

Jim Hill High School valedictorian awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarship offers



Xavian Branch with his mother at graduation June 1

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Congratulations to Xavian Branch for receiving \$1,511,282 in scholarship offers from 22 colleges/universities. He received offers from most Mississippi schools plus out-of-state schools like LSU, the University of Memphis, Xavier (LA), Xavier (OH), Howard, Morehouse, West Point, Vanderbilt, Carnegie Mellon University and many others.

Xavian is the class valedictorian with a 4.8 GPA in the International Baccalaureate Diploma program. Other notable accomplishments are Star Student, Scholar-Athlete and he scored a 29 on the ACT.

According to Xavian, Jim Hill prepared him not only for college, but for life.

“When he emailed his survey back to me he stated that ‘I’m going to be the Million Dollar Baby this year,’” said Jim Hill Academic Adviser Major (R) Frank J. Branch.

Branch also stated that his goal at Jim Hill is to work with the scholars, parents and senior counselor (Dr. Sampson) to get as many scholars as he can admitted/accepted into as many colleges as possible by November 1 of their senior year.

At the start of the semester, Xavian began filling out college applications with a goal that he has seen come to fruition.

His mother, Zandra Branch, knew in kindergarten that he would be an exceptional student. “I just can’t say enough about my baby,” she said. “I want him to make all the contributions in the world. If he keeps God foremost in his life, whatever he decides to do will prevail for him.”

Seniors in the Class of 2021 were awarded \$13,397,361 million in scholarship offers. In the past five years, Branch has worked to secure

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Mississippians, others shocked by 100-year-old, Tulsa’s ‘hushed’ tragic horror

By Gail H. Marshall Brown, Ph.D.
Contributing Writer

When President Joe Biden emphatically stated, from Tulsa, Okla., “My fellow Americans, this was not a riot; this was a massacre,” his audience burst into applause June, 1.

The 46th President of the United States was in Tulsa to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre.

The May 31, 1921 massacre took place as a white mob violently attacked black residents, destroyed and burned their homes and businesses in the-then prosperous black Greenwood District and business hub known as “Black Wall Street.” After 16 hours of violence, the horrific event left as many as 300 dead, 35 city blocks destroyed and thousands of blacks displaced.

Biden is the first sitting president to visit and commemorate the event which is a piece of history that many Americans are just learning about through recently televised documentaries and media reports on and leading up to its centennial.

“I was sick to my stomach,” expressed Betty McRee of Jackson, Miss. after she watched Monday night’s (May 31) CBS documentary, “Tulsa 1921: An American Tragedy.” “I cried and thought about Emmitt Till [because] the hold thing started because of a white woman’s allegation. But jealousy was the main motive,” McRee said.

Leslie Greer, a native of Lexington, Miss. and board president of a local non-profit, the Community Students Learning Center, was also amazed as he watched the Tulsa documentaries. “I had never heard about it,” Greer said.

Although highly disturbed by the massacre, he was impressed to know that blacks back then had the drive to create wealth in their community. “That’s something that I have always tried to stress among family and others,” he said. Greer is also founder and operator of Capitalist Wealth Makers, Inc.

Antwan Clark, an IT specialist, also of Lexington, had no prior knowledge of the massacre. “It was really heartbreaking to see how many black lives were lost, and the pain and heartache the survivors went through,”



Historic photo of 1921 Massacre in Tulsa



President Joe Biden arrives to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre, at the Greenwood Cultural Center, Tuesday, June 1, 2021, in Tulsa, Okla. AP PHOTO/EVAN VUCCI

Clark said. “It was hard to watch and see what happened to so many of our black people and how their promising businesses were completed destroyed.”

Memphis native Elder Gregory Crenshaw, a retired public school educator, described the century-old event as “another heinous hate crime committed against people of col-

or in America and nothing done about it.”

Not only did McRee, Greer, Clark and other Americans not know about this tragic event, there were people growing up in Tulsa who had not heard about it, according to the documentaries.

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Black Press of America making impact and progress

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Two years ago, the National Newspaper Publishers Association enthusiastically elected a new national chair and an executive committee with the promise of moving the organization to new heights and re-invigorating the Black Press of America as the trusted voice of black communities across the nation.

Less than a year into their two-year term, the world was confronted with the first global pandemic in 100 years – COVID-19. Businesses shuttered, tens of millions of individuals fell ill, and nearly 4 million died. Black businesses, in particular, were decimated.

Throughout the 81-year history of the NNPA and 194 years of the Black Press of America, African Americans have remained strong, executing steadfast resilience in the face of adversity and racism.

Thanks to an experienced and dedicated all-women executive committee who ascended to lead the national trade association, the NNPA has en-



NNPA Executive Committee with judge after taking oath of leadership in 2019 in Cincinnati: l-r: Brenda Andrews New Journal & Guide, Norfolk; Janis Ware, The Atlanta Voice; Judge Tyrone Yates; Fran Farrer, Charlotte County News; Karen Carter Richards, Houston Forward Times; and Jackie Hampton, The Mississippi Link

joyed perhaps two of the most successful and productive years in its history.

“Despite the pandemic, the Black Press of America is moving forward, and I’m so thankful that we have these black women leaders who each stand

for the elegance, integrity, vision and success that Black America is known for,” NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. exclaimed.

“This is the best executive team the NNPA has had in years. The organization is probably in a better financial

situation in 2021 than we have been in the last three decades,” Chavis added.

The NNPA’s executive includes: National Chair Karen Carter Richards of the *Houston Forward Times*, First Vice-Chair Janis Ware of the *Atlanta Voice*, Second Vice Chair Fran Farrer of the *County News in Charlotte*, National Secretary Jackie Hampton of *The Mississippi Link* in Jackson, MS and National Treasurer Brenda Andrews of the *New Journal & Guide* in Norfolk, VA.

“The NNPA is a big part of my life,” Richards explained. “I didn’t join the NNPA, I was born into the NNPA.”

“I’ve been serving the NNPA for 40 years. Right after I finished college, my father sent me to the first conference,” Ware recalled. “It was so impressive to see so many African American business owners in one place

Hampton remarked that it had been her greatest honor to serve as NNPA secretary, a comment echoed by Fran Farrer, the second vice-chair.

“I was so happy to be a part of this organization, and I have learned so much,” Hampton stated.

“It’s been my greatest honor to set aside the time necessary to give back to an organization that has done so much for me,” she said.

Added Farrer: “The strength of the black women in leadership and in other areas can never be underestimated and I’m so proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish as the executive committee.”

While 2020 proved challenging for Brenda Andrews and the *New Journal & Guide*, she noted how she and her team managed to overcome some of the most challenging times the world has seen.

“We were able to re-establish ourselves, and we were also able to recruit and solicit new advertising based around the pandemic and the health crisis,” Andrews stated.

Hampton stated, “In addition to the support we have received from NNPA,

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Municipal General Election Day Reminder

JACKSON – Mississippi’s Municipal General Election Day is Tuesday June 8, 2021. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Any voter in line at 7 p.m. is entitled to cast a ballot.

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City of Jackson proclaims C. T. Vivian Day

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent
Contributing Writer

The City of Jackson paused during the History is Lunch program at Two Mississippi Museums to proclaim Wednesday, May 26, as C. T. Vivian Day.

Six decades ago freedom riders who included Vivian were beaten and jailed during their cry for justice against southern segregationists as they entered the white waiting room at a bus terminal in Jackson. These African American and white civil rights activists were on a revolutionary sojourn of the Jim Crow South that drew national and international attention.

First Lady of Jackson Ebony Lumumba and Vivian's daughter Denise were on the dais. Steve Fiffer, Vivian's co-author of the book, *It's in the Action: Memories of a Nonviolent Warrior*, was overarched on a screen.

When asked what the civil rights movement was about, Denise responded that she had little knowledge about it but knew during the 60s, however, women weren't pushed forward, but the men's wives had their own communication system. They kept the men going. They were courageous and [accomplished] women making it better for black children.

"The abuse that the people in the movement took was incredible. A gun was put in Dr. Vivian's mouth. [But] people managed through a Morse



Ebony Lumumba presents C. T. Vivian Day proclamation to Vivian's daughter, Denise Vivian.

Code system by tapping on the walls of the churches," Fiffer mentioned.

Lumumba referenced the book as one that speaks the truth by "making sure our children are clear on where they have been and where they are going." While presenting the proclamation to Denise, she noted: "I think it's important that as we talk about our history, we owe our children not only Black History, but correct history." Lumumba concluded that Vivian was a civil rights leader who was often in the background sprinkling seeds that planted justice.

"He was such a humble man and so busy that he hadn't taken the time to work on a book," emphasized Fiffer. [But] he was a man ahead of his time in the course of action. Words weren't enough. You had to put things to action. Yet, Dr. Vivian was a man of his words," Fiffer added.

"Dad used to say it's in the action that you find out who you are. When you see something wrong, do something about it. When he went to Chicago, he saw young black men killing each other and said they needed jobs. No matter where he was, he saw a problem and he did something," Denise recalled.

Indicating that most preachers speak of life after death, Denise asserted that her father "was concerned about fixing this right here."

So the sojourn to eradicate racism ranked high among Vivian's priorities. Within the memoir he assessed it this way: "You know that all your life you've been waiting to get rid of racism, and you know that until you break it in the South, it won't be broken. We had a method, and as far as I knew, it worked. I had a God who sent me."

A pioneer who paid the price for professional firefighting in Mississippi

By James Hampton III
Contributing Writer

First on the Scene: My Journey Through the Fires of Bigotry in Mississippi by Walter Lee Simpson is the memoir of the first "black" human being to work as a professional firefighter in Greenville, Mississippi.

In 1954, as a child of sharecroppers living on Mr. McGowan's plantation near Rosedale, Simpson recalls the day a house fire broke out. His family grabbed what worldly possessions they could and ran. No firefighters made the scene that day.

As young Walter Lee watched his family's little home burn to the ground, he was marked with the desire to save others and their homes from the destructive force of fires. The Simpson family was left homeless after the fire and eventually left the plantation.

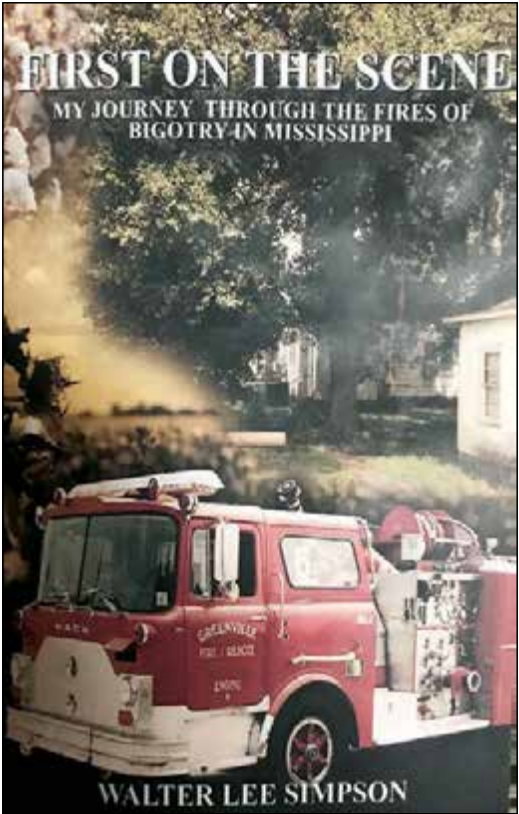
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Simpson grew up in Greenville living with his mother and some of his siblings.

After a childhood marked by poverty, community, friendship and hardship, twenty-two year old Simpson achieved his dream of becoming a firefighter in 1972. But the dream quickly became a nightmare. Racial hatred, bigotry and discrimination eventually cost Simpson his dream job, his mental health and almost his life; however not before he saved a life in a miraculous act of heroism that went completely unheralded at the time and that even Simpson seems to gloss over in the retelling.

Simpson's story is ultimately redemptive, but when reading his memoir one cannot help but imagine what his life could have been like had he received an equal opportunity as his "white" peers to work and thrive in his chosen profession.

Simpson, as a narrator in this memoir, is direct, earnest, humble and open. It is a blessing that a man whose life was derailed by the notorious racial climate in the time and place where he lived



is now able to share his story with us in a time and place where and when Americans are seeking guidance as to how to move forward toward social justice and equal economic opportunity.

And the fact that the state of Mississippi is even now unable to determine whether Simpson is the first African American to work as a professional firefighter in the entire state is indicative of the value of a book like Simpson's.

For historical truths to emerge the oppressed must tell their own stories. Walter Lee Simpson's, *The First on the Scene*, has told us a good one.

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Crenshaw said he had heard about the incident prior but “white America pushed it under the rug.”

“Literal hell unleashed,” described President Biden, who also met with survivors during his Tulsa visit.

For years, the Tulsa Race Massacre was kept out of the history books. Even during its happening and after, it is alleged that the media was asked to squashed the story.

North Tulsa native Dewayne Dickens, Ph.D., told *The Mississippi Link* in a telephone interview that people in Tulsa simply did not talk about it, “in the black community nor white community.” He said he thinks the blacks did not want to talk about it out of fear and the whites (many of them) were ashamed.

Dickens, who serves as director diversity, equity and inclusion at Tulsa Community College, said that there is still some “mixed perspective” on discussing it today.

An example of media squashing the story was Ed Wheeler’s 1970 writing project, “Profiles of a Race Riot.”

Wheeler, a Tulsan native who is white and a captain in the National Guard infantry battalion at the time, met strong opposition including treats. It was refused by the first publisher, but he was persistent and eventually got it published.

With this week’s recent 100-year observance, no doubt media around the nation and the world are reporting on the event. What was once Tulsa’s dirty little secret is being told.

Children in Tulsa Public Schools will have the opportunity now to learn about it. Thanks to the Burt B. Holmes and George Kaiser Family Foundations, the Tulsa World to TPS “to assist in teaching about the Tulsa Race Massacre in the classrooms,” the paper’s introduction indicated.

“As a black journalist, I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to be one of the contributors to our archival publication which will educate young people about this horrible event for years to come,” said Kendrick Marshall, assistant city

editor at the *Tulsa World*. Marshall, a Chicago native and current Tulsa resident, is a 2006 Jackson State University Mass Communications alumni who freelanced for the Black Press papers in Jackson while living there.

Some Tulsans are pleased that some light is finally being shed on their city’s dark history.

Kavin Ross, photojournalist, owner and publisher of weekly *Greenwood Tribune*, was “honored” to be contacted by *The Mississippi Link* newspaper.

“My great grandfather Isaac Evitt’s Zulu Lounge was destroyed in the Tulsa Massacre,” Ross said. “The freeway now runs over top where it used be,” he said.

Ironically, the section of Interstate 244 that towers over where Ross’ great grandfather’s lounge was located is named for the nation’s iconic drum major for non-violence and peace: “The Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Expressway.”

Speaking of interstate, many now are posing the question: The secret is out; generational wealth went up in flames; many lives lost and impacted; no one held accountable: where do we, not just Tulsa, go from here?

“I feel the families should be given reparation for the properties they lost and money for insurance payments they were denied,” stressed McRee.

Dickens, who serves on the Board of Directors for Tulsa’s John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, where he chairs the Annual Symposium, said he would like to see restorative justice. “At the end of the day, there has to be a sense of hope,” he said.

Dickens also said education, conversation and urban planning for the area are keys to repairing that district to its original state; creating another Black Wallstreet.

“If those people did it 100 years ago, we could have economically prosperous communities of color today,” concluded Crenshaw, on location in Mississippi.

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\$76,020,626 million in scholarships.

“I saw that our scholars were not getting any money for college, and I knew that money was out there,” said Branch. “I made it my goal to not only help them get into college but to help them get the money.”

Xavian believed, achieved and succeeded.

“I have accomplished everything that I wanted

in high school, and in the future, when I look back at all the hard work, I wouldn’t regret anything,” Xavian said.

He will be attending Mississippi College in the Fall but has not yet chosen a major.

“No matter where you come from or what others tell you, you can do whatever you believe,” added Xavian.

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The Mississippi Link is so grateful to our advertisers both national and local for standing by us during the pandemic even though some understandably left us for a while.”

While about 37,000 workers were laid off or furloughed at media companies, the NNPA added staff and expanded services to NNPA member publishers across the nation.

Buoyed by Chavis’ special on-camera interview in Charleston, South Carolina, with then presidential candidate Joe Biden, the NNPA embarked on nationally televised livestreams.

Each week, the NNPA reached tens of thousands of viewers as it introduced the world to its publishers and business owners during the broadcasts.

The NNPA livestream broadcasts reached another level when its senior national correspondent recruited A-list superstars to appear on the social media channels of the Black Press.

An interview with Reggae superstar Ziggy Marley garnered a live audience of more than 168,000 and reached several million overall at Facebook.com/BlackPressUSA/Videos, and YouTube.com/c/BlackPressUSATV.

Temptations’ founder Otis Williams, songstress Stephanie Mills, hip-hop icons Ice Cube, Chuck D, LL Cool J and Russell Simmons also made appearances.

Members of Congress and the Senate made appearances, including then-Congressional Black Caucus Chair Karen Bass (D-Calif.), Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-New York), then-Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) and Sen. Chuck Schumer.

Basketball legends Earvin “Magic” Johnson, Isiah Thomas, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Attorney Joey Jackson, Rapper DMC, comedian Sinbad and boxing icon Sugar Ray Leonard also joined the livestreams for interviews and shout outs to the NNPA during its annual conference.

The following is a list that highlights the outstanding NNPA progress and accomplishments during the past two years:

- In January 2020, the NNPA hosted a high-tech consultation at the NNPA national office that included executives of Google, Local Media Association (LMA), and Association of Alternative News (AAN) that resulted in ad buys from Google for NNPA member publications, college student internships and several NNPA member newspapers selected for Google News Initiative (GNI)“Google Ad Lab Transformation Programs.”

- Also, in January 2020, the NNPA established a partnership with Facebook that resulted in the sponsorship of NNPA conferences, grant funding of training programs for the NNPA Fund for \$140,000.

- The NNPA Executive Committee and other NNPA member publishers in March 2020 participated in the historic NNPA in-person exclusive live televised interview with former Vice President Joe Biden in Charleston, South Carolina on the eve of the 2020 South Carolina Presidential Primary Election where Biden pledged to support the Black Press of America as the next president of the United States.

- In 2020, the NNPA established and has maintained the NNPA COVID-19 Pandemic Task Force and was the first national news association to declare, based on the available scientific data, that COVID was an “airborne infectious disease” that was disproportionately deadly impacting Black America

- In January 2021, the NNPA launched a daily, Monday through Friday, early morning livestream video news show, “Let It Be Known” hosted by Stacy Brown, NNPA senior national news correspondent at 7:30 a.m. eastern time that attracts a growing national and international audience and engagement on behalf of the Black Press of America

- The NNPA in 2021 became an official member of The White House Correspondents Association (WHCA)

- The NNPA in 2021 has negotiated a “strategic alliance” with the U. S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) to assist in the national dissemination of accurate and factual information about COVID-19 to Black America and to other communities of color

The NNPA has made unprecedented progress under the leadership of Chair Karen Carter Richards and the NNPA Executive Committee, as well as with the dedication of all 17 members of the NNPA Board of Directors,” Chavis stated. “As our nation and world continue to struggle to end the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the truth is there are more opportunities today for the advancement of the Black Press of America via the NNPA than ever before.”

Chavis continued: “It continues to be my honor to work directly with the dynamic group of African American women publisher-leaders who currently serve in the important executive board leadership positions. My prayer is that God will continue to bless the Black Press with success, sustainability and experienced leadership.

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- 4) **Child's Social Security number**
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Fisher



Fisher (left) accompanying the College Hill MB Church Men's Day Choir in Jackson, MS

Robert Carl Fisher, a native of Jackson, MS, entered this earthly life on December 18, 1965 and entered his Heavenly home on May 22, 2021. He made his transition while visiting Chicago, IL, doing what he loves best, playing the viola.

Robert was the third child born to parents Perella Juanita Fisher and the late Robert Earl Fisher. He was baptized at College Hill Baptist Church at the age of eleven, by the late pastor, Dr. R. E. Willis.

Robert, was very musically inclined at an early age and began playing the violin at Timberlawn Elementary School, while in the 3rd grade.

He attended middle and high school at Byram Attendance Center. While in high school he

wrote a musical piece for each instrument of the band, which was played at the school's senior concert. He graduated from high school in 1984.

Robert attended Illinois State University where he graduated in 1989 with a bachelor of music degree. He later enrolled at New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, MA, where in 1991 he received a master of music degree and in 1992 a graduate diploma in viola performance. He also received a certificate of performance from Northwestern University.

Robert, making Chicago his home for many years, spent the majority of his adult life as a professional musician. He had a great command of both the violin and viola. He was

an accomplished musician in a variety of musical styles and clearly valued as an important member of that community.

He served as a member of the Chicago Musical Association Branch No. 1 of the National Association of Negro Musicians, The Chicago Symphony Orchestra's African American Network and the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra for many years.

He played in numerous ensembles and orchestras including the Colour of Music Festival, Chicago Modern Orchestra Project, New Black Repertory Ensemble of Columbia College, Wanees Zarour Ensemble of Chicago, Gateway Music Festival, Joffrey Ballet of Chicago Pit Orchestra, Illinois

Symphony, South Shore Opera Company, Chicago Sinfonietta, and Saint Philip Neri Chamber Players.

Along with being a professional musician Robert found great joy in teaching children and young adults how to play string instruments.

Upon his return to Mississippi in February of 2019, Robert began working as a music professor in Jackson State University's Music Department.

Robert was the true definition of living life to its fullest. He traveled to Russia, South America, Poland and other countries around the world, creating relationships with diverse groups of people.

He had a very giving spirit, even when he was without.

Robert would always play his viola for any occasion when asked.

Returning to his church home, he blessed the College Hill Church family with musical selections many times.

Robert and his musical talents will truly be missed all over the world, but his spirit lives on through the people he met and the organizations he served.

Leaving to cherish the life, the love and legacy of Robert Carl Fisher are many friends and relatives. He is preceded in death by his father Robert Earl Fisher. He is survived by his mother, Perella Juanita Fisher; one sister, Mary Fisher; two brothers, Winford Earl Fisher (Smeadie) and Reginald Fisher

(Mary) of Aurora, Colorado; one uncle, Richard Sanders (Viola) of North Carolina; five aunts, Verla Foote of Braxton, MS, Hattie Gorham of Atlanta, GA, Mary Joyce Sanders, Mattie Caston and Clotea Fisher. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Family Hour will be held Friday, June 4, from 4-6 p.m. at Westhaven Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 3580 Robinson Road in Jackson, MS

Homegoing Services will be held at College Hill M.B. Church, 1600 Florence Avenue, Jackson, MS, Saturday June 5, at 11 a.m. Services may be viewed on the College Hill Church Face Book Page and YouTube Channel beginning at 11 a.m.

Mississippi city's first black mayor Melvin Mack dies at 72



Mack

The Associated Press

Funeral services are set this week for the Mississippi city of Laurel's first black mayor, who served two terms.

Melvin Mack died May 28, 2021. A cause of death was not released. He was 72.

Mack was mayor of Laurel from 2005 until his retirement in 2013, WDAM-TV reported. Before becoming mayor, Mack served on both the Laurel City Council and the Jones County Board of Supervisors. In 2018, the fire station on Parker Drive in Laurel was named in his honor.

Mayor Johnny Magee, the current mayor of Laurel, succeeded Mack in office.

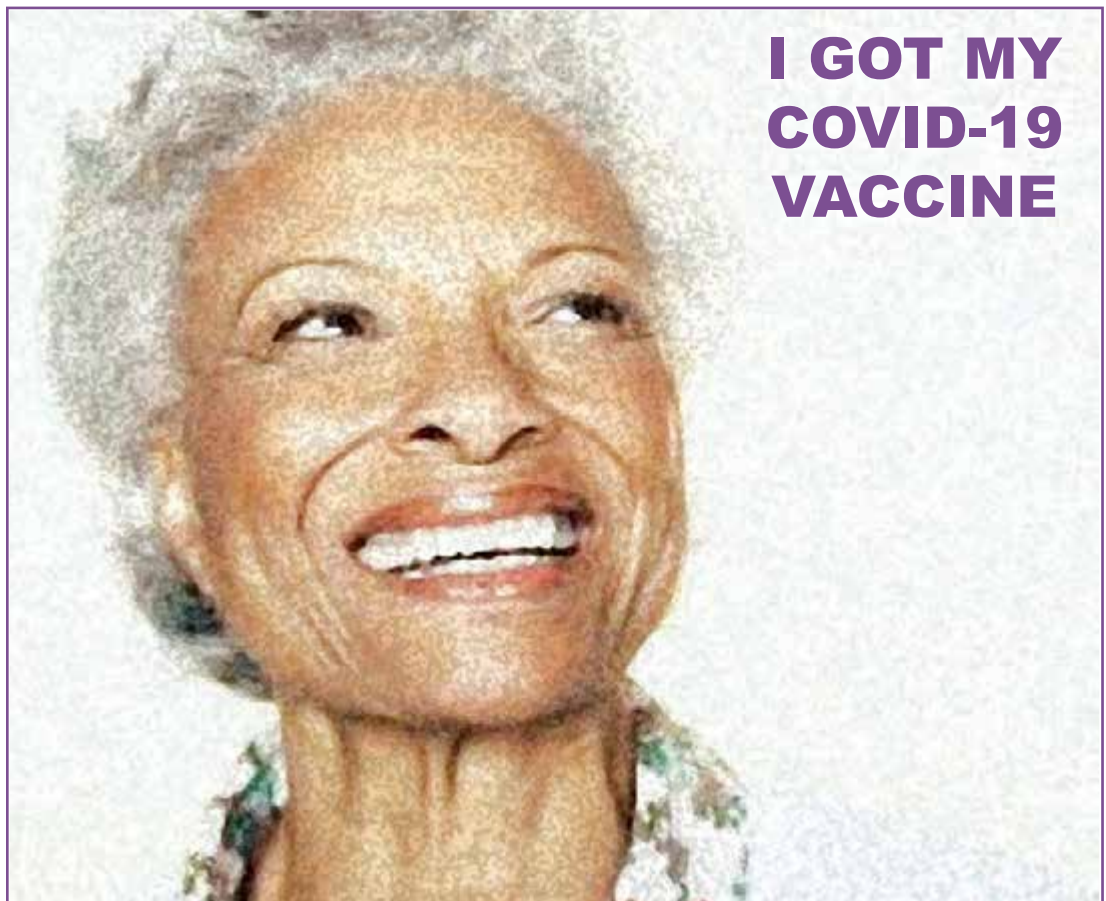
"He would always call and check on me and

offer advice and tell me to hang in there," Magee said. "He knew what the job entailed. He knew the headaches that came with the job and the pressures of the job. I just appreciate his support."

Ward 4 Councilman George Carmichael said Mack's passing marked a sad day for the city.

"He was a great leader and inspired so many people; so many young people too. He never met a stranger. He's truly going to be missed," Carmichael said.

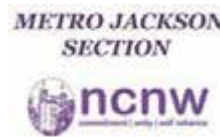
A public viewing is set for Friday, June 4, in the rotunda of City Hall from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Funeral services are set for Saturday, June 5, in the auditorium of Oak Park Elementary in Laurel at 2 p.m.



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Section of highway named for civil rights pioneer Clyde Kennard

The Associated Press

A highway section near the University of Southern Mississippi has been named to honor a civil rights pioneer who was wrongfully convicted after he tried to enroll at the all-white university in the 1950s.

The Hattiesburg American reported that a ceremony was held Thursday to name a section of U.S. Highway 49 in honor of Clyde Kennard, the first black student to apply for admission to the university. Kennard, an Army veteran, was denied admission when he applied in 1955 and again in 1959.

Legislators voted to name the segment of highway for Kennard during the 2021 legislative session.

Kennard was convicted of purchasing \$25 worth of chicken feed he knew to be stolen in 1960 and sentenced to seven years in prison. Posthumous investigations into Kennard’s case showed the charges against Kennard were fabricated, and the only witness against him has recanted his testimony. A judge in 2006 threw out the



Kennard

conviction.

Kennard died in 1963, after being released from prison early because he had intestinal cancer.

Dennis Dahmer, son of slain civil rights leader Vernon Dahmer, said stories like Kennard’s need to be told so younger people can be inspired by the generations who have gone before them, the newspaper reported.

“It is a horrific story of how the Mississippi justice system was used to thwart the integration of USM and lead directly to Clyde’s untimely death,” Dahmer said.

Hattiesburg Mayor Toby Barker said the marker will flank the very campus where Kennard was denied the opportunity to continue his education.

“As I was getting ready this morning, a word that came to mind was redemption. Redemption acknowledges the wrong and the collective failure of humanity,” he said.

“Redemption doesn’t undo the injustice, but it can repent for it. It can work to correct it. It can bend that arc of the moral universe. As Theodore Parker and Martin Luther King Jr. said, ‘a little more toward justice.’”

Mississippi Writers Trail honors civil rights memoir author

The Associated Press

A new marker has been unveiled on the Mississippi Writers Trail to honor the late author and civil rights activist Anne Moody.

Moody, who was black, was part of an integrated group of Tougaloo College students who staged a sit-in at the segregated Woolworth’s lunch counter in downtown Jackson in 1963. A violent white mob poured ketchup, mustard and sugar on their heads and beat one of the men.

Moody recounted that and other activities in her memoir “Coming of Age in Mississippi.”

“The book has been widely assigned in universities because of its eloquent and bracing truth about the experience of growing up in a society profoundly shaped, or misshaped, by white supremacy,” Mississippi Humanities Council executive director Stuart Rockoff said during the unveiling ceremony Wednesday, according to a news release from the Anne Moody History Project.

Rockoff said Moody grew up in a society that was



Moody

“predicated on the idea that white lives matter more.”

Moody died in 2015 in Gloster, not far from where she grew up in Centreville.

Felicia Williams, a Centreville alderwoman, said during Wednesday’s ceremony that Moody was a heroine of the civil rights movement.

In “Coming of Age in Mississippi” Moody “lucidly and eloquently articulates what it was like to grow up in poverty, to suffer racial discrimination and to fight for social change,” Williams said.

Freedom Project aims to teach young leaders in Mississippi

Mississippi Link Newswire

A summer program in Mississippi will teach middle school students about Freedom Summer of 1964, when civil rights workers came to the state to challenge segregation and register black voters.

The Meridian Freedom Project is sponsoring the program for sixth, seventh and eighth

graders, with activities that started Friday and end July 2.

The nonprofit organization opened in 2013 with a focus on empowering young people and developing leaders while exposing them to new experiences, the Meridian Star reported.

“We want them to leave this program knowing they can become leaders,” executive direc-

tor Adrian Cross said.

Students from Harvard University, Millsaps College and Meridian Community College will serve as interns during the program, she said.

After classes end in Meridian, the sixth and seventh graders will travel to Alabama while the older students will travel to Jackson and Memphis, Cross

said. The trips will focus on the civil rights movement. Students will then spend a week at Mississippi State University, to learn about the college experience.

Cross hopes the students, known as freedom fellows, gain valuable skills.

“We want them to be prepared when they return to school in the fall,” she said

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J-TECHS inducts 27 scholars into National Honor Society

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School (J-TECHS) inducted 27 students into the program's National Honor Society May 20. The program included presentations from J-TECHS Lead Counselor Adrienne Fleming, J-TECHS Principal Chinelo Evans and Assistant Superintendent of High Schools Laketia Marshall Thomas.

Thomas, who served as the keynote speaker of the evening's ceremony, is the namesake of the J-TECHS's chapter of the National Honor Society. Thomas is a graduate of Tougaloo College and has served in the field of education for 23 years. She was a school administrator for a number of years, including being principal of Provine High School. She began her career in JPS as an Algebra I and 8th-grade math teacher at Brinkley Middle School.

"I've had the pleasure of standing in front of many classes over the years; these two, however, are very special classes for me," said Thomas. "This chapter bears my name and carries my heart. Three years ago, most of you joined me and the Early College staff for the first time right here at Tougaloo. Here we are three years later



27 students enrolled in the JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School were inducted into the school's National Honor Society. The chapter is named for JPS Assistant Superintendent of High Schools Laketia Marshall-Thomas (far left). Chinelo Evans (2nd from left) is the school's principal.

inducting outstanding scholars and student leaders into a nationally acclaimed organization that recognizes students who have demonstrated high academic achievement and accomplishments and for you all, based on high school and college coursework."

2021 National Honor Society inductees (J-TECHS)

The 2021 members of the National Honor Society are:

- Alijah Anderson
- Amarion Arnold
- Madisyn Avery
- Mitzi Bass
- DeJayvion Brown
- Tyneah Buckley
- Makinze Dixon

- Joshua Evans
- Destiny Granderson
- Jordan Hall
- Padrianna Hawthorne
- Sydney Hilliard
- Kristen Hobson
- Mariah Johnson
- Sanya Martin
- Iyanna Nichols
- Zaria Owen
- Jahiliyah Readus
- Pris Roberts-Huttix
- Markita Shell
- Ardarius Stasher
- Sydnee Thompson
- Erick Trinidad
- Gabrielle Warren
- Kelsi Williams
- Jeremiah Wilson
- Mauricsa Woods

J-TECHS is the only Early College High School program in the Jackson Metro area and the only program of its kind in the state located on the campus of a private historically black college.

Students in the program complete Mississippi graduation requirements for high school while working on college coursework. They may earn an associate's degree or up to two years of credits towards a bachelor's degree.

Currently, there are 105 students enrolled. New students enter in the ninth grade and continue until they graduate high school.



National Honor Society inductees took the pledge to uphold the organization's purposes and the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character before accepting their pins and certificates.

ASU Metro - Jackson Chapter honors scholarship winners

Special to The Mississippi Link

The Metro-Jackson Alcorn Alumni Chapter Incorporated, a 501C3 organization, has long been a proponent of academic excellence as evidenced by its generous financial donation to college bound high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in academic, achievement, leadership and community service. Under the leadership of Mitchell Shears and scholarship chairperson, Frank J. Branch, there were four scholarships awarded on May 12, 2021.

This year: the Metro-Jackson Alcorn Alumni Chapter Incorporated awarded two (2) academic scholarships (1st place - \$2,000 and 2nd place - \$1,500), one (1) JAM Book scholarship (3rd place - \$1,000), and one (1) Chapter Book scholarship (4th place - \$500).

These scholarships are awarded to College Bound High School seniors in the metro area (Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties) who will be attending Alcorn State University this Fall.

The winner of the first place Metro-Jackson Alcorn Alumni Chapter Incorporated Academic Scholarship in the amount of \$2000 is Debreanna Taylor, a graduating Senior of Velma Jackson High School. Taylor's overall packet scored the highest out of all entries from high school seniors within the metro-area.

Other scholarship winners:

2nd place academic - \$1,500 (Nicholas McCelleis, NW Rankin High School)



Debreanna Taylor



Awardees Front Row: Taylor Cain, Nicholas McCelleis, Debreanna Taylor, Kaylee Thompson. Committee members Back Row: Frank J. Branch, Nancy Gines, Michael Gines

3rd place - \$1,000 (Taylor Cain, Hillcrest Christian School)

4th place - \$500 (Kaylee Thompson, Brandon High School)

Uplift Incorporated awards book scholarships to seniors in Canton Public Schools System and Madison County Schools System

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The Uplift Incorporated, a 501C3 organization, has been a long-time proponent of academic excellence and has given generous financial donations to college bound high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in academic, achievement, leadership, and community service.

This year, Uplift Incorporated awarded three book scholarships in the amount of 1st place, \$500, 2nd place, \$300 and 3rd place, \$200.

These book scholarships were awarded to college or trade school bound high school seniors in the Canton Public School System and the Madison County School System.

Sydney Ellis, a graduating senior of Madison Central High School was named the winner of the (Canton, MS.) Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Uplift Incorporated, book Scholarship in the amount of \$500. Her packet scored the highest out of approximately 30 entries from these school systems.

The second place winner of a \$300 book scholarship was Joshua Briscoe of Saint Joseph High School and the third place winner of the \$200 book scholarship was Debreanna Taylor of Velma Jackson High School.



Ellis



Awardees - Front Row: Debreanna Taylor and Sydney Ellis (Not shown - Joshua Briscoe). Back Row: Committee members: Don Spann and Frank J. Branch

Will we learn to live with germs again?

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Travel has increased exponentially, and people increasingly are displaying more confidence that the worst of the pandemic is over.

Like many, Alice Anderson had concerns about germs before COVID, and she believes there remain reasons all should still be cautious.

The parent of a child with life-threatening food allergies, the founder of Mommy to Mom, said she couldn't help being concerned with how much cleaning and disinfecting has taken place everywhere she's visited.

"Although researchers haven't figured out what causes food allergies yet, the 'hygiene hypothesis' is an interesting theory," Anderson remarked.

"It suggests that the lack of exposure to germs in a child's environment can result in their immune system being unchallenged, which could lead to the possible development of different allergies."

As stores and online shops continue to sell out of items quickly and routinely like Lysol, bleach and other disinfectants, health experts now fear



that all the cleaning solutions used during the pandemic can threaten people's health.

Researchers now suggest that the over-disinfecting of our homes, vehicles, and other habitable spaces poses a severe health danger.

"We're starting to realize that there's collateral damage when we get rid of good microbes, and that has major consequences for our health," B.

Brett Finlay, the first author of a paper from the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), told the *New York Times*.

Finlay, a professor in the department of microbiology and immunology at the University of British Columbia, counted among a global consortium of health researchers to raise the alarm about a microbial fallout that could follow in the pan-

demical wake.

According to the report, "their worries center on the human microbiome – the trillions of bacteria that live on and inside our bodies.

"They say that excessive hygiene practices, inappropriate antibiotic use, and lifestyle changes such as distancing may weaken those communities going forward in ways that promote sickness and imperil

our immune systems. By sterilizing our bodies and spaces, they argue, we may be doing more harm than good."

Dr. Finlay and others argue that "our collective health may depend on our willingness to holster our sanitizers and cleansers, moderate our use of bacteria-slaying drugs and resume old habits that nourish our microbial communities. In other words, we're going to have to live with germs again," the *Times* report, quoting the PNAS paper, continued.

A clean, sterilized environment is critical to preventing the spread of germs and infection, said Jill Lieberman of safehandles.com .

"However, we need to be selective with the products we use because they often cause more harm than good," Lieberman added. "It is concerning that so many cleaning products come with a warning label and contain chemicals which can be dangerous and even toxic. Cleaning with chemicals needs to be avoided, yet it is still necessary to sterilize our spaces to eliminate germs," Liberman continued.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

recommends handwashing with soap and water after individuals have visited a public place, coughed or sneezed.

If soap and water isn't available, the CDC recommends using a hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol and regularly clean frequently touched surfaces like door-knobs, light switches, faucets, and countertops.

The Cleveland Clinic also provided the following guidelines:

- Find ways to cope with stress. Stress causes your body to make a hormone called cortisol. Over time, cortisol can lead to inflammation and reduce your body's ability to fight infections.
- Fuel-up smartly. A well-rounded diet with ample amounts of fiber and healthy fats helps keep inflammation at bay.
- Keep moving. Regular exercise helps keep your immune system running smoothly.
- Get your Zzzs. The average adult needs about seven to nine hours of sleep a night.
- Avoid harmful substances. Smoking and excessive drinking can weaken your immune system.

T I P S T O B E F I T

Traveling Again

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Taking a trip when you have diabetes, heart disease, lung problems, arthritis or some other chronic medical condition might be troubling. With a few precautions you can have a safe and fun trip.

If you are fully vaccinated, the CDC requires you to follow these steps to protect yourself and others when you travel:

• During Travel
Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required on planes, buses, trains and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

Follow all state and local recommendations and requirements, including mask wearing and social distancing.

• After Travel
Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.

Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.

You do not need to get tested or self-quarantine if you are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months. You should still follow all other travel recommendations.

Medical issues can happen anytime even on your vacation. With some planned precaution you can reduce your risk. If you have a chronic condition you should wear a medical identification bracelet or necklace when you travel.

If you have diabetes make sure you talk too your doctor about antibiotics. Traveler's diarrhea can be dangerous for



people with diabetes. Your doctor may prescribe antibiotics to take with you. You'll need them especially if you are going to a less developed country. You also want to make sure you have enough medication for your condition.

If you have a heart condition and you'll be traveling longer than eight hours consult your doctor. Air travel can affect people at risk for a heart attack or stroke. Ask your doctor for a name of a doctor that can handle an emergency at your vacation destination.

If you take an anticoagulant make sure you have enough medication during your trip. Move around the plane as much as you can. Carry a note from your doctor explaining your condition just in case there is an issue about your movement. You should also have a note explaining any implants you may have. You should also understand what could affect your implant.

If you have asthma make sure you are aware of the air quality of your vacation destination. When traveling on a plane ask your airline to provide inflight oxygen during your flight. As soon as take your seat ask for the oxygen before the flight begins. Make sure you bring your inhaler and you have enough for the trip.

If you have osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis make sure you bring all of your pain medication. Invest in some high quality-rolling luggage to avoid hurting your joints. Pay for sky-cap service to handle your luggage if you can. Make sure you wear comfortable clothing and shoes. You should also move around as much as you can.

A few more tips to help make your trip even safer

1. Bring copies of your key medical records. Doctors at your destination won't have fast access to your medical records. Your records should include copies of prescriptions, paper-

work related to any recent or ongoing medical condition and your doctor's contact information. You should make sure you have enough of any medication you are currently taking. Check with your insurance company to see if you are covered on at your vacation destination. Medical

care and prescription services could be triple what you normally pay.

2. Control your eating and drinking. It may be included but you don't have to eat and drink it all. Over eating and drinking can lead to gastrointestinal distress. It can also lead to a heart attack.

3. You should purchase travel health insurance especially if you are traveling outside of the United State.

4. Talk to your doctor about any vaccines you may need.

5. Get enough sleep. Getting enough sleep will help your body's immune system.

6. Keep your hands away from your nose, ears, mouth and eyes.

7. Wash your hands often.

8. Stop smoking. Smoking lowers your immune system.

9. Disinfect your room.

10. Stay away from sick people.

11. Drink bottled water.

12. Wear your mask.

13. You should stick to well-cooked foods because high cooking temperatures kill bacteria and virus.

14. Buddy with a partner. You'll be less of a target if you have a partner. Don't advertise you're traveling alone. Make sure you have a buddy system in place.

15. Observe your seatmates. If your airplane seatmate is coughing, sneezing or showing other signs of illness you should ask to have your seat moved.

16. Drink water during your plane ride. Drink 6 ounces of water every hour of your flight.

17. Carry hand sanitizer.

18. Know what your insurance covers.

19. Carry your medication in your carry-on luggage.

20. Let someone at home know all of your medications.

21. Have an emergency contact at home that can be reached.

Think positive about your trip, reduce your risk and have fun.



A life of discipline

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



To be effective and dedicated as a Christian, God wants the Christian to be narrow-minded. Have you ever been called narrow-minded? I am sure we all have at some time in our lives. The Christian walks in the narrow way. The Bible says it is a strait gate and a narrow way, and few there be that find it. If we walk in this narrow way, we will be considered peculiar.

The Christian must endure hardness as a good soldier. Of course, we all need money, but some people go to the extreme, and they never seem to have enough. One thing about

riches is that a person always wants more. A deceitfulness can go with wealth. Some people love the entertainment world. They love pleasure. A person can go overboard with good things and not become tempered. A good soldier does not entangle with the affairs of this life.

We read in Second Timothy 2:3-4, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

We are in God's army as soldiers for Jesus Christ. Paul said not to get entangled with the affairs of this life. Many things entangle people. Some people get hooked on sports,

and it seems that is all they think about. We live in a materialistic society, and many things can entangle us and keep us from fighting the good fight of faith.

Again, good soldiers endure hardness. The Christian lives a life of discipline. The word disciple comes from the word discipline. We must discipline ourselves. We cannot give in to every whim. We must learn to exercise discipline. Sometimes, we may not feel like reading the Bible, but we must discipline ourselves.

Jesus said to take up your cross and follow Him. There are certain things that we must do to maintain our salvation. Getting saved initially is important, but we need to stay saved. The Apostle Paul said to fight the good fight of faith.

Along with discipline comes self-denial, physically and mentally. We must be careful of what we think upon. One old expression says, "You can't keep the birds from flying over your head, but you don't have to allow them to make a nest in it."

The enemy works on our minds. He is the prince of the power of the air, and he wants access to our minds, so we must be careful. He wants to inject something in there that we know we should not be thinking upon; that is the reason we need discipline.

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The paddle boat blessing

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



Several years ago, I was blessed to take a cruise that made a stop in the Cayman Islands. When our cruise ship first arrived

at the Cayman Islands beach, I was overwhelmed by the beauty of the blue water. Since this was my first time there, I'd decided that I was going to soak up as much sun and fun while on the beach. After spending an hour picking up seashells, I wanted to do something a little more adventurous.

I then saw a couple looking like they were having a great time on a paddle boat that looked like an oversized big tire. The 14-year-old daughter of a fellow vacationer from the cruise ship agreed that it looked like fun. Her mother agreed that she could ride the paddle boat with me.

At first, it was fun. We marveled at how the boat seemed to "ride the waves" and waved at our friends on shore while they took pictures of us. After about 20 minutes, we decided to head back to the shore. We paddled and steered right but the boat kept moving to the left. After we went in circles about 3 times, we started to get a little frustrated because our legs were getting tired.

We then thought that maybe the reason why we were going left was because I weighed more than her and we needed to switch sides on the boat to balance things out. We started to get worried when even after we did this, the boat still went to the left. Not only were we going in circles, we were also being pushed further away from

the shore by each wave. It was strange but it seemed like the harder we tried to go right, the more the boat went left. At this point, I was panicked but tried not to let the young lady see. I just kept paddling harder to get us back to the shore.

"Mom...get help!" was what the 14-year-old yelled after 5 more minutes of going around in circles. I also wished I could yell for my mom but tried to remain calm as our friends on the shore finally realized that we weren't just waving for fun...we really needed help. Silently, I prayed for God to do something.

It took the equipment rental associate the longest 5 minutes to rescue us. When he reached us and looked at the boat, he said that one of the paddle boat wheels was filling up with water because a plug came out. He also said that our paddling was making it worse.

When I thought about it later, I saw how this mirrored the words found in Romans 9: 16: "It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy." I then began to see how this nerve-wracking experience reemphasized how sometimes the smallest things can change your course. However, instead of trying to fix things, it's best to respond with peaceful trust in God and not panicky control.

Oh...I also learned to stick to finding seashells while at the beach.

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Recognizing the centennial of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre

By Rep. James E. Clyburn
D-S.C., Chairman, Democratic Faith Working Group



This horrific incident was erased from collective memory when the *Tulsa Tribune* destroyed all original copies of the May 31, 1921 edition of the newspaper and removed it from any archival copies.

As a former history teacher, I often quote George Santayana's admonition that "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." But one cannot remember that which one does not know. And that is the case for too many people regarding the Tulsa Race Massacre. And for good reason.

The more interactions I have with folks in Washington and around the country, the more appreciative I am of Ernestine Walker, Marybelle Howe, William Howell, Rosa Harris and many other teachers, and some of the other students they taught, and with whom I studied and debated on the campus of that little HBCU (historically black college and university) – South Carolina State – in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

I was blessed with integral knowledge of Tulsa, Rosewood (Florida), Hamburg (South Carolina) any many other historic

and horrific – events that were "whitewashed" by newspapers and left out of history books.

I still remember the one-on-one session I had with Ernestine Walker discussing Tulsa native John Hope Franklin's outstanding book "From Slavery to Freedom" as a blessed experience. And it was a blessing to have had a one-on-one with John Hope himself when he chaired the "race committee" for President Bill Clinton. I still wonder what ever happened to the product that committee produced. I was also blessed by Tulsa native Alfre Woodard, who wrote the foreword to my memoir, "Blessed Experiences."

The Tulsa Race Massacre is a prime example of inflaming issues and ignoring history. They both significantly lead to the inability and failure to learn the real lessons that true history can teach us.

It was the inflammatory reporting of the chance encounter of a young black man, Dick Rowland; and a young white elevator operator, Sarah Page, that ignited one of the deadliest episodes of racial violence in our nation's history.

On May 31, 1921, the *Tulsa Tribune* newspaper printed the headline; "Nab Negro for Attacking Girl in Elevator," and the same edition included a report of a white mob's plan to lynch Rowland. The newspaper ac-

count was based on false claims that Rowland sexually assaulted Page, a white woman; and is cited as the spark that incited a mob to burn and loot 35 blocks in the Black Greenwood neighborhood of Tulsa and kill an estimated 300 people.

It was later determined that the event was fabricated, in other words, "a big lie." Rowland was later vindicated, but the damage to the Tulsa community and the loss of life could not be undone.

Today, we are experiencing a modern day "big lie" that seems to be tearing at the fabric of this country. Hopefully we have learned lessons from the Tulsa Race Massacre that will help maintain the greatness of our fragile democracy.

Greenwood was known at the time as "Black Wall Street" due to its status as one of the most prosperous African-American communities in the country. The devastation wrought by the mob, many of whom had been deputized and armed by local officials, took the lives and livelihoods of many in the Greenwood community. It caused irreparable damage to hundreds of black families, who never received justice for their losses.

I, like many of you, am old enough to remember those little bank books that were issued when you opened a bank account. Those little books were not fireproof and many survi-

vors of the massacre whose only proof of their bank accounts were burned up with their other possessions, never got their money and were never compensated for their losses.

This horrific incident was erased from collective memory when the *Tulsa Tribune* destroyed all original copies of the May 31, 1921 edition of the newspaper and removed it from any archival copies. Scholars later discovered that police and state militia archives about the riot were missing as well. We cannot overcome the issues of race that have troubled our nation since its inception by ignoring the failings of our past.

I often quote Alexis De Tocqueville's notion that America's greatness lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather because it has always been able to repair its faults. To repair our faults, our country must acknowledge past mistakes and work to ensure we don't repeat them.

I believe this anniversary gives us the opportunity to remember this dark past and recommit ourselves to finding ways to address racial inequities by taking steps that are necessary to repair the faults of our past. Working together, with informed acknowledgements and our eyes wide open, we can make significant strides in our "pursuit of a more perfect union."

Memories of King's and Floyd's deaths still haunt us

By James B. Ewers Jr.
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There are some events we want to remember and other events we would rather soon forget.

Happiness and sadness are feelings that you get because of them.

You will remember events like birthdays, graduations and weddings with great fondness. Deaths, funerals and killings have pain and hurt associated with them. These times, both good and bad, will be etched in our minds forever.

We can recall time, date and place as to where we were when some life changing event took place.

I can remember April 4, 1968 like it was yesterday. I was in my residence hall room when I heard that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had been killed.

Johnson C. Smith University, an HBCU in Charlotte, N.C. where I was enrolled closed the campus.

America was in shock and mourning.

While we have a national holiday in his honor, I am still saddened and sick by the events that took place.

Earlier this year, we travelled to Memphis and saw the Lorraine Motel where Dr. King was assassinated.

Seeing it was overwhelming emotionally. The aftermath of that killing made America change. However, it took Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dying to do it.

Is that the way it is? That death must be the signal for change in this country? Does some type of moral bell go off in us?

Sometimes, it seems that lessons are learned slowly with us. Our initial reaction is to shed tears of sorrow, lament and vow to do better.

And yes, there are momentary periods of respect and tolerance. We have these temporary respites that allow us to be inclusive and of one accord.

Yet, tragically, our land is ripe with ill will.

Since Dr. King's murder, there have been countless

acts of violence in our homeland. Each has meant a loss of life of a family member. None can be minimized. All will be remembered with reverence.

Now we have reached the one-year anniversary of the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

His senseless murder took place May 25, 2020 at the hands of police officer George Chauvin.

Like you, I can remember where I was during this hateful act.

This scene of unconscionable meanness was unbelievable. How could one man exact that kind of pain on another human being?

Chauvin put his knee on his neck and just choked the life out of him. Brutality beyond definition.

Last week, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris met with the family of Floyd. While we do not know, I am sure that compassion and empathy were the common themes.

The death of Floyd made America a dark place. Our light of hope had suddenly dimmed.

However, our trust in the strength of America must remain. It must be steadfast and not fade or falter.

We know the enemy is busy plotting to dismantle and to destroy what is good about this country.

I will never forget April 4, 1968 and May 25, 2020. However, I cannot give up. Giving up will never become an option.

As we think about these two men, their deaths and the deaths of others cannot be in vain. They cannot be wasted.

We must continue to march and speak out against oppression. Our lives are interwoven with their lives.

Reforms in traditional and long-standing systems must take place. Time and again, we see the same results from the same systems.

Courage and conviction are needed so that evil does not become the standard-bearer. Dr. King and Mr. Floyd witnessed injustice first-hand.

Justice in America must not be from ocean to ocean but must be from neighborhood to neighborhood.

Senate Republicans will not keep us from learning the truth about the attack on the capitol

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



Republicans in the U.S. Senate are a threat to our democracy.

Here's the latest proof: Republicans are using the Senate's filibuster rules to stop Congress from creating a commission to investigate the deadly Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. The filibuster has a long and dishonorable history. It was used over and over to block passage of civil rights laws. Now it is being used to undermine democracy in another way.

On one level, we all know what happened Jan. 6. A violent mob of Donald Trump supporters tried to stop Congress from affirming the victory of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. They wanted to overturn the results of the election and keep Trump in power.

That mob had blood on their minds. And they ended up with blood on their hands. Fortunately, they didn't get a chance to hang Mike Pence or kill Nancy Pelosi or other members of Congress they were targeting. But five people died that day. And more than a hundred capitol police officers were wounded. One lost an eye, one lost fingers,

some suffered brain injuries. Many are traumatized by a battle they didn't expect they would have to fight.

We also know what fueled the rage of that mob: Trump's big lie. The lie that Trump won the election and had it stolen from him and his supporters by black voters and corrupt election officials. Everyone who spread that lie, helped to light the fuse and fan the flames that exploded Jan. 6.

Those who committed violence must be charged, tried, convicted and sent to prison. And the whole enterprise – those who incited violence and those who planned it – must be thoroughly investigated. People must be held accountable. The best way to do that was with a bipartisan commitment to finding the truth.

Thanks to online activists and journalists, we are learning more about what happened that day. Regular people are helping identify those who committed violence, and the Justice Department is bringing criminal charges against them. Rep. Jamie Raskin and his colleagues have been holding hearings about the threat of violent white supremacy and the involvement of extremist militias on Jan. 6.

But there is much we don't know. Why was the Capitol so poorly defended? Were rioters

helped by sympathetic Trump supporters at the Pentagon and in law enforcement agencies? Did they have help planning their attack from members of Congress or congressional staff?

Sen. Mitch McConnell, the leader of the Senate Republicans, is trying to protect Republicans running for election in 2022 from having to confront the truth. And while wounded police officers and family members of an officer who died that day went from office to office asking Republican senators to support a commission, McConnell was calling in favors to stop it from happening.

Some other congressional Republicans have been spitting in the faces of those officers and family members by downplaying what happened that day. One even said the rioters were just visiting the Capitol like tourists. How many tourists bring a gallows and lynching noose with them? How many smash down doors and windows in their attempt to get their hands on members of Congress?

We cannot let this happen again. History tells us that the best predictor of an eventual successful coup is a recently failed one. Militia groups and other extremists are out there planning more violence, fantasizing about starting a new civil war.

If we're going to stop them, we must learn the whole truth about Jan. 6. We must hold people accountable.

Senate Republicans abused the filibuster to stand in the way of a Jan. 6 commission and they will do it again to block voting rights and other civil rights legislation that has the support of a majority of Americans and a majority of the Senate. Now, Democrats must use the power voters gave them and change the rules.

Democracy has always been fragile. It has always had enemies. Past generations have improved and preserved it through their vigilance. The future of our nation as a multiracial, multiethnic democratic society depends on us being vigilant now. Let your voice be heard.

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.

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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
MAY 27 2021
SCOTT E. CARL, CHANCERY CLERK
R. J. Jankin
CAUSE NO.: P2021-246m4

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 18th 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
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6-3-2021, 6-10-2021

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Advertisement for RFP
Re-Bid RFP 2021-08 Science Support

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

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

5-27-2021, 6-3-2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4129

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 True Worship Ministry Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit for the extension of an existing child care center within a R-1A (Single-family) Residential District for property located at 5007 Clinton Blvd. (Parcel: 637-204) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOTS NOS. THREE (3) AND FOUR (4) OF THE MIDWAY SUBDIVISION BY EUGENE GRAHAM ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, MADE BY W.B. MONTGOMERY, SURVEYOR AND CIVIL ENGINEER.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO JUNE 16, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of May 2021.

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

6-3-2021, 6-17-2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4130

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 WMIW, LLC (Sam Astrahan) has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to redevelop a vacant building as a community recreational center within a C80-MU (Mixed-Use) Subdistrict. for the property located at 3883/3885 Metro Dr. (Parcel: 824-557-1 & 824-557-2) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

3883 Metro Drive

27,360.73 square feet, or 0.6281 acre in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 1, T5N, R1W, City of Jackson, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi more fully described as follows:

Begin at the SE Corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 (or the NW Corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4) of Section 1, T5N, R1W and proceed thence:

1. North for 523.85 feet; thence,

2. West for 340.58 feet to a hole in a concrete curb marking the SE Corner of the Lot conveyed to Clark, Ltd. by the Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 29-98 at Page 299 of the Land Records for the First Judicial District of Hinds County, said point being also:

a. the South end of the line between the above described Clark, Ltd. property and the property conveyed to Unifirst Federal Savings and Loan Association by the Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 2486 at Page 89 of the Land Records for the First Judicial District of Hinds County,

b. On the North line of the 44 foot wide Right-of-Way for Metro Drive (Private), and

c. The POINT OF BEGINNING for the description of the subject property.

Continue thence:

3. N 06° 07' 22" E along the line between the above described Clark, Ltd. property and the above described Unifirst Federal Savings and Loan Association property for 264.40 feet to a point on the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Highway 80; thence,

4. N 59° 48' 30" W along the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Hwy 80, for 121.88 feet, thence

5. N 87° 05' 01" W along the South line of the Right-of-Way for US I-Highway 80 for 89.88 feet; thence,

6. S 14° 26' 06" E along a line that is 25.92 feet East of and parallel with the East edge of the concrete walk along the East side of the building at 3895 Metro Drive now occupied by Luther's Bar-B-Q for 122.05 feet; thence,

7. N 75° 53' 46" E for 44.08 feet to a point at the back of a concrete curb; thence,

8. N 14° 26' 06" W along the back of the concrete curb for 76.38 feet; thence,

9. S 85° 26' 06" E for 4213 feet; thence,

10. S 14° 26' 06" E for 121.30 feet to a point at the back of a concrete curb; thence,

11. S 09° 12' 05" W for 186.61 feet to a point on the North line of the 44 foot wide Right-of-Way for Metro Drive (Private), said Right-of-Way line being defined at this point by a circular curve with a radius of 480.63 feet. Turn to N 77° 51' 07" E to obtain tangency to the curve at this point and continue thence:

12. Easterly and clockwise along the above described circular curve for 71.12 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT: An Ingress-Egress Easement across a strip of land 24.08 feet wide off the West edge of the above-described property;

PLUS: An Ingress-Egress Easement across a 30 foot wide strip of land being 5.92 feet wide West of 24.08 feet wide East of and along and adjacent to the following described line:

BEGIN at the hole in the concrete curb marking the SE Corner of the property conveyed to Clark, Ltd. by the Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 2998 at Page 299 of the Land Records for the First Judicial District of Hinds County and proceed thence:

12. N 06° 07' 22" E along the East line of the above-described Clark, Ltd. property for 264.40 feet to a point on the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Highway 80; thence,

13. N 59° 48' 30" W along the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Highway 80 for 121.88 feet; thence,

14. N 87° 05' 01" W along the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Highway 80 for 89.88 feet to the Point of Beginning for the subject line.

Continue thence:

S 14° 26' 06" E along a line that is 25.92 feet east of and parallel with the East edge of the sidewalk along the East side of the building at 3895 Metro Drive now, occupied by Luther's Bar-B-Q for 351.63 feet to a point on the North line of the 44 foot wide Right-of-Way for Metro Drive (Private).

3885 Metro Drive

15,641.28 square feet, or 0.3591 acre in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 1, T5N, R1W, City of Jackson, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi more fully described

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSAL FOR
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JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HAWKINS
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BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NO. 006-21

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking electronic proposals ("Proposal") for services related to the Ad Hoc On Call Engineering Services Project Management at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport and Hawkins Fields Airport. Sealed Proposals to perform the services will be accepted at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Friday, July 2, 2021 (the "Proposal Deadline"). Proposal shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

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

The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) Attention: Dr. Dexter M. Brookins, Director of Procurement; (ii) the wording: "Ad Hoc On Call Engineering Services Project Management" at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport and Hawkins Field Airport, JMAA Project No. 006-21. 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

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as follows:

Begin at the SE Corner of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ (or the NW Corner of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼) of Section 1, T5N, R1W and proceed thence:

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b. On the North line of the 44-foot-wide Right-of-Way for Metro Drive (Private).

Continue thence:

3. N 06° 07' 22" E along the line between the above described Clark, Ltd. Property and the above described Unifirst Federal Savings and Loan Association property for 190.84 feet; thence,

4. S 74° 53' 46" W along a line that includes the back of a concrete curb for 60.76 feet to the Point of Beginning for the Description of the Subject Property.

Continue thence:

5. N 14° 26' 06" W for 121.30 feet; thence,

6. N 85° 26' 06" for 42.13 feet to a point at the back of a concrete curb; thence,

7. S 14° 26' 06" E along the back of the concrete curb for 76.38 feet; thence,

8. S 75° 53' 46" W for 44.08 feet to a point on a line that is 25.92 feet East of and parallel with the East edge of the concrete walk along the East side of the building at 3895 Metro Drive now occupied by Luther's Bar-B-Q; thence,

9. S 14° 26' 06" E along the above described line for 229.58 feet to a point on the North line of the 44 foot wide Right-of-Way for Metro Drive (Private), said Right-of-Way line being defined at this point by a circular curve with a radius of 480.63 feet. Turn to N 76° 46' 13" E to obtain tangency to the curve at this point and continue thence;

10. Easterly and clockwise along the above described circular curve for 9.08 feet; thence

11. N 09° 12' 05" E for 186.61 feet to the Point of Beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT: An Ingress-Egress Easement across a strip of land 24.08 feet wide off the West edge of the above described property;

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Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 27th day of May 2021.

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

6-3-2021, 6-17-2021

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4121

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 Jennifer Welch DBA Tandem Investments, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District to allow for the conversion of the residential building to studio apartments for property located at 834 Madison St. (Parcel: 18-201), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

That part of Lots Number One (1) and Two (2), in Block "B" of Riverview Place, a subdivision of Jackson, MS, according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot One (1) and run thence South along the Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of the description. East boundary of Madison Street, One Hundred Feet (100') to the Southwest corner of Lot Two (2), thence run East along the South boundary of Lot Two (2) a distance of one hundred feet (100'); thence run Northerly and parallel with the East boundary of Madison Street a distance of one hundred (100) feet East of the Point of Beginning, and thence run Westerly along the said Northern boundary of said Lot One (1) a distance of one hundred (100) feet to the Point of Beginning.

Being the same property as described in Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 6585, at Page 723, of the land records of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi

Said application was heard by the City Planning Board on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 with a recommendation to approve. The opposition has filed an Appeal of the recommendation of the Planning Board. The Case will be heard at the City Council's Zoning Meeting in the Council Chambers, First Floor, City Hall, 219 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, June 21, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 27TH day of May 2021.

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

6-3-2021, 6-17-2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4131

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 Kelvin Williams has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1A (Single-family) Residential District & C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to create a single Zoning classification for the property and to allow for more development opportunities for the property located at 5356 North State St. (Parcel: 500-1050), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

BEG INT E/L NORTH STATE ST & S/L CEDARS OF LEBANON E 750 FT S 348.0 FT W 790 FT N 185.3 FT W 120 FT NLY 185.3 FT IN SW ¼ SE ¼ SEC 11 T6 R1E

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said date 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 through interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 27th day of May 2021.

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

6-3-2021, 6-17-2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson, MS will conduct a final Public Hearing regarding the development of its 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and its 2020 One-Year Action Plan. The initial Public Hearings were conducted March 3 and March 10, 2020. The draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 One-Year Action Plan contains applications for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Jackson will receive \$1,871,982 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; \$941,110 of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds; \$166,816 of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds; and \$1,434,010 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds for a total of \$4,413,918.

In addition, the City of Jackson will conduct an initial Public Hearing regarding the development of its 2021 One-Year Action Plan of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The City of Jackson will receive \$1,811,981 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; \$881,748 in Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds; \$159,648 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds; and \$1,428,764 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds for a total of \$4,282,141. The Consolidated Planning process requires broad public participation by citizens and entities which are interested in, or are providing assistance in, the areas of housing, services for the homeless, public services and other community development activities.

Notice is hereby given that on May 26, 2021 the City's draft copy of the 2020-2024 Five-Year (5 YR) Consolidated Plan and 2020 One-Year Action Plan will be available for review and comment on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov. There will be a virtual Public Hearing on June 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. To join the virtual public hearing see the options below:

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If you would like to make a public comment regarding the City's draft 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan or the 2020 One-Year Action Plan, please submit them in writing via email at ohcd@jacksonms.gov. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. June 28, 2021.

Residents with disabilities are encouraged to notify the City at least (5) days before the public hearing of any needed accommodations.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Housing and Community Development, at 601-960-2155.

5-27-2021, 6-3-2021

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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 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. Written comments, suggestions, and questions may be submitted to Mauricka Mckenzie, PE at admin@cornerstoneengllc.com until June 13, 2021.

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

5-13-2021, 5-20-2021, 5-27-2021, 6-3-2021, 6-10-2021

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Hinds County Economic Development Authority Employment Ad

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

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

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

Salary will be based upon experience.

Applications must be received by June 10, 2021.

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

4-29-2021, 5-6-2021, 5-13-2021, 5-20-2021, 5-27-2021, 6-3-2021, 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 8th, 2021, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: 0.114 acres of parcel 507-276, located on Old Canton Rd in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at \$750.00. 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 Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail vsexton@city.jackson.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 St. 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. Enclose one (1) original and one (1) copy of the bid. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, June 8th, 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

5-20-2021, 5-27-2021, 6-3-2021

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ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Resolution Board for the City of Jackson's June 8th General Election will meet on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Floor Conference Room in City Hall located at 219 S. President to review absentee ballots. The Resolution Board will re-convene at Election Central located in the basement of the Hinds County Courthouse located at 407 E. Pascagoula Street at 7:00 p.m. to process the absentee ballots.

6-3-2021

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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 804-755, located on Franklin 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 Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us.

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Biden-Harris Administration steps up efforts to narrow racial wealth gap



By Stacy M. Brown
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President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris are stepping up their efforts to narrow the racial wealth

gap.

Following the president's visit to Oklahoma, where he observed the centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre, the administration announced it would reinvest in communities that failed policies have left behind.

Specifically, the administration is expanding access to two key wealth-creators – homeownership and small business ownership – in communities of color and disadvantaged communities.

"The president has been and continues to be intentional in his actions to narrow the racial wealth gap," administration officials noted in a media call.

Biden is the first president to visit the Greenwood District in Tulsa devastated by white supremacists who murdered more than 300 African Americans and decimated a thriving black business corridor in 1921.

The administration said Greenwood and areas around the country that have a high concentration of minorities would benefit from plans that include:

- Addressing racial discrimination in the housing market, including launching a first-of-its-kind interagency effort to address inequity in-home appraisals and conducting rule-making to combat housing discrimination aggressively.

- Use the federal government's purchasing power to grow federal contracting with small, disadvantaged businesses by 50 percent, translating to an additional \$100 billion over five years and helping more Americans realize their entrepreneurial dreams.

The administration also released new information regarding President Biden's American Jobs Plan proposals to create jobs and build wealth in communities of color:

- A new \$10 billion Community Revitalization Fund to support community-led civic infrastructure projects that create innovative shared amenities, spark new local economic activity, provide services, build community wealth and strengthen social cohesion.

- \$15 billion for new grants and technical assistance to support the planning, removal, or retrofitting of existing transportation infrastructure that creates a barrier to community connectivity, including barriers to mobility, access or economic development.
- A new Neighborhood Homes Tax Credit to attract

private investment in the development and rehabilitation of affordable homes for low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners.

- \$5 billion for the Unlocking Possibilities Program, an innovative new grant program that awards flexible and attractive funding to jurisdictions that take steps to reduce needless barriers to producing affordable housing and expand housing choices for people with low or moderate incomes.

- \$31 billion in small business programs that will increase access to capital for small businesses and provide mentoring, networking, and other forms of technical assistance to socially and economically disadvantaged businesses seeking to access federal contracts and participate in federal research and development investments.

The Biden-Harris Administration is announcing additional steps to end discrimination and bias in the housing market.

"More than 50 years since the Fair Housing Act's passage, access to wealth through homeownership remains persistently unequal," administration officials stated.

"In his first week in office, President Biden issued a memorandum directing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address discrimination in our housing market."

They continued:

"Today, the administration is announcing that it is taking critical steps towards realizing the president's directive. HUD has now sent both its proposed rule on countering housing practices with discriminatory effects and its proposed interim final rule on the legal duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing to HUD's Congressional authorizing committee in the Senate and the House of Representatives for review and will publish them in the Federal Register next week.

"These proposed rules will align federal enforcement practice with the congressional promise in the Fair Housing Act to end discrimination in housing and will collectively provide the legal framework for HUD to require private and public entities alike to rethink established practices that contribute to or perpetuate inequities."

Additionally, the Biden-Harris Administration is taking on discrimination in home appraisals.

The White House pointed to a 2018 Brookings study that found that homes in majority-black neighborhoods are often valued at tens of thousands of dollars less than comparable homes in similar – but majority-white – communities.

And the crisis is worsening, they said.

"A recent study found that the

gap between the appraised value of homes in predominantly white neighborhoods compared to comparable homes in predominantly black and Latino neighborhoods nearly doubled between 1980 and 2015," the administration said.

"The impact of these disparities in-home appraisals can be sweeping, limiting homeowners' ability to properly benefit from refinancing or re-selling their homes at higher valuations and thereby contributing to the already-sprawling racial wealth gap."

The president is also charging Housing and Urban Development Secretary Marcia Fudge to lead a first-of-its-kind interagency initiative to address inequity in home appraisals.

The effort will seek to utilize, quickly, the many levers at the federal government's disposal.

These include potential enforcement under fair housing laws, regulatory action, and development of standards and guidance in close partnership with industry and state and local governments to root out discrimination in the appraisal and homebuying process.

"These are the kinds of policies and practices that keep black families in Greenwood and across the nation from building generational wealth through homeownership," administration officials stated.

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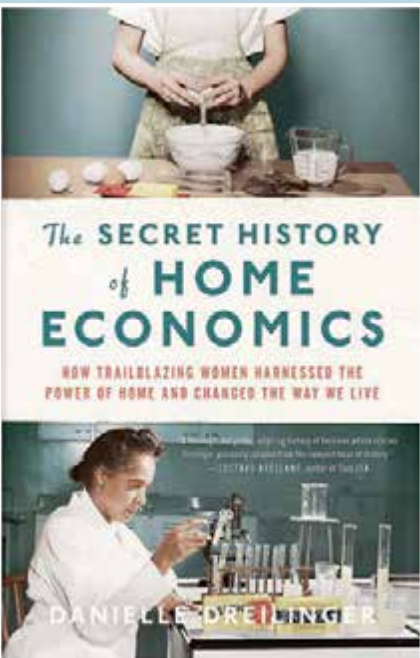
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BOOK REVIEW:

THE SECRET HISTORY OF HOME ECONOMICS

BY DANIELLE DREILINGER
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You’ve had a lot on your plate this past year. Lock-downs, virtual classes, and stay-at-home orders weren’t all bad, though; the hunker-down was an opportunity for a new hobby. Knitting busied your fingers. Reading engaged your mind. Newly-discovered baking skills literally added to your plate and, as in “The Secret History of Home Economics” by Danielle Dreilinger, great-grandma would be proud.

Our nation wasn’t but a few decades old when it became very

clear that some citizens were lacking resources, to the point of “disadvantage.” Women, for example, were generally solely in charge of the home and everything about it, and that often made for a hard life. By the 1870s, though, help was coming: Ellen Swallow, a “country girl” with an astounding drive to learn insisted on studying the growing new field of science. She then made it her life’s work to use what she’d learned to better the lives of women. Margaret Murray Washington saw the same need, but in a different way: born just before

the Civil War ended, she knew that black women likely already possessed housekeeping skills and needed no further instruction there. Washington, wife of Booker T., instead pushed for the creation of “domestic science” classes at Tuskegee, believing that a formal degree would ensure racial equality. The idea of domestic science (or “home economics,” as it was later called) was not without detractors but ultimately, emphasis was placed on science and economics. Women learned efficiency in daily chores, but they also learned ways to save money and

fix everything from clothing to appliances; food safety, gardening, sanitizing and healthy cooking. Professional home economists reached out to women to enhance communities. Women reached out to county professionals for tips during peacetime and war. By the 1970s, feminism swept across the country and home-ec “seemed practically to break loose from a corset.” It became clear that such things weren’t just for women; still, by the end of the decade, home ec was becoming more quaint than quintessential. Says Dreilinger, it’s high time

we bring it back. There’s one important thing you’ll fully understand after you’ve read “The Secret History of Home Economics:” our foremothers were not to be trifled with. They were watchful, highly desirous of education, progressive, ingenious and humble about their ignorance. In short, as author Danielle Dreilinger shows, great grandma was fierce. Home ec, as it turns out, wasn’t originally just the homey, cooking-sewing-baby-care classes like those you had in high school. Adult women, both professionals and everyday housewives, fought

hard to gain opportunities for all homemakers and to turn the job into one with esteem. Those warriors came from surprising corners to do that, and how they did it is a story complete with embedded racism, Eleanor Roosevelt, two women who were “essentially married to each other,” and practice-babies. Readers of women’s history will love this book, as will general historians, feminists and anyone with an interest in domestic arts. There’s still work to do, so find “The Secret History of Home Economics” and dish it up.



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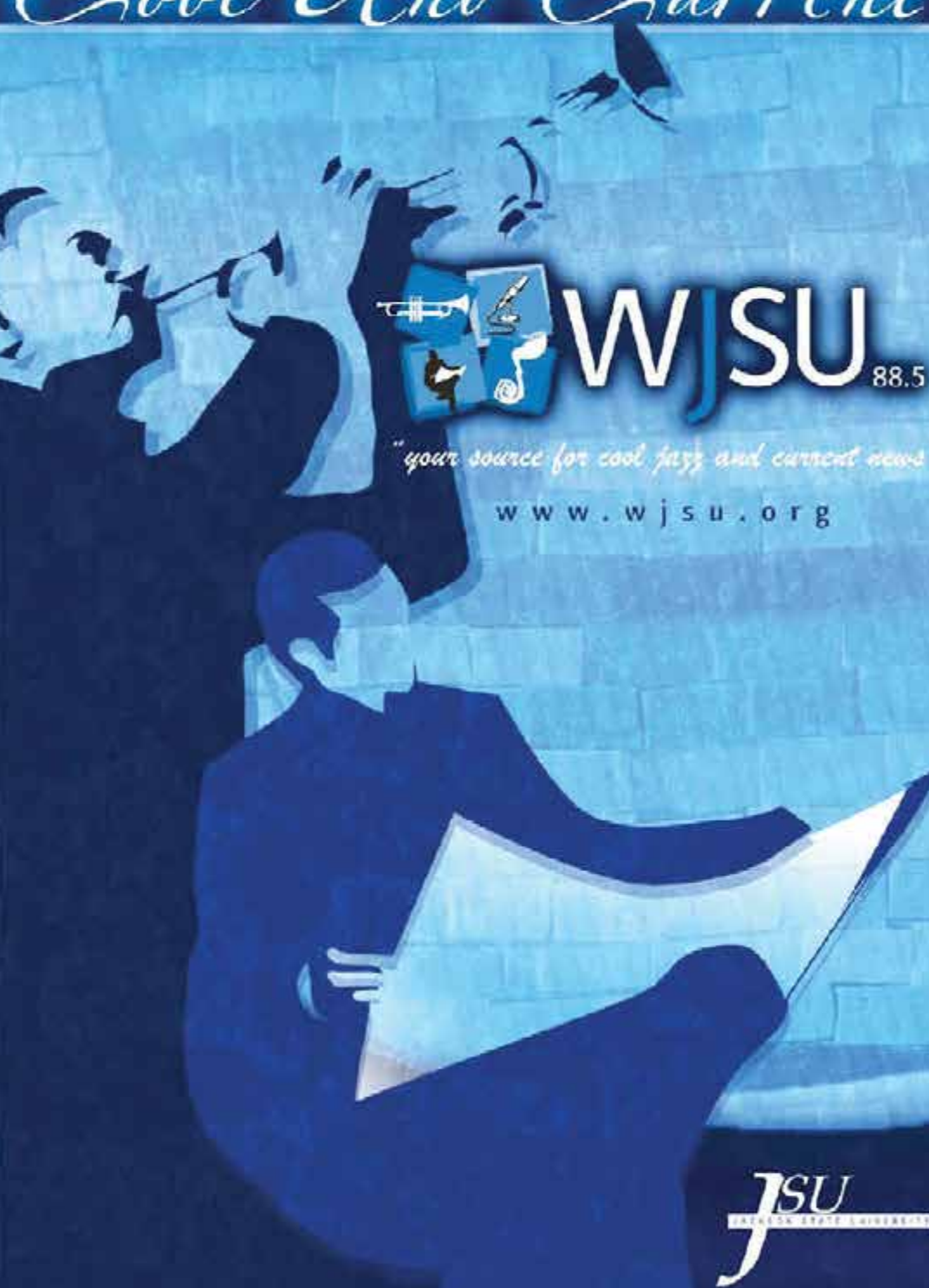
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