concentrate specialized housing in a working-class minority community," Riley determined.

"The community is only minutes from the downtown district and should be the cultural jewel of the surrounding region. The proximity to the Hampden Mansion Historic Site makes this an ideal two-stop educational destination for visitors to the central Maryland area.

"The Elks Lodge, the social heart of the Historic East Towson community, has the potential to be a localized version of the iconic Apollo Theater in New York. Instead of continually tearing down the community, an alliance of government, business, and community groups should be working to protect and restore the area."

Goldring had a sobering message for local officials and others whom she said want to decimate East Towson and its rich African-American history: "It is cheaper to commemorate the dead than it is to empower the living."

# Documentary celebrates Muhammad Ali 5 years after his death "City of Ali"

By Ragan Clark  
Associated Press

When Muhammad Ali died five years ago, his name was known worldwide. But it was home, to Louisville, Kentucky, where he returned.

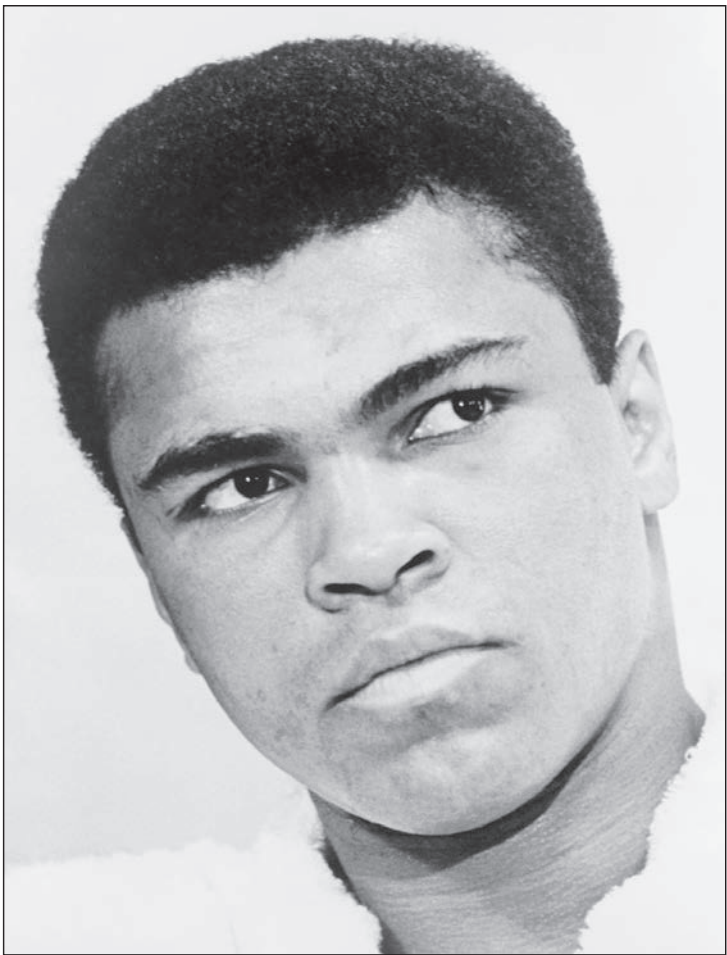
From his death June 3, 2016, to his funeral a week later, the Bluegrass community that raised him joined visitors from around the globe to celebrate the life and legacy of "The Greatest." That week is the focus of the new documentary, "City of Ali."

Running at just under an hour and a half, "City of Ali" shows the way Ali's hometown united during his death. As the funeral procession snaked its way through the city to the cemetery, the streets were lined with admirers throwing flowers onto his hearse and shouting his name.

"He was always so excited to go back to Louisville and to see his people, because that's where it all started," recalled Ali's daughter, Rasheda Ali. "He loved Louisville and Louisville loved him back."

Rasheda Ali, who participated in the documentary, says learning of the events surrounding that week was special to her because it was during her "darkest hour."

"Everything around this mo-



Ali

ment was just a big blur for me and my family," she said in a Zoom interview with The Associated Press.

Ali may have been known to float like a butterfly and sting like a bee, but there was much more to the man. Ali used his

words as effectively as he used his fists, refusing to be silenced by those who did not like what he had to say.

"My dad stood for inclusion, my dad stood for racial equality, for peace and love," said Rasheda Ali. "Muhammad, he

did not change his conviction. He stayed true to who he was."

As one of the highest profile conscientious objectors and someone who spoke out against racial inequality, Ali remains a symbol of resistance and strength to many in Louisville.

"I definitely don't think you can be black in America and not be inspired by Muhammad Ali," said Phelix Crittenden, a community organizer for Blacks Organizing Strategic Success (BOSS).

Crittenden said meeting Ali, though briefly, left an impact.

"He told my parents to watch out for me because I was going to be somebody," Crittenden said. "I would hope that I'm proving him right and serving him justice by getting into this realm of uplifting marginalized voices."

Though he was admired by so many, Louisville-based politician Charles Booker says Ali's relationship with the city was nuanced.

"He would not back away from the tough conversations and I don't believe the city always embraced him because he was going to call things out," Booker said. "Louisville has been, and still is, one of the more segregated cities in the country, and the structural challenges that we face that led

him to be such a big and critical mouthpiece for a lot of folks that don't get heard, we're still battling those things."

Just last summer, Louisville made headlines after the killing of Breonna Taylor. Protests within the city and nationwide called for an investigation into the officers involved in the shooting.

"I definitely feel that people are starting to wake up," said Crittenden, who was involved in the protests.

Crittenden feels optimistic, despite the fact that some of the same protests that were happening the year Ali died are still occurring.

"As a trans person, my life is always in danger," Crittenden said. "I feel I was fortunate enough to be able to navigate that place where I can turn my anger into activism."

Booker echoed Crittenden's optimism, emphasizing the way the Louisville community has come together.

"I'm very hopeful," Booker said. "We're seeing folks from all corners, all walks of life, that are taking to the streets to call for justice, not only for Breonna Taylor, but for all of us."

Taylor, a black medical worker, was shot and killed in her apartment during a raid

by Louisville police in March 2020.

Rasheda Ali sees her father's footprints in everything – from Black Lives Matter to Colin Kaepernick.

"We have an obligation as a people to continue his legacy because we want all of the sacrifices that he made to not be in vain," she said.

Keeping his legacy alive is the goal of the Muhammad Ali Center. The Louisville museum and multicultural center educates people about Ali and teaches the core principles he lived by – confidence, conviction, dedication, respect, giving and spirituality.

To celebrate his life on the anniversary of his passing, the center, which also participated in the documentary, is holding an Ali Festival through June 13, with screenings of "City of Ali" taking place daily.

"The film reminded all of us of the importance of unity," said Laura Douglas, the museum's interim president and CEO. "It reminded us that it was something that was achievable, that we had done it before, and it caused us to think about replicating it again."

"City of Ali" is also available for streaming through Abramorama's Watch Now (at) Home Cinema Release.





# BOOK REVIEW: ON JUNETEENTH

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
Columnist

It's a party!  
And you know what that means: fireworks, good food, family and friends gathered around. You have something to fête, to mark happily or solemnly or importantly. It's something you want your kids to remember. It's a party, but read "On Juneteenth" by Annette Gordon-Reed, and ask yourself if you really know what you're celebrating.

When she learned a few years ago that the marking of June-

teenth was slowly making its way around the rest of the country, Gordon-Reed was a little upset. That was a Texas thing, she believed, and so it should stay. She was a bit protective of it all.

But then she began to realize that sharing the holiday everywhere was a good thing. Juneteenth, she says, or June 19, 1865, "was the day that enslaved African Americans in Texas were told that slavery had ended, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed..." It was "shocking" on two levels: that slavery was

over, and that black Texans were suddenly "on an equal plane of humanity with whites..." That, she says, "was of enough consequence to the entire nation that it should be celebrated nationwide."

Sometimes, she says, Texas itself is an enigma to much of the rest of America, and mythology replaces facts in peoples' minds. Texas, for instance, is not all desert and sagebrush. It's more than longhorn cattle, Stetsons, cowboys, oil rigs and Native Americans. There's more to the people of the Lone Star State than what

old westerns will teach you, and that includes a history of African people in Texas, the first of whom floated on a raft to the Galveston area well over 300 years before Juneteenth.

Still, it wasn't until 1872 that four black Houstonians decided to throw together some money for land they set aside for celebrating. The park they established still exists; so does Juneteenth and its traditions, thanks to "so much Texas history brought together for this one special day."

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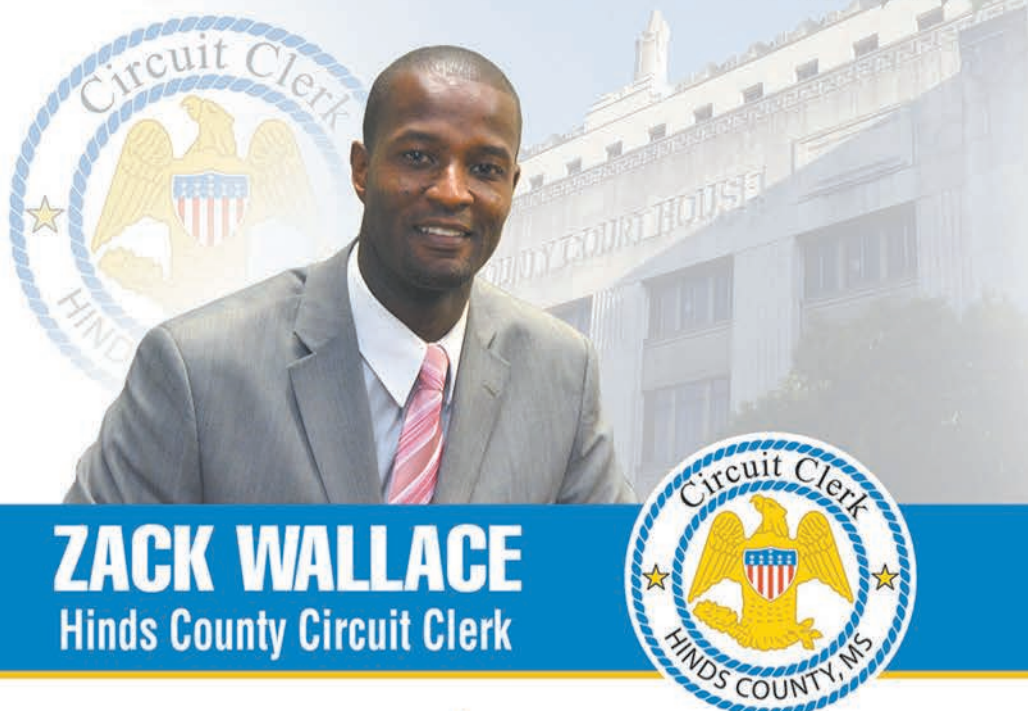
you've read "On Juneteenth."

In that, you'll get a quick, 149-page lesson in history that seems initially to meander – not a bad thing, since Pulitzer Prize-winning author Gordon-Reed uses the journey to educate readers on such varied subjects as language differences, misunderstandings, movies, The Yellow Rose of Texas, hidden references to slavery, and other things that white history's often glossed over.

Yes, that may seem like a lot to pack into such a slim volume, but you won't feel rushed

or overwhelmed here; instead, and because Gordon-Reed takes readers to her grandparents' farm between lessons, this book is a treat, rather like summer vacation with a museum trip or an informational tour and ice cream at the end.

Absolutely, look for this book. You can use "On Juneteenth" as a good refresher course, if you've already ordered the fireworks and meats for the barbecue. If you're new to the celebration, grab the book, tuck it in your pocket, and won't it be a party?



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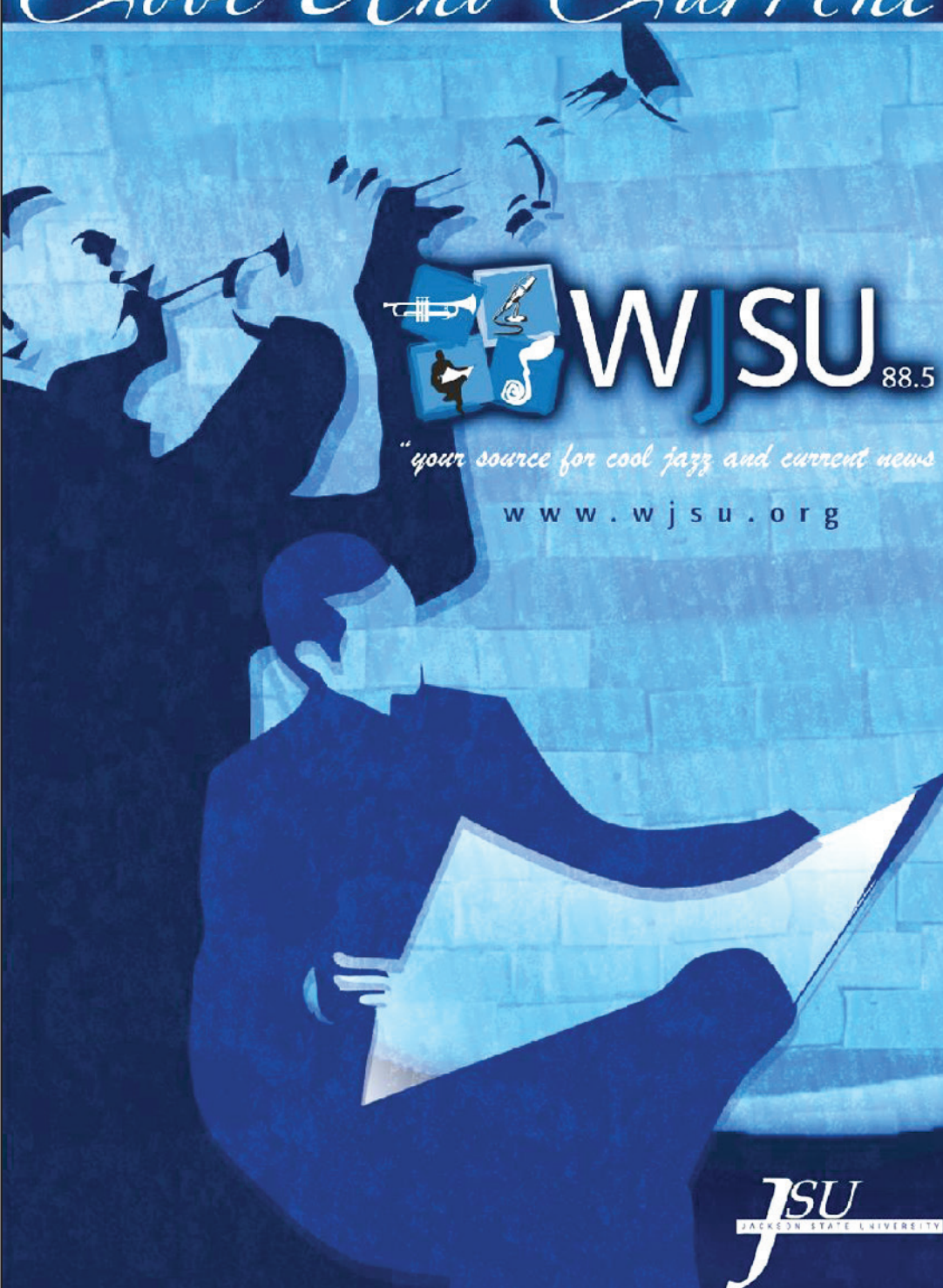
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Ziyah M. Bunzy spots JSU Head Football Coach 'Prime Time' Deion Sanders while having lunch with her granddaddy Jay Johnson in the emerging Fondren District, June 7, 2021. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

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