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Congressman Bennie Thompson selected to lead committee investigating insurrection at the Capitol

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

U. S. Congressman Bennie Thompson (D) serving Mississippi's 2nd district, was chosen by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

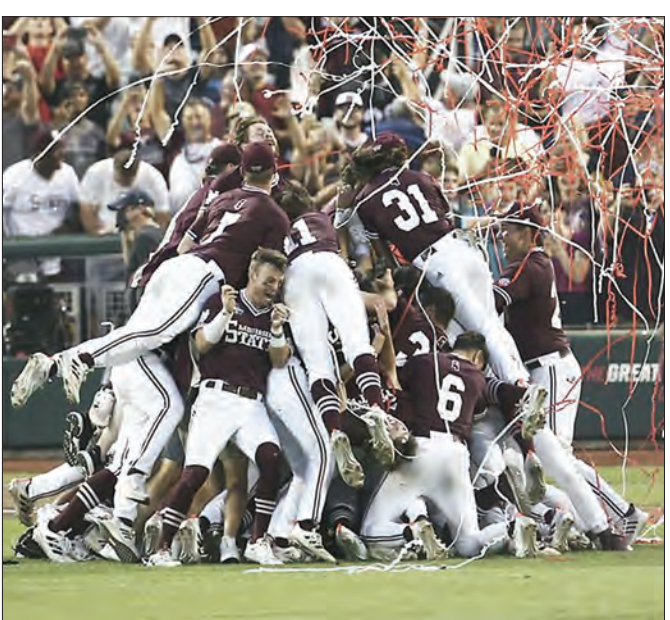
to lead a committee that will investigate the January 6 insurrection at the Capitol. Hundreds of Trump supporters broke into the U.S. Capitol building brutally beating police that got in there

way, hunting lawmakers to do them harm. Thompson along with other selected committee members will investigate what went wrong when the attackers came

in droves and interrupted the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's election as the 46th president of The United States. Speaker Pelosi on Thursday named Republican Liz Cheney to the committee to work along with seven Democrats on the investigation. Her appointment came a few hours after Kevin

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Mississippi State shuts down Vandy for 1st national title



The Associated Press

Mississippi State's first national championship had been building since 1985, when "Thunder and Lightning" – Will Clark and Rafael Palmeiro – were the stars on what's known as the best team to not win a College World Series.

The 2021 Bulldogs got the job done. Finally.

Will Bednar and Landon Sims combined on a one-hitter, the Bulldogs scored early and built on their lead, and at the end they were in a dogpile celebrating a 9-0 victory over Vanderbilt in the deciding third game of the College World Series finals Wednesday night.

There to see it was Ron Polk, the godfather of Mississippi State baseball and the coach of that '85 team.

"Coach Polk is the one who built this and started it," coach Chris Lemonis said. "We run out there and play in front of the big crowds, but Polk was a big reason why, and our former players, too. This is a lot of years in the making, and a lot of fun. And I know our fans will enjoy this."

Oh, they enjoyed it. It seemed the whole town of Starkville, Mississippi, was at TD Ameritrade Park – loud and proud – for all three games of the finals.

When third baseman Kamren James threw to first for the final out, the Bulldogs' dugout emptied and about 100 fans jumped out of the stands to celebrate. The

players walked the warning track and reached up to high-five the fans.

"I couldn't be more happy for a team, a town, a fan base, the whole state of Mississippi, except Oxford, of course," SEC player of the year Tanner Allen said. "Those guys are always on my back."

"This team overcame everything, man. From getting swept at home in front of 10,000 versus Arkansas to Missouri coming in and taking a series from us and then getting embarrassed at the SEC Tournament. We just kept playing and playing. You blink an eye, we're national champions."

Bednar, working on three days' rest, walked three of the first five batters he faced before retiring 15 in a row. He turned the game over to Sims to start the seventh, and Vandy broke up the no-hitter when Carter Young singled into center field with one out in the eighth.

"I'll probably bust his chops tomorrow," a laughing Bednar said of Sims losing the no-no. "Win a national championship, I don't really care about that. I'm on cloud nine."

It was the first one-hitter at the CWS since 2014 and the climax of an Omaha run that seemed to get easier for the Bulldogs the longer they were here. The three wins they needed to reach the finals were all decided by one

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Inauguration of Jackson's incumbent Mayor and City Council



Mayor Chokwe A. Lumumba being sworn in for a second term by Judge Denise Owens with wife Ebony Lumumba by his side. PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

By Bill Washington
Contributing Writer

On July 1, 2021 Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba and the Jackson City Council were officially sworn in and celebrated by many at the Jackson Convention Center. A celebration for the occasion included a fireworks display downtown along with food and live performances.

The day started with a prayer service where ten pastors prayed for development,

unity for Jackson, economics, youth, crime, future of Jackson, leadership and the Mayor/City Council.

Pastor Jimi Jones coordinated the event and the Praise Team from his church (Free Christian Ministries) provided the music. Jones described the ceremonial event as a "breath of fresh air."

Pastor Joel Sims of Word of Life Church located in Flowood and Pastor Lanford Porter of the Apostolic Restoration Ministry in Jackson both mentioned

the prophet Nehemiah and how he rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem and now Jackson is at that crossroad.

After the prayer service, people gathered in the lobby for a continental breakfast.

Judges performing the swearing-in included Honorable Bill Waller Jr, Honorable James E Graves, Honorable Winston Kidd, Honorable Tommie T Green, Honorable David N. McCarty and Honorable Frank Sutton.

Jackson Mayor Lumumba was sworn in by Chancery Court Judge Denise S. Owens, with his wife Ebony, holding the Bible.

City of Jackson Council members sworn in included: Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Angeliqee Lee, Ward 2; Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3; Brian Grizzell, Ward 4; Vernon Hartley, Ward 5; Aaron Banks, Ward 6 and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7.

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The City of Byram's historic election and swearing-in

By Bill Washington
Contributing Writer

On July 1, 2021 the City of Byram had a swearing-in ceremony for its' Mayor and Board of Alderman. It was held at City Hall at 7 p.m. with standing room only.

The racial make-up of the Board of Alderman shifted from five white board members and two black board members to five black members and two white members.

Mayor Richard White was sworn in to serve for a fourth term.

Roshunda Harris-Allen became the first African American to win the Alderman at Large seat in Byram.



(Standing) Charlie Campbell, Rochelle Gobson, Teresa Mack, Roshunda Harris-Allen and David Moore (Seated) Erma Johnson, Diandra Hosey and Mayor Richard White PHOTOS BY BILL WASHINGTON

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College Hill announces new pastor

Mississippi Link Newswire

College Hill Missionary Baptist Church is pleased to announce Rev. Chauncy L. Jordan, Sr. of Clinton, Mississippi, as the church’s new pastor, effective July 18, 2021.

Rev. Jordan will become the 15th pastor in the 114-year history of the west Jackson church. He will deliver his first sermon as pastor Sunday, July 18, during the 10 a.m. worship service.

Since October 2011, Jordan has served as pastor of Hill of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Bolton, Mississippi. A native of Greenville, Mississippi, he attended Alcorn State University and Mississippi State University, receiving a bachelor’s degree in industrial technology from Mississippi State in 1994. He has earned a master of arts in biblical studies from the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and he is currently pursuing the master’s degree in theology at Belhaven University.

The son of a Baptist preacher, Rev. Jordan acknowledged a call to the ministry in 2009, when he preached his first sermon and was licensed to preach in December 2009.

He was ordained in May 2011 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Madison,



Jordan

Mississippi.

In addition to pastoral duties, he serves as the general secretary of the Moderator’s Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He has been married to Dr. Lashanda Walls Jordan for 22 years, and they have two sons: Chauncy Leon Jordan, II and Joshua Conner Jordan.

College Hill is located at 1600 Florence Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi. Sunday worship services are streamed live on the church’s Facebook page and YouTube channel at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to join the College Hill family in welcoming Rev. Jordan and his family to College Hill.

Mississippi’s Finest CBD, Real Cowboy Association team up in anticipated return of Jackson Black Rodeo



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Canceled in 2020 because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Real Cowboy Association’s 18th annual Jackson Black Rodeo returns to the Mississippi Coliseum July 9-10, 2021.

As hundreds of cowboys and cowgirls from across the southeast descend upon the Capital City, thousands of revelers will reunite at the Southern Soul Live concert Friday night and Saturday tailgate and thrilling rodeo competitions.

For more information about the events, visit the webpage hosted by Mississippi’s Finest in support of the rodeo printed above.

Floyd Williams of Visit Jackson expect similar economic impact from the rodeo that, in 2019, brought 6,300 people to the state fairgrounds, amounting to \$205,558.43 in revenue. RCA Organizer Jarriett Edwards said the event promises agricultural education with fun for people

of all ages. “My father (the late Frank “Penny” Edwards) told me to keep this rodeo in Jackson because of the culture and the people who came out to support the rodeo every year,” he said. “When those kids come out and see those horses, they may be inspired to become a cowboy, a cowgirl or an agricultural doctor and when that happens, it’s a world of enjoyment.”

Improving health for black Mississippians is also a priority for rodeo vendor Mississippi’s Finest CBD. Individuals are resuming life on the other side of the pandemic that revealed disparities in healthcare access because mortality in the first months was almost twice as high for African Americans – 46.2 per 100,000 compared with 24.6 per 100,000 for whites, based on COVID reports by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Incidents and death rates for black Mississippians are trending down, and RCA and Missis-

siippi’s Finest promote healthier outcomes from natural medicine providing relief from anxiety and depression.

During both days of “The Baddest Show on Dirt,” Mississippi’s Finest CBD will host a pop up shop stocked with Hemp-based gummies, vapes, organic teas and smokeables.

Excited to sport his cowboy hat, Mississippi’s Finest spokesman Eric Walker said Mississippi Hemp produces something for every patron that appreciates natural remedies. “This is something everybody looks forward to; hearing our music and seeing some of the things we do and how we do it, having our culture apart of agriculture.”

Cowboys came of age in the New World when Spanish colonizers established the tradition of rodeos and ranching, then enslaved African-American ranch hands herded cattle and maintained cotton fields across the Deep South in post-Civil War

era. Black cowboys don’t have much shine in American lore, but the RCA’s rodeo tour changes the narrative in celebration of their contributions to agriculture. Mississippi’s Finest also promotes Hemp’s importance to agriculture as a healthcare resource.

A new Jackson Black Rodeo competition, the Pony Express relay race, is a nod to the old days when mail was delivered on horseback.

Friday’s musical acts include Sir Charles Jones, Karen Wolfe and Ms. Jody; and The Four Washingtons and Curley Taylor and Zydeco Trouble round out music during Saturday’s events. Also new is meet and greets with the musical acts at 10 p.m. each night at Sweetie Pie’s, 110 E. South St., Jackson.

- *Southern Soul Live concert 18th Annual Jackson Mississippi Black Rodeo*
- *Friday, July 9, 2021*
- *Saturday, July 10, 2021*
- *Doors open at 6:30 p.m.*



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Judge Owens gave an Oath of Office to the Citizens of Jackson asking them to repeat after her. She said, “I, state your name, do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully support the city of Jackson, Mississippi.”

The evening closed with Mayor Lumumba’s late father’s campaign slogan “One City, One Aim, One Destiny.”

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run.

“When you’re going to do something legendary for the first time, it was going to have to be tough,” Lemonis said. “The reason we are champions is we just have a really tough, resilient group. It’s been built over time. It’s the accumulation of the last three years.”

Bednar (9-1), whose 15 strikeouts in his Omaha debut against Texas June 20 were the most here in 25 years, fanned four against Vandy (49-18) and was named the CWS Most Outstanding Player.

“Just every time he’s taken the ball here in the postseason, he’s just been a champ,” Lemonis said. “You need somebody to get hot for you in the postseason, and we had that with Will tonight.”

The national championship is the first in a team sport for Mississippi State (50-18) and it came in the Bulldogs’ 12th CWS appearance. Only Florida State (23) and Clemson (12) have been to Omaha at least as many times without winning a title.

Logan Tanner and Kellum Clark homered in the four-run seventh inning to put the game out of reach against a Vanderbilt offense that managed just seven hits and three runs over the last 25 innings of the finals.

“We didn’t play our best baseball toward the end,” Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin said. “Getting through regionals was emotional, getting through the super regional was emotional, and this wasn’t easy here. And then there was the groundswell of momentum on the other side. You could feel it and it was real.”

Mississippi State knocked out Kumar Rocker (14-4) in the fifth. It was the second time in three CWS starts that the projected top-10 draft pick wasn’t at his best, in part because of more shaky defense behind him.

The Commodores committed six errors in the second and third games of the finals and 13 in seven CWS games. The Bulldogs were error-free in their seven games.

Wednesday’s game ended a CWS unlike any other since it began in 1947. There was no CWS last year because of the pandemic, and COVID-19 was never out of mind during the event’s return even though the stadium was at full fan capacity.

Positive COVID-19 tests and contact tracing left North Carolina State with only half its roster available in a 3-1 loss to Vanderbilt last Friday. By that night, a total of eight players had tested positive and prompted the NCAA to remove the Wolfpack from the tournament because of COVID-19 protocols.

A second bracket final between NC State and Vandy was declared a no-contest, and the Commodores were advanced to the finals to go for a second straight title and third since 2014.

They won the opener 8-2 after scoring seven runs in the first inning, but they didn’t do much the rest of the series.

Mississippi State won 13-2 in Game 2 and then, thanks to Bednar, was able to coast to its title-clinching victory.

“Great comeback for them,” Corbin said. “They realized they weren’t out of this when we beat them in the first game.”

The ’85 MSU team included four future major league All-Stars and won its first two games in Omaha, then dropped two in a row and was gone. The next four MSU teams to make the CWS won no more than one game here.

The 2013 Bulldogs got to the finals and flamed out, swept by UCLA and scoring only one run in the two games. The 2018 team didn’t put up much fight in the bracket finals against Oregon State, and the 2019 blew a ninth-inning lead in an elimination game against Louisville.

“All the former players own a part of this,” Lemonis said.

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Mayor White informed the crowd of the need to expand based on how many people were present. In previous years only a hand full of voters attended the swearing-in.

Others sworn in included Erma Johnson, Ward 1; Diandra Hosey, Ward 2; Charlie Campbell, Ward 3; Teresa Mack, Ward 4; Tochelle Gibson, Ward 5 and David Moore, Ward 6.


This was an historic event and the number of people present made sure they were a part of it. The following elected officials were in attendance: House Representative Ronnie Crudup Jr, District 71; Hinds County Supervisor Vern Gavin, District 4; Hinds County Tax Collector Eddie Fair and Mississippi State Senator Sollie Norwood, District 28.

Norwood stated, “The future is bright for the City of Byram as it continues to expand.”


The first meeting with the newly sworn-in officers will be held July 8 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall in Byram.



(Standing) Johnson, Hosey, Harris-Allen, Mack, Gibson (Seated) Crudup, Gavin, Fair and Norwood






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New Stage Theatre's Summer Day Camp will present Shrek The Musical, Jr., July 15 through 18. The performances are Thursday through Sunday at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased by calling the New Stage box office at 601 948-3533 or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com.

Shrek, Jr. is sponsored by The City of Jackson, The Walker Foundation, The Carl Black Estate, and Feild Co-Operative.

Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in Shrek The Musical Jr., based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and fantastic Broadway musical. It's a "big bright beautiful world" as everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, leads a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance. Part romance and part twisted fairy tale, Shrek Jr. is an irreverently fun show with a powerful message for the whole family.

As the culminating production of the four-week Broadway Junior Summer Theatre Intensive, Shrek, Jr. is ready for production. Director Sharon Miles recruited Choreographers Chiquila Pearson and Bridget Archer, as well as Music Director Mandy Kate Myers to assist her in this production. All are professionals working in the community.

"We are thrilled to present Shrek, Jr. as the 2021 summer camp show," said Sharon Miles, camp director and director of Shrek, Jr. "The show is about an ogre that thought he could live in isolation, but discovers the need for community, love and genuine friendship. The themes in Shrek are very relevant to the season that we are emerging from as we welcome students and audiences back to New Stage."

The Shrek, Jr. AM Session cast members performing Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 17 at 2 p.m.; and Sunday, July 18 at 7 p.m. include: From Jackson: Arielle Brumfield (Story Teller/Mice 3/Rat Dancer, JPS Tougaloo), Ari-

anna Brumfield (Pig 1/Rat Dancer, JPS Tougaloo), Theo Cooper (Papa Bear/Puss in Boots, Murrah HS), Grace Creasey (Little Red Riding Hood/Woodland Creature), Mattie Ellis (Young Fiona, St. Andrews), Darby Frost (Gingy, 2021 Graduate), Meagan Fuller (Wicked Witch, 2021 Graduate), Jarrett Hall (Bishop/Duloc Performer, St. Joseph), Maily Jourdan (Duloc Performer/Rat, Tri-County Academy), Preston McDowell (Guard/Dwarf, Bailey APAC), Lucas Morrisey (Lord Farquaad, Murrah HS), Zuri Pearson (Baby Bear, Gary Rd Intermediate), Avery Stallings (Pinocchio, St. Andrews), Brian Stallings (Shrek, St. Andrews), and Conner Stallings (Papa Ogre/Knight 1, St. Andrews); From Brandon: Carleigh Goodman (Duloc Performer/Rat, NW Rankin MS), Olivia Mathews (Princess Fiona, Homeschool), Caden Porter (Knight 3/Guard, Hartfield Academy), Kalen Wallace (Captain of the Guards/Rat Dancer, NW Rankin HS), and Breckyn Bradshaw (Tinkerbell/Woodland Creature, NW Rankin HS); From Canton: Lucy Harper (Mama Bear, Germantown HS); From Clinton: Kya Jackson (Mama Ogre/Knight 2, Clinton HS), Natalie Pace (Teen Fiona/Rat Dancer, Clinton HS), Kylie Price (Mad Hatter/Woodland Creature, 2021 Graduate); From Florence: Meredith Green (Duloc Performer/Rat Dancer, Park Place Christian Academy); From Madison: Eva Albright (Dragon/Duloc Performer, Madison Central HS), Ella Allen (Duloc Performer/Rat Dancer, Madison Central HS), Grace Coon (Story Teller/Mice 1, Madison MS), Karlie Edmonson (Duloc Performer/Rat, Homeschool), Emma Henry (Knight 4/Guard, St. Augustine), Addy Huddleston (Ugly Duckling, Germantown HS), Caden Miller (Big Bad Wolf, Germantown HS), Colin Ridgway (Pig 2, Madison Central HS), and Chloe Vizier (Pig 3/Rat Dancer, Germantown HS); From Morton: Reagan Vinzant (Story Teller/Mice 2, East Rankin Academy); From Pearl: Genevieve Kelley (Duloc Performer/Pied Piper, Pearl HS) and Connor Myers (Duloc Performer/Rat/Little Ogre, Brandon MS); From Ridgeland: Adrienne Tanaka (Donkey,

St. Andrews) and Jory Tanaka (Peter Pan, St. Andrews); and From Vicksburg: Danielle Gray (Snow White/Woodland Creature, Warren Central HS).

The Shrek, Jr. PM Session cast members performing Friday, July 16 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 17 at 7 p.m.; Sunday, July 18 at 2 p.m. include: From Brandon: Avery Alford (Duloc Performer/Rat Dancer, Brandon MS) and Ethan Hartfield (Pig 3, NW Rankin MS); From Byram: Jaidyn Wright (Duloc Performer/Rat Dancer, Clinton Junior High) and Rylee McKenzie (Duloc Performer/Rat Dancer, Byram MS); From Canton: Sarah Stoddard (Peter Pan, Germantown HS); From Clinton: Dania Robinson (Duloc Performer/Rat Dancer, Clinton Junior High) and Legend Gavin (Guard/Dwarf, Northside ES); From Flowood: Patricia Curran (Duloc Performer/Pied Piper, Homeschool); From Jackson: Rebekah Benson (Mama Ogre/Knight 2, Jackson Academy), Angela Cole (Little Red Riding Hood/Woodland Creature, Jim Hill HS), Daniel Cornelius (Story Teller/Mice 1, JPS Tougaloo), Charlie Earl (Pinocchio, Jackson Academy), Sarah Fowler (Pig 2, Murrah HS), Parks Garrott (Mad Hatter/Woodland Creature, St. Joseph), Eden Hill (Duloc Performer/Rat Dancer, Jackson Academy), Josiah Hite (Donkey, McLaurin HS), Jacob Jefferson (Knight 3/Guard/Bishop, Bailey APAC), Brooklyn Jefferson (Young Fiona, Wells APAC), Hart Jefferson (Captain of the Guards/Rat Dancer, Murrah HS), Brooke Jordan (Story Teller/Mice 3/Rat Dancer, Northwest IB MS), Gracie Jordan (Gingy, Northwest IB MS), Jacob Kidd (Duloc Performer/Rat Dancer/Little Ogre, New Summit), Taylor Moore (Dragon/Duloc Performer, 2021 Graduate), and Treasure White (Wicked Witch, Murrah HS); From Madison: Mary Bishop (Snow White/Woodland Creature, Madison MS), Chloe "Astro" Crawford (Papa Bear/Puss in Boots, Rosa Scott), Hope Cuevas (Duloc Performer/Rat Dancer), Audrey Holt (Teen Fiona/Rat Dancer, Madison Ridgeland Academy), Harrison Palmerton (Pig 1, Madison Central HS), and Dylan Thomas (Mama Bear, Rosa Scott);



From Newton: Marshall Robertson (Lord Farquaad, Leake Academy);

From Pearl: Isaiah Harris (Big Bad Wolf, Wingfield HS), and Lexie Sessums (Story Teller/Mice 2, Pearl Junior HS); From Ridgeland: Thelma Franklin (Baby Bear, Olde Towne MS), Catherine Hawkins (Ugly Duckling, Jackson Prep), Cayman Jackson (Knight 4/Guard, Homeschool), Daryl Jenkins (Shrek, 2021 Graduate) and Erin Morton (Princess Fiona, 2021 Graduate); From Terry: Josie Huff (Tinkerbell/Woodland Creature, Jackson Academy); From Vicksburg: Tanner Green (Papa Ogre, Knight 1, Warren Central HS).

Shrek, Jr. performances are July 15-18, 2021. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be charged by phone by calling the theatre at 601 948-3533 or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com.

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Federal appeals court to review Jim Crow felony voting ban

By Leah Willingham
Associated Press/Report for America

A federal appeals court has agreed to review a Mississippi law that prevents people convicted of certain felonies from voting.

The full United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit will hear a case brought forward by the Mississippi Center for Justice challenging a Jim Crow-era provision of the 1890 Mississippi Constitution.

Mississippi Center for Justice attorneys say the provision was intended to stifle the vote of black people, calling that a violation of the 14th Amendment.

"At a time when most states have repealed their disenfranchisement laws, it is time to remove from Mississippi's constitution this backward provision that was enacted with such a vicious purpose," said a statement from Vangela M. Wade, president and CEO of the Mississippi Center for Justice.

In November 2018, Florida voters adopted a state constitutional amendment to automatically restore voting rights to most convicted felons once they complete their sentences, with the exception of those convicted of murder or sex offenses. It was estimated to affect more than 1 million people.

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

The report also said Mississippi is one of seven states

where more than one in seven black people is disenfranchised, which is twice the national average.

The Mississippi Center for Justice filed the lawsuit against the Mississippi Secretary of State's office on behalf of two black men who lost the right to vote after being convicted of felonies.

Roy Harness is a military veteran who was convicted of forgery in 1986 during a period of drug addiction, according to the Center for Justice. After serving his sentence, he went on to earn a degree in social work from Jackson State at the age of 62.

Kamal Karriem is a former city council member in Columbus who was convicted of embezzlement in 2005. After serving his sentence, he became a pastor and one of the owners and operators of his family's restaurant, according to the Center for Justice.

From the Civil War until 1890, Mississippi denied the right to vote to anyone convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

But in 1890, Mississippi replaced its generic description of disenfranchising crimes with a list of specific crimes: "bribery, burglary, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretenses, perjury, forgery, embezzlement or bigamy."

In 1896, Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Cooper wrote that the provisions were designed under the racist notion that black people were more likely to commit crimes like burglary, theft, arson and embezzlement than white people. The violent crimes of

robbery and murder, which Cooper contended were more likely to be committed by whites, were not included on the list.

The felon disenfranchisement measure was one of several voting provisions in the 1890 Constitution designed to take the vote away from black citizens who had obtained it during the Reconstruction period after the abolition of slavery and the end of the Civil War.

The other discriminatory provisions, including the poll tax and the so-called understanding clause, were eliminated in response to federal court orders or by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Mississippi Center for Justice first filed its lawsuit over the 1890 provision in 2017. Attorneys previously brought the case before a federal district judge in Jackson and a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals, where it was denied.

Mississippi amended the 1890 provision in 1950, removing burglary from the list, and again in 1968, adding murder and rape.

When the district court decided in favor of the Secretary of State, the judge ruled that although Mississippi's 1890 Constitution might have been motivated by unconstitutional racial animus, any illegal motivation was wiped out when Mississippi voters amended the disenfranchisement section in 1950 and 1968.

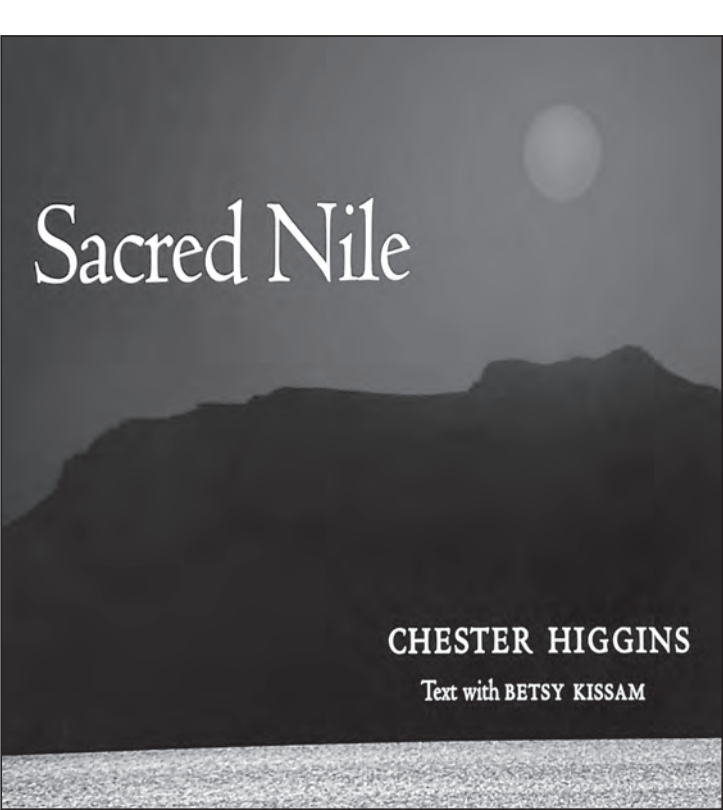
The Mississippi Center for Justice lawsuit does not seek to overturn the voting ban for those convicted of murder or rape. The lawsuit seeks to nullify only those crimes in the original list.

BOOK REVIEW

Sacred Nile

By Chester Higgins

The narrative on African divinity must be reexamined. Some will love it, others will be shocked

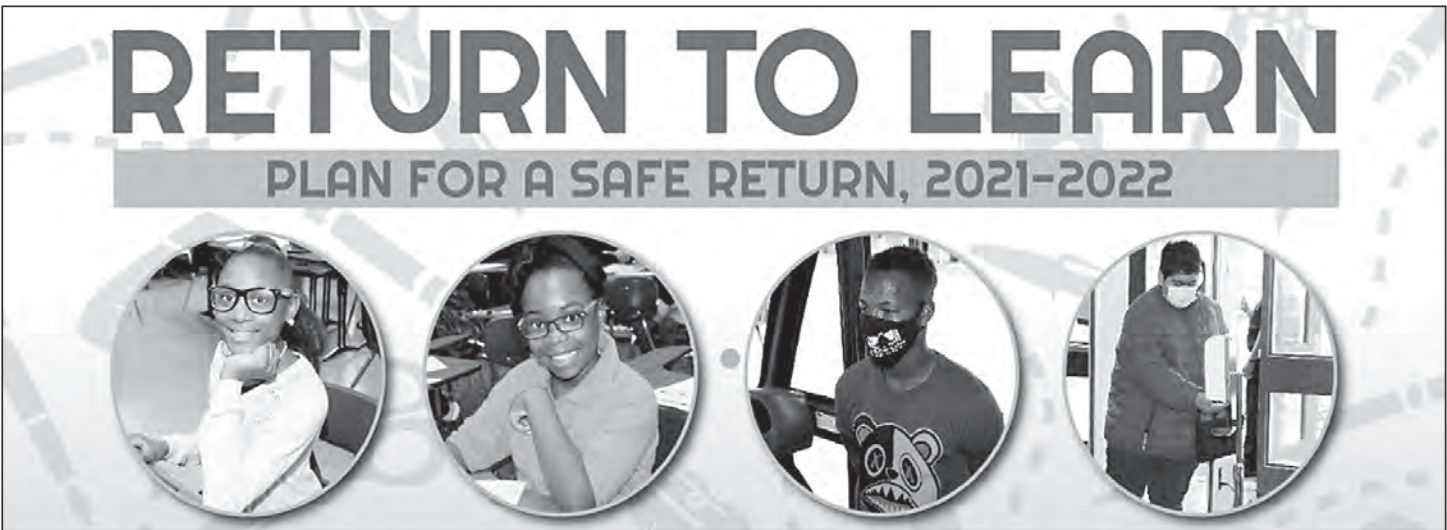


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Sacred Nile is the story of our collective spiritual imagination and practice. Chester Higgins celebrates the sacred agency of people of African descent and their influence on the foundation of Western religion. His images illustrate how faith migrated up and down the River Nile from Ethiopia to Egypt leaving vestiges of ancient practice in today’s worship. This visual portrayal of faith reexamines our spiritual beginnings. “An epic personal and spiritual journey expressed through images of unearthly and majestic beauty. Higgins’s iconic photography, supported by revelatory text, discovers in Africa a common ancestor for many of today’s major religions.” – David Henry Hwang, playwright. “This visually stunning book also drops some serious knowledge about the cultural and religious connections between the lands that border the Nile: Ethiopia, Nubia and Egypt from the dawn of history

down to the present time. This knowledge is still rejected by many mainstream Egyptologists, but as they become more familiar with other African cultures, religious traditions, and languages, the connections described in this book will be confirmed in academia.” – Solange Ashby, Egyptologist, University of California, Los Angeles. “In this collection of breathtaking photographs, Chester Higgins takes us to the African source of the West’s spiritual heritage. These images transport us to a different time and place. These are the stories of our religious roots.” – Ari Goldman, director, Scripps Howard Program in Religion, Journalism and the Spiritual Life, Columbia University. “What makes Sacred Nile so spectacular, and singular is what emerges from every image: reflecting an artist’s compassionate and intelligent gaze, held up by an abiding faith in the sacredness of each human being.” – Maaza Mengiste, author, The Shadow King

Jackson Public Schools returning to in-person learning



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Jackson Public Schools will be returning to in-person learning in the fall. Below is a quick Q&A covering procedures for the 2021-2022 school year. The Return to Learn Plan covers additional details about plans for the safe return of all scholars beginning in August of 2021, including academic schedules, safety procedures, transportation

and more. **Will families have a choice of learning options?** No. The district is moving to 100% in-person learning with limited exceptions for documented health reasons. **In what conditions or circumstances will JPS move to virtual instruction?** The district is prepared to move to virtual instruction for any emergency provided scholars and teachers have uninterrupted access to the internet and power. **How will the District handle future inclement weather days?** In the event of inclement weather that impedes safe travel to and from school or school infrastructure, such as insufficient water supply, the district will move to virtual instruction provided there is no widespread power or internet failure due to the conditions. **How will the district accommodate scholars with an illness or experiencing COVID-related quarantine?** Schools will provide Asynchronous virtual assignments for all scholars whether they are in-person or learning at home due to illness or quarantine. School principals and nurses will be able to answer additional questions if you have them.

Jackson Public School Board approves Dr. Phelton Moss to fill new role as executive director of Innovative Strategy

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On Monday, June 21, the JPS Board of Trustees voted on the appointment of Dr. Phelton Cortez Moss to serve as the district’s executive director of Innovative Strategy. This new role is funded through a William & Flora Hewlett Foundation grant and will support the design and implementation of a virtual high school. Moss will also oversee the implementation of afterschool, summer school and the new STEM and computer coding initiatives. The virtual high school will open in the fall of 2022-2023. Moss is a tenure-track professor of teacher education at the historic Tougaloo College and a school leadership consultant. He recently served as a policy fellow for Education Leaders of Color



Moss

and provided strategic and policy advice across a range of national education issues for members, including early childhood, K-12, postsecondary, career, technical education, teacher diversity and workforce development. He has nine years of experience working in education and education policy as a classroom teacher, policymaker and principal. As the youngest serving

principal in Mississippi, his work in moving an underperforming middle school from an F to C in two years led him to become the bureau director of Educator Effectiveness and Talent Acquisition at the Mississippi Department of Education. In that role, he worked on K-12 education policy issues, including teacher diversity, teacher/leader evaluations, teacher recruitment and retention, educator licensure and issues of inequity in the distribution of effective teachers. Most notably, he led the design and launch of the nation’s first state-run teacher residency program with a \$4.5 million Kellogg Foundation grant to address the state’s teacher shortage and increase the diversity of the educator workforce in Mississippi. In addition, while serving at the Mississippi Department of Education, he completed the year-long national School Systems Leaders Fellowship along with 20 senior education leaders from across the country. Moss began his career in education as a high school English teacher in Greenwood, Mississippi, where he was Teacher of the Year for two consecutive years and corps member of Teacher for America. He holds a Ph.D. in educational leadership and a Bachelor of Arts in public policy leadership and English from the University of Mississippi. Additionally, He has a certificate in education finance from Georgetown University. Moss is a member of The Reading League National Board of Directors.

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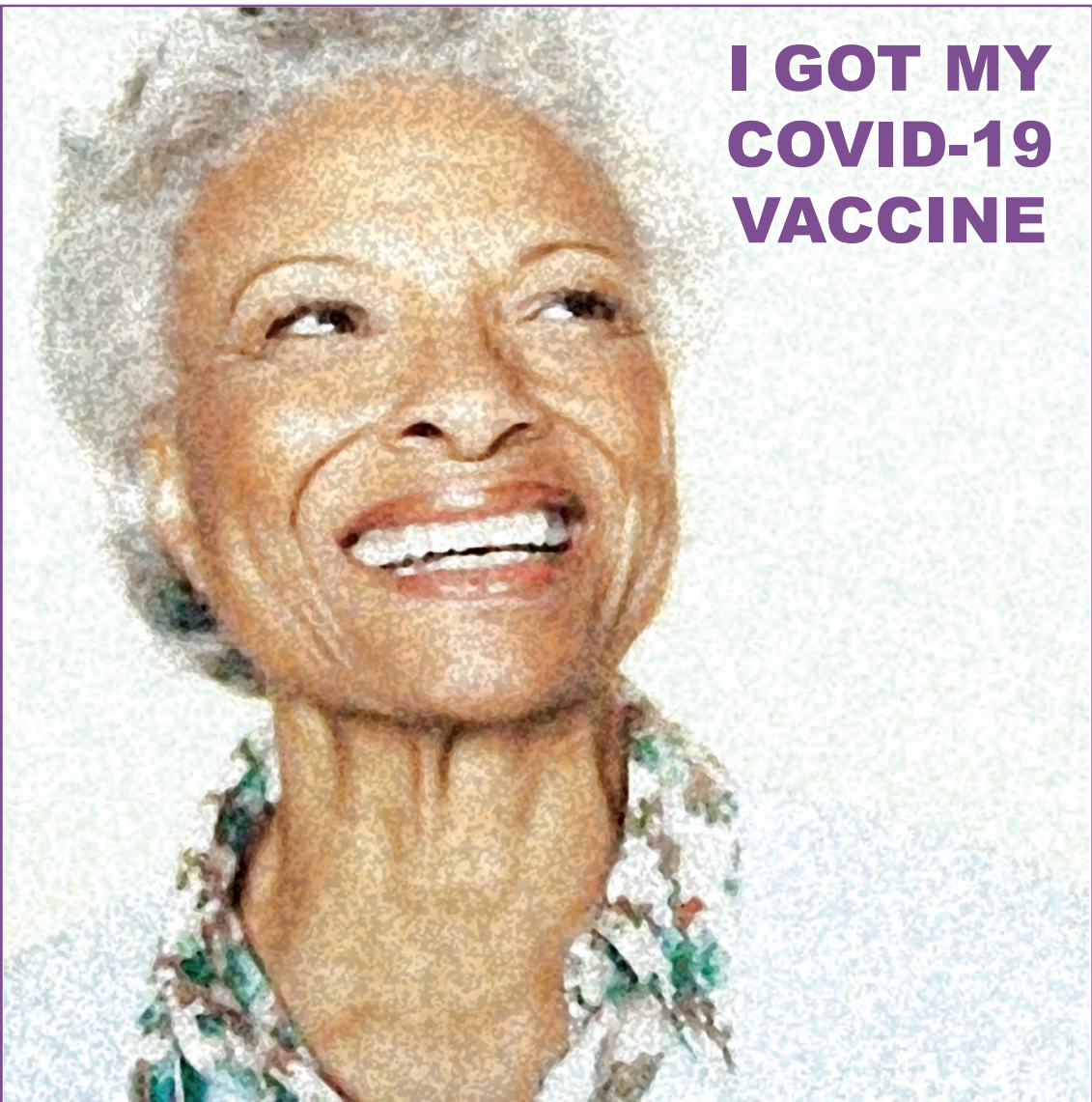
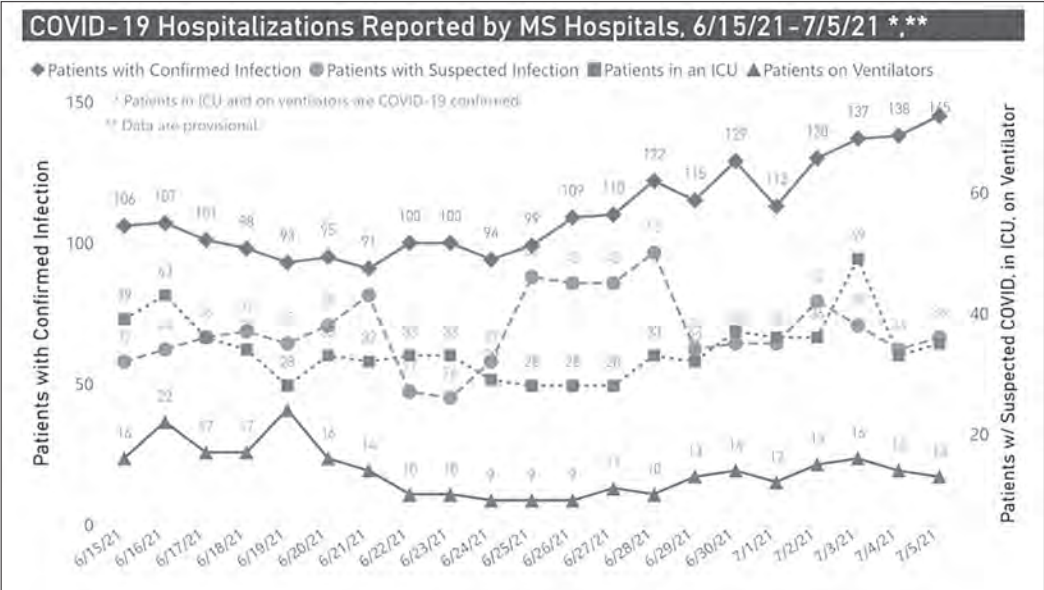
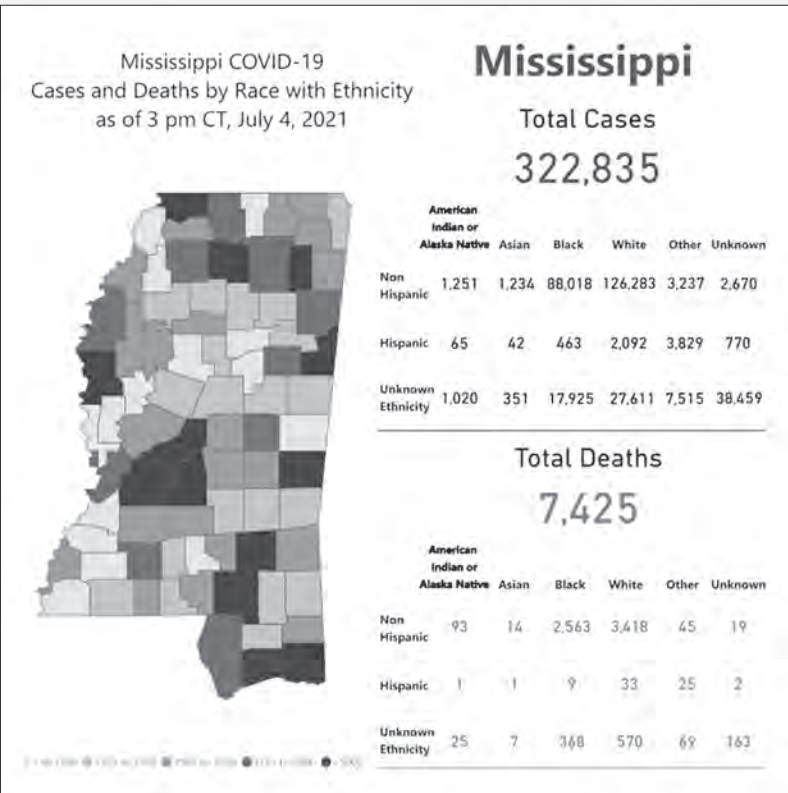
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Getting a COVID-19 vaccine adds one more layer of protection.

Diabetes, know the truth



By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Diabetes is listed as the fifth deadliest disease in the United States. The total annual economic impact of diabetes in 2018 was estimated at \$148 billion. That is one out of every 8 health care dollars spent in the United States.

There are about 18.2 million people in the United States, or 6.3% of the population, who have diabetes. An estimated 13 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, but 5.2 million people don't know that they have the disease. Approximately 2.7 million or 11.4% of all African Americans aged 20 years or older have diabetes. 25% of African Americans between the ages of 65 and 74 have diabetes. One in four African American women over 55 years of age has diabetes. One-third of all African Americans don't know it.

Some of the most life-threatening consequences of diabetes are heart disease and stroke, which strike people with diabetes more than twice as often as they do others. Adults with diabetes have heart disease death rates 2 to 4 times higher than those without diabetes.

African Americans with diabetes have an increased risk for heart disease, stroke and other macrovascular complications. Complications of diabetes can also include blindness, kidney disease and amputations.

A few myths

Myth #1: Diabetes is not that serious of a disease.

Fact: Diabetes causes more deaths a year than breast cancer and AIDS combined. Having diabetes doubles your chance of having a heart attack or a stroke. Controlling your diabetes can reduce your risks for diabetes complications.

Myth #2: If you are overweight or obese, you will eventually develop type 2 diabetes.

Fact: Excess weight is a risk factor for developing diabetes, but other risk factors such as family history, ethnicity and age also play a role. Unfortunately, too many people disregard the other risk factors for diabetes and think that weight is the only risk factor for type 2 diabetes. Most overweight people never develop type 2 diabetes and many people with type 2 diabetes are at a normal

weight or only moderately overweight.

Myth #3: If you have diabetes, you should only eat small amounts of starchy foods, such as bread, potatoes and pasta.

Fact: Starchy foods, which are carbohydrates, can be part of a healthy meal plan, but the right portion size is key. Whole grain breads, cereals, pasta, rice and vegetables like potatoes, yams, peas and corn can be included in your meals and snacks. In addition to these starchy foods, fruits, beans, milk, yogurt and sweets are also sources of carbohydrate that you need to count in your meal plan.

Myth #4: People with diabetes can't eat sweets or chocolate.

Fact: People with diabetes can eat sweets and chocolate. They don't have to be "off limits" to people with diabetes. You should have small portions when consuming sweets or chocolate.

Myth #5: You can catch diabetes from someone else.

Fact: No one knows exactly why we develop diabetes, we know diabetes is not contagious. There is a genetic link in diabetes.

Myth #6: People with diabetes need a special diabetic diet.

Fact: A healthy meal plan for people with diabetes is the same as a healthy diet for anyone. Diabetic and "dietetic" foods offer no special benefit.

While there is no cure for diabetes, it can be controlled. Most Type 2 diabetes cannot only be controlled, it can be prevented and reversed.

There are a number of areas that are under your control. These control factors include nutrition, fitness, sleep, stress, medical care, smoking and your environment. Educating yourself about diabetes and your control factors are necessary to better control your diabetes.

Smokers should stop smoking – 1200 Americans died yesterday and another 1200 will die today from smoke related illnesses. You've seen the ad on TV "There are no safe levels for cigarettes." Smoking will raise your risk for diabetes.

Limit your exposure to second hand smoke – ETS (environmental tobacco smoke) contains over 4,000 chemical

compounds. More than 60 of these are known to cause cancer. Some of the toxins or irritants in secondhand smoke include carbon monoxide, nicotine, hydrogen cyanide, ammonia, formaldehyde and sulfur dioxide. Carcinogens in ETS include benzene, aromatic amines (especially carcinogens such as 2-naphthylamine and 4-aminobiphenyl), vinyl chloride, arsenic, nitrosamines and cadmium. The greater your exposure to ETS, the greater your level of these harmful compounds in your body. Secondhand smoke is the third leading preventable cause of death nationally.

Overweight people should exercise. You need to exercise 30 minutes or more everyday. Most people don't exercise enough and when they do, they don't exercise hard enough. You need to challenge yourself everyday. Exercising has been proven to reduce your risk for diabetes.

Get 8 hours of sleep every night. If you get the right amount of sleep you will get the most out of your fitness program. If you don't get enough sleep, your muscles will work less efficiently and you'll stop making progress in your fitness program. Get less sleep than what you need and you'll find yourself stressed more often and you'll get sick more often.

Lack of sleep is also a risk factor for diabetes. To find out what you need keep a diary of your sleeping habits. Record the time you go to bed, the time you wake-up, the total hours you sleep, your mental and physical state during the day; any naps and what you ate or drank before bed. After a few weeks, review your diary. You should be able to get a good idea of what helps or hinders you from getting the sleep you need.

Reduce stress and develop good coping skills. Other ways of dealing with stress include changing or improving personal character traits. These can include behavior changes such as assertiveness training, self esteem enhancement, being flexible, improving organizational skills and time management.


Remember, diabetes has no cure but it can be controlled and in some cases prevented.

P R E S E R V E D

Diamond life

P A R T 2

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



Last week, I discussed the challenges of becoming a diamond despite having drama in our lives. This week, we'll discuss how to balance having the strength of a diamond without becoming emotionally hard.

One important key is to keep strong people around us. Pity party goers are easy to find when drama comes into our lives. It's much more challenging to find people who will gently and sometimes not so gently encourage you. Much like the natural process, they will recognize that your life's pressures are turning you from a lump of coal into a diamond.

In preparing to write this column, I found out a few interesting things about dia-

monds. They start as pure crystallized carbon and are the hardest known substance. The diamond making process takes place miles beneath the earth and results in the diamond's unique shape. Also, diamonds are mentioned in the scriptures in Ezekiel as being a part of the high-priest's breastplate. The word "diamond" comes from a French word that also means adamant and unyielding.

It's ironic how something that is so tough because of what it has been through is valued as one of the most precious jewels in the world. The diamond starts off as a piece of carbon or coal. It is because of the diamond having to withstand so much pressure over time that it is valued.

Does your value increase when you experience pressure? Or do you use energy trying to "understand" your circumstances and why you are going through them that

you remain a lump of coal?

In my own recent life's transitions, I've found that I received the most support from those who themselves had gone through the same process. They encouraged me and challenged me to look ahead to potential gains in my future rather than spend time on losses of the past. They did as Proverbs 27:17 says: As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of a friend.

I have one friend who once told me that since I was a "strong black woman" that he knew I could withstand the pressures that I was experiencing. When I told him that I was having a hard day emotionally, he took a moment and listened to me. He then replied that he wasn't going to let me get weak. He encouraged me to go beyond my feelings and to focus on my purpose. At first, I was hurt by his response, but it

didn't take me long to appreciate how he and others instinctively knew that strength was what I needed at the time to stay strong....and willingly provided it.

In the diamond's development, it is shaped by the seemingly unending pressure of natural elements. Likewise, rather than allowing the seemingly chaotic drama in our lives to keep us ragged and rough, the Lord will place people in our lives who will apply similar pressure to ensure that we don't take a detour from our paths of maturity and miss out on becoming diamonds.

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Satisfying that inner thirst

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



God is a gentleman, and He will not twist your arm and force you to be saved. God wants you to come to Him on your own. It is good to be a part of the family of God. I had no idea when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior how big God's family really is. I thank God for every brother and sister. I like to encourage souls who are yet seeking the Lord that there is nothing like getting saved.

What makes salvation so great is that God made man to live a holy life. God is a holy God, and He made a holy creation. Everything in creation was created to glorify Him, but the devil got in and convinced men that they do not have to live holy. All that did for mankind was create problems.

God does everything He possibly can to bring people back to Him. A man in sin is like a fish out of water. If you take a fish out of the water, it will flop around and try its best to get back into the water because that is its natural envi-

ronment. Man living as God created him to live is in his natural environment. Since man is out of his natural environment, when he is outside of Christ, he is just like a fish flopping around trying to find his real place.

People drink alcohol because what they are really trying to do is satisfy the thirst for God that is in them. When God created Adam, He breathed the breath of life into him, and Adam became a living soul. God put a part of Himself in Adam, and now that part is in each of us.

We read in Luke 15:1-2, "Then draw near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and Scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them."

The Bible says in James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

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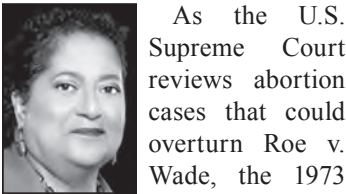
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The “Black RJ Policy Agenda” will turn racism upside down

By **Marcela Howell**
President and CEO of In Our Own Voice



As the U.S. Supreme Court reviews abortion cases that could overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that legalized abortion, there is a lot of attention being paid to abortion rights – but not enough emphasis on the full range of reproductive health and rights issues. Every pregnant black person faces systemic racism that makes us “three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than white women.” When our children are born, we face the everyday reality of battling racism and the toll it takes on black lives.

This past year, the deadly impact of racial discrimination couldn’t have been more evident as the pandemic devastated our communities, with black and Latinx people accounting for nearly 43 percent of COVID-19 deaths. As if that’s not bad enough, black and Latinx women have paid the economic price for the pandemic, bearing the brunt of the “shecession.”

That’s why more than 30 black women’s organizations

and reproductive justice activists created the “Black Reproductive Justice Policy Agenda” – innovative, proactive solutions to address the disparities and discrimination faced by black women, femmes, girls and gender-expansive individuals. The “Black Reproductive Policy Agenda” is a comprehensive policy approach to the systemic racism that threatens our lives.

Now, a lot of people hear “reproductive justice” and think birth control and abortion. But nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, reproductive justice is a collective framework grounded in human rights, social justice and Black Feminist theory that centers the intersectional impact of race, class and gender in one’s ability to live free from oppression – so we can create and nurture the family of our own choosing and achieve optimum mental, physical, community and economic health.

Reproductive justice was birthed by 12 black women in 1994, as the U.S. contemplated universal health care without acknowledging or rectifying the health care system in place, which was – and continues to

be – riddled with deadly racism. Since then, RJ has grown into a full-fledged movement that fights not only for the right to health care – including full access to birth control and abortion – but also equity in housing, education and employment. RJ doesn’t leave anything – or anyone – behind. It is the comprehensive movement we need to disrupt and dismantle the deeply ingrained, systemic racism that plagues this country.

Black women, femmes, girls and gender-expansive individuals have been marginalized for far too long. We have been fighting for our survival while others stood by and watched – or worse, while they actively participated in our oppression for their own gain. No more.

We are tired of seeing our children, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers and loved ones senselessly killed by the very people who are sworn to protect us. We are fed up with not being safe in our homes, neighborhoods and churches. We demand more than one moment of reckoning.

The Black RJ movement has a policy agenda that will hold law enforcement, politicians, corporations, voters and all

people living in the U.S. to account. It is an expertly informed compendium of 25 issue areas, each with effective policy recommendations. We believe that the agenda addresses the social, economic, political and health needs of black women, femmes, girls and gender-expansive people – so we can live our lives fully and decide for ourselves if, when and how to have and raise our families.

We hope that Congress will embrace the Black RJ Policy Agenda and work with us to pass it so that black women, femmes, girls, and gender-expansive people can live in full autonomy, with equality and justice for all. But we know that will only happen if every black and brown person demands it. For white people – especially white feminists – who want to be good allies, this is their chance; they too should make implementing the Black RJ Policy Agenda a priority.

The Black RJ movement has a plan to dismantle white supremacy. I challenge and encourage you to join us in demanding that elected officials and policymakers embrace and implement the Black RJ Policy Agenda now.

What will the future hold for Bill Cosby?

By **James B. Ewers Jr.**
*President Emeritus
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Were Bill Cosby and Dr. Cliff Huxtable one in the same person? No, yet many thought so. Dr. Huxtable

of course was a character played by Bill Cosby.

The Huxtable character was kind, considerate and thoughtful. He was a family man who gave words of wisdom to those around him.

Cosby, the person, too had a gregarious and giving side. He opined about black youth and how they should have goals and dreams. He gave parents both solicited and unsolicited advice about raising children and the importance of education.

Cosby was called by some a moralist. He extolled the virtues of honesty and integrity. Cosby was for a lot of people, America’s Dad.” That was a weighty title, yet folks thought he deserved it. After all, he created *Fat Albert* and was in demand all over the world.

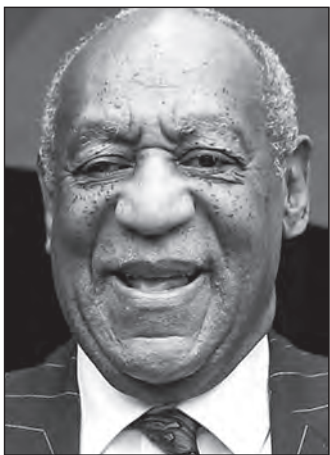
For all the applause, acclaim and adulation, Cosby had another side. That side was never revealed in the public square. You see, we really thought that Bill and Cliff were one in the same. We found out that was not true.

Cosby was released from prison last Wednesday. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court stated he had been denied his constitutional rights. While there is widespread outcry against his release, he is a free man. Reports suggest he will never be tried again for any crime.

Phylicia Rashad who played Claire Huxtable on *The Cosby Show* tweeted “Finally! A terrible wrong is being righted – a miscarriage of justice is corrected!” The hailstorm of criticism about her comments has been severe. Students and alumni have voiced their displeasure and disappointment regarding her statements.

She is the dean of the Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts at Howard University in Washington D.C.

The facts of the case have been in full view for some years now. The capstone is that Cosby admitted the wrongdoing. He took advantage of over 50 women. He has said that the interactions with them were consensual. The women have said that



Cosby

was not true. They were not consensual.

Cosby admitted as such in a deposition to Bruce Castor, former district attorney of Montgomery County. Castor agreed not to prosecute him in a criminal trial for his testimony in a civil proceeding. Basically, his deposition would be sealed. Obviously, that did not happen.

Andrea Constand, a former Temple University employee accused Cosby of an inappropriate relationship in 2004. He was convicted of 3 counts of felony assault in 2018.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that the agreement he had with the former DA was valid and therefore Cosby’s case was overturned.

The justice system in America takes strange twists and turns. Yes, Cosby is free today on what many are calling a technicality.

Many African American men have been challenged by this system and are in prison when they should not be. Innocence Projects across the country must continue its efforts to unshackle the shackled.

Families are still waiting for justice in fact, they are pleading for it. Being behind bars and knowing you should not be is the plight that too many black men face each day.

The vitriol and upset caused by Cosby’s release will be here as it should be.

People who see crimes against women should not silence their voices. We have a moral obligation to speak up and to speak out. Silence will never be an option.

What happens to Cosby now who is 83 years of age and legally blind? The opinions vary, depending upon who you ask. Some reports have surfaced about him coming back to perform.

Your guess is as good as mine.

Expanded Child Tax Credit

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



Persistent poverty is a scourge on our nation. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the struggle those living in

poverty face every day, and their plight was exacerbated by the economic impacts of the virus.

It has been my mission since coming to Congress to do everything I can to address persistent poverty. Those efforts often feel a little like the Greek myth of Sisyphus, who kept rolling the rock up the mountain only to have it roll back down when he approached the top.

This month, we are again making progress on one significant front in the fight against poverty. American families will begin receiving monthly Child Tax Credit checks July 15; thanks to an expansion of the popular program in the American Rescue Plan (ARP), that was signed into law by President Biden in March with only Democratic support. The Center for Poverty and So-

cial Policy at Columbia University projects that this provision will cut the child poverty rate in half this year.

Previously the Child Tax Credit was capped at \$2,000 and not fully available to the lowest-income families. Thanks to the ARP, the full amount of the expanded credit – now available for all households filing jointly with incomes up to \$150,000 and single parents with incomes up to \$112,500 – is \$3,600 for every child under 6 years old and \$3,000 for every child ages 6-17. Starting July 15 and continuing through the end of the year, these households will receive \$300 for every child or \$250 every month for each child in those respective age ranges. The remainder of the credit can be claimed when filing 2021 tax returns early next year.

Families who filed tax returns for 2019 or 2020, or who filled out the IRS Non-filers tool last year to receive an Economic Impact Payment, will get this tax relief automatically.

Families who neither filed a tax return for 2019 or 2020 nor used the IRS Non-Filers tool should go online and use the IRS Child Tax

Credit Non-filer Sign-up Tool to sign up today.

Eligible families who get their refunds from the IRS through direct deposit will see these payments in their bank account; those who don’t use direct deposit will receive their payments by mail.

The challenge we face with this life-changing benefit is that it is set to expire after one year. It was a temporary fix to immediately address the economic impacts of the pandemic. We know, however, that persistent poverty existed well before COVID-19, and it will continue well beyond the recovery if we don’t take permanent action.

To keep this huge rock from falling back down the mountain and plunge millions of American children back into poverty, Congress must make the expanded Child Tax Credit permanent. Doing so would be a dramatic, positive change in the life of American families and a real solution to addressing persistent poverty.

Unfortunately, just as Republicans opposed the American Rescue Plan, they also oppose extending this key provision.

They don’t seem to understand that stronger families produce a stronger, more productive nation.

Whether or not they are persuaded to join the effort to address persistent poverty and strengthen American families, Democrats are working hard to make the expansion of the Child Tax Credit permanent.

Now is the time to break out of this Sisyphean struggle and sustain and build on the progress we have made lifting a significant number of families out of poverty. The public supports these efforts.

In addition to the expanded Child Tax Credit, we must permanently extend other economic lifelines in the American Rescue Plan like the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and nutrition assistance for children.

We must also provide the benefits of the Affordable Care Act’s Medicaid expansion to those in the 12 states, including my home state of South Carolina, that have refused to participate.

Democrats won’t stop moving this boulder until we reach the top – and stay there.

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Electronic Bidding
Bid 3194 Wells APAC Renovation

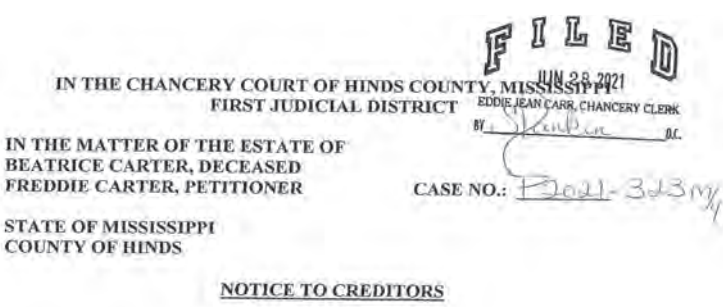
Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) August 05, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Pre-Bid Conferences concerning the project for Renovations to Wells APAC Elementary will be held at 1120 Riverside Drive, Jackson, MS 39202 on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at <http://www.durrelldesigngroupplans.com> or jpsdmsproject.com. A \$250.00 non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Kali Blakeney at M3AArchitecture, PLLC, 4880 McWillie Circle, Jackson, MS 39206 Phone: 601-981-1227 Fax: 601-983-4444, Email: KBLAKENEY@M3AARCH.COM.

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

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Letters of Testamentary on the Estate of BEATRICE CARTER, Deceased, having been granted to me on this 28th day of June, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, to **FREDDIE CARTER** as Executor of the Estate of BEATRICE CARTER, 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,

Freddie Carter, Executor of the Estate of BEATRICE CARTER, Deceased,

Of Counselor:

Chester Ray Jones, Esq., MS B# 3191
Counselor and Attorney-At-Law
P. O. Box 5141 – Jackson, MS 39296
(601) 953-6491; chetjones5454@yahoo.com

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

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING
ZONING CASE NO. 4135

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 Bruff Construction, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1A (Single-family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District to allow the property at 4836 N. State St. (Parcel 432-13) to be used as an office space in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 8, Block C, Broadmoor, Part 1, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 5, at Page 15, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 28, 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 JULY 21, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 1st day of July 2021.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING
ZONING CASE NO. 4132

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 Fortson Developers, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-family) Residential District, R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District & C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for a mixed use development project, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

BEING SITUATED IN THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST OF SECTION TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON BAR ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WATKINS DRIVE MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 37, BLOCK B OF NORWOOD SUBDIVISION, PART 6, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22 AT PAGE 39 OF THE CHANCERY RECORDS OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF BLOCK B OF SAID SUBDIVISION, 833.69 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NATCHEZ PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1004 AT PAGE 141 OF THE AFORESAID CHANCERY RECORDS; RUN THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NATCHEZ PROPERTY, 1407.94 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NOW OR FORMER SINGER HOUSING COMPANY PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 2040 AT PAGE 573 OF THE AFORESAID CHANCERY RECORDS; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SINGER HOUSING COMPANY PROPERTY, 824.55 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WATKINS DRIVE; RUN THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WATKINS DRIVE, 158.69 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NOW OR FORMER WATKINS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1908 AT PAGE 594 OF THE AFORESAID CHANCERY RECORDS; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE SAID WATKINS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROPERTY, 584.10 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; RUN THENCE NORTHERLY, ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE WATKINS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROPERTY THE FOLLOWING COURSES: NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 235.00 FEET; NORTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 100.00 FEET; NORTH 00 DEGREES 11 MINUTES EAST, 330.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID EASTERN BOUNDARY, RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SAID WATKINS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROPERTY, 472.26 FEET TO THE AFORESAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WATKINS DRIVE; RUN THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE 680.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 20.0214 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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

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RFP 2021-16 K-2 Assessment Platform

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Advertisement for RFPs
RFP 2021-19 JPSP Seeks a Partner for Strategic Resource Planning
RFP 2021-20 JPSP Seeks a Vendor to Conduct a Facilities Condition Assessment

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Jackson Redevelopment Authority
Jackson, Mississippi
Proposals For Lawn care Services For Various J.R.A. Properties – Summer 2021
INVITATION FOR BID

Sealed Bids for the services for bush hogging, cutting and property cleaning at various properties located throughout Jackson, Mississippi will be received by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (JRA) at the Porter Building, 218 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 3rd Floor until 2:00pm on Monday 19 July 2021, and thereby publicly opened and read.

Separate sealed bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated on the Bid Form.

Bidding Documents are available at the JRA offices at 218 S. President Street, 3rd Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm. Contact Mary Ealey at (601) 960.1815 or mealey@jrams.org.

JRA will hold a non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00pm on 15 July 2021, in its 1st Floor Conference Room, located at 218 S. President Street, 3rd Floor, Jackson, MS 39201. All visitors are urged to wear a face-covering to ensure protection against transmission of COVID-19 and practice social distancing at all times inside the building. The Owner will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as the Owner considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

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

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

CAUSE NUMBER: 21-pr-00288

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

PETITIONERS

VS.

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

RESPONDENTS

AMENDED SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION


THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

You have been made respondents in the suit filed in this Court by Nina M. Teeuwissen and Lia N. Teeuwissen, Individually, as Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Maya E. Teeuwissen, Deceased, and as Administratrix of the Estate of Maya E. Teeuwissen, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition for Determination of Heirship and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed against you in this action at 1:30 P.M. on the 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021, at the HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURTHOUSE IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

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

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 7 day of July, 2021.



Hon. Eddie Jean Carr,
Hinds County Chancery Clerk

BY: B. R. Carr, D.C.

PREPARED BY:
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13. Be at a meeting
14. Protein
16. Eye infection
17. Soybean
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20. Computer memory unit
22. Grow acorns
26. Her
29. Electron, for example
31. Erects (2 wds.)
33. Anger
34. Slight
35. Downwind
36. Decent
37. Sticky black substance

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6. Colony insect
7. Avails
8. Indent
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21. Speak suddenly
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White police chief resigns after ‘KKK’ note placed in black officer’s jacket



Former Sheffield Lake Ohio Police Chief Anthony Campo is caught on surveillance placing a note that read, “Ku Klux Klan” on the jacket of a black officer. YOUTUBE

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Sheffield Lake Police Chief Anthony Campo, who was captured on surveillance video placing a Ku Klux Klan note in the jacket of a Black officer, has retired. Campo reportedly decided to retire after more than 30 years on the police force in the Ohio town of just over 9,000 people and just over 21 miles from Cleveland. “We had a very emotional sit down because it took us 10 minutes to talk to each other because we were both crying,” Mayor Dennis Bring told a local television news crew. Bring, who had immediately placed Campo on administrative leave, said at first, he did not know why the chief decided to put the note in the officer’s jacket. “I don’t know why he did it. I really do not. There are no words to describe this,” the mayor as-

sured. He said the chief maintains it was a joke that got out of hand, one for which Campo still refuses to apologize. “I took it very seriously, and I’ve asked for his badge and keys,” Bring said, adding that he asked for Campo’s resignation and advised him to retire. The video, which has been replayed over various news and social media outlets, shows Campo tampering with a raincoat on a desk that appears to be that of a black officer. He then places a white piece of paper on the jacket, with the words “Ku Klux Klan” covering a police label on the back. The video is without sound, but the African-American officer appears to laugh off the note, even pointing it out while smiling with other officers. The African American officer has not been publicly identified. Neither the officer nor Campo has issued any statements.

Georgia Grand Jury declines to indict former trooper in shooting death of Julian Lewis



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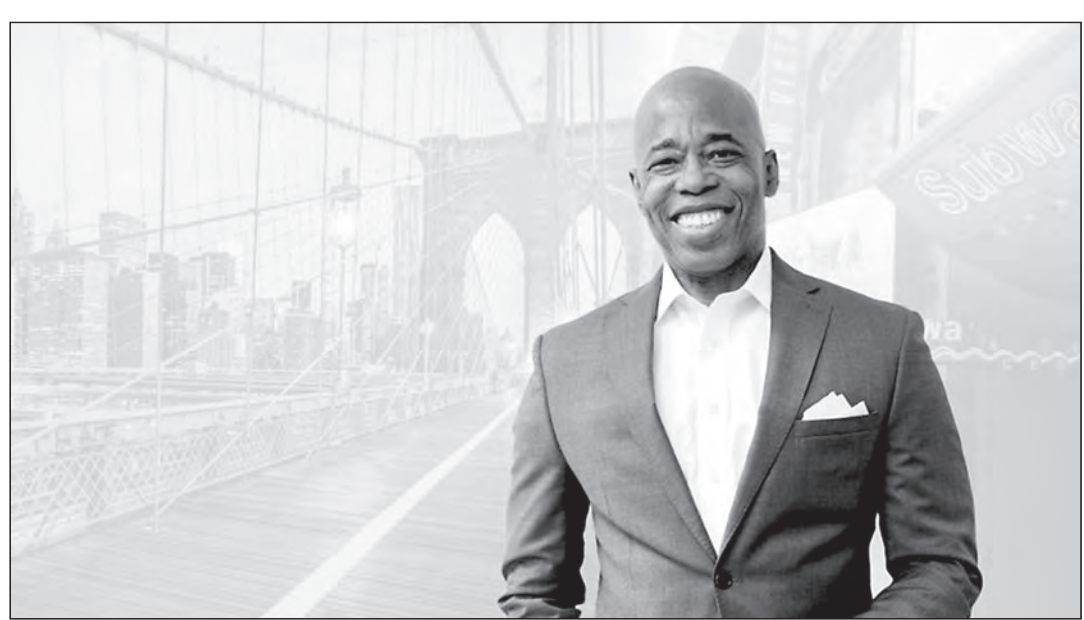
A grand jury has declined to indict a former Georgia State Trooper who shot and killed a black man in 2020 after a stop over a broken taillight. The victim, Julian Lewis, 60, died at the scene and the trooper, Jacob Thompson, 27, was later fired, arrested and charged with felony murder. But on June 29 a 22-person Grand Jury declined to indict Thompson. Lewis was on an errand on a rural road to get a soda for his wife on the night of the shooting. Ex-Trooper Thompson claimed that Lewis attempted to hit him with his vehicle. Police video of the shooting was shown to the Grand Jury. The shooting death of Lewis by Thompson took place August 7, 2020 and the video has still not been released publicly. Lewis’ family is pushing for the release of the video. Lewis family attorney, Francys Johnson, commented on the video saying, “the public deserves it – they paid for it... it’s been shown now to 22 citizens

in Screven County, but it has not been shown to Julian’s mother or his wife or his attorney.” Johnson was referring to members of the grand jury being shown the video. The Georgia Department of Public Safety stated that Thompson, 27, was fired for “negligence or inefficiency in performing assigned duties; or commission of a felony.” Lewis’ shooting occurred in August 2020 two months after the killing of Rayshard Brooks at a Wendy’s by an Atlanta police officer. One of the officer’s involved in the Brooks shooting was charged with murder. In March 2020, police in Louisville, Kentucky killed 26-year-old EMT Breonna Taylor. The city of Louisville paid a settlement to the family. *Lauren Victoria Burke is an independent journalist for NNPA and the host of the podcast BURKEFILE. She is also a political strategist as Principal of Win Digital Media LLC. She may be contacted at LBurke007@gmail.com and on twitter at @LVBurke*

Eric Adams poised to become New York’s second black mayor

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Eric Adams grew up poor. As a teenager, he was abused by the police but later decided to join New York’s Finest ranks. After serving as a police captain, and in the state Senate and as Brooklyn borough president, Adams is poised to become only the second African American to lead the biggest city in America. Adams won the Democratic primary for mayor, and political watchers in the Big Apple give Republicans virtually no chance of beating Adams in the fall, which would put him in exclusive company with the late David Dinkins as New York’s only black mayors. “While there are still some very small amounts of votes to be counted, the results are clear: a historic, diverse, five-borough coalition led by working-class New Yorkers has led us to victory in the Democratic primary for Mayor of New York City,” Adams said in a statement. “Now, we must focus on winning in November so that we can deliver on the promise of this great city for those who are struggling, who are underserved, and who are committed to a safe, fair, affordable future for all New Yorkers,” he declared. Born in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn in 1960, Adams counts as the fourth of six children for his mother Dorothy, a house



Eric Adams won the NYC Democratic Mayoral Primary, making him a near shoe-in to become the city's second Black mayor COURTESY ERIC ADAMS CAMPAIGN

cleaner and cook, and his father Leroy, a butcher. The family later moved to the working-class neighborhood of South Jamaica, Queens, where New York police officers badly assaulted Adams and his brother. Adams has pointed to that encounter as a 15-year-old as motivation for a law enforcement career. He earned an Associate Arts degree in data processing from the New York City College of Technology, a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Marist College. According to his official bio, Adams paid his way through his collegiate studies through several jobs, includ-

ing work in the mailroom of an accounting firm, as a mechanic, and as a clerk in the Kings County District Attorney’s Office. He graduated from the New York City Police Academy in 1984 as one of the highest-ranked students in his class. After initially serving with the New York City Transit Police Department, Adams was transferred to the New York City Police Department with the merging of the city’s police forces. In 1995, Adams co-founded 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care, an advocacy group that rose to nationwide prominence speaking out against police brutality, racial profiling, and departmental diversity. According to his bio, Adams

also served as president of the Grand Council of Guardians, a statewide fraternal society for African Americans in law enforcement. “I grew up poor in Brooklyn & Queens,” Adams wrote on Twitter. “I wore a bulletproof vest to keep my neighbors safe. I served my community as a State Senator & Brooklyn Borough President. And I’m honored to be the Democratic nominee to be the mayor of the city I’ve always called home.” Adams also put his party on alert. “If the Democratic Party fails to recognize what we did here in New York, they’re going to have a problem in the midterm elections, and they’re going to have a problem in the presidential election,” he said.

2022 Chevrolet Bolt EUV

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We just drove the future. The Chevrolet Bolt EUV is an electric vehicle but it goes a step further. In a phrase, it can drive itself – sorta. Chevy calls it Super Cruise. It is a driver assistance feature to maintain your current lane. It works in conjunction with adaptive cruise control. And the system will alert the driver when he or she needs to take control. It works on compatible roads, meaning thoroughfares with painted lanes and medians, that separate opposing traffic. It uses a GPS system, map, a network of cameras and sensors that maintain control of steering. The adaptive cruise control maintains the gap between the vehicle you’re following. There is also a driver attention alert to make sure the driver stays alert. In other words, you can’t engage this system and then take a nap or sightsee. Chevrolet is careful to emphasize that Super Cruise is not a self-driving system. Chevrolet said it is also making charging more convenient with a new Dual Level Charge Cord, which, for many customers, will eliminate the need to purchase a separate charger for their home. It has a changeable plug that allows the customer to plug into a standard 120-volt three-prong outlet for Level 1 charging and a 240-volt outlet for Level 2 charging up to 7.2 kilowatts.



The new Dual Level Charge Cord is standard with Bolt EUV and is available for Bolt EV. For maximum Level 2 charging speed, both vehicles are now capable of 11 kW Level 2 charging, but separate charging equipment (not included) is required. The difference between the 2022 Chevrolet Bolt EV and EUV is about six inches more leg room in the latter model which of course is bigger. On our drive toward Toledo, Ohio, we found that our Bolt EUV reacted much like a gasoline powered car. The Bolt EUV is a small SUV with a muscular design and a roomier interior and ample rear legroom. It also featured a distinctive front-end with a sculpted grille and signature lighting, including standard LED headlamps and Chevy’s brand-specific, high-eye daytime running lamps, which double as sequential turn-signal indicators. The EUV included a center crease line that ran from the front fascia through the hood and horizontal body lines to

give a sense of motion even when the vehicle was standing still. Standard roof rails also reinforced the SUV aesthetic. The Bolt EV design updates included a new, more upright front fascia and new front and rear lighting signatures. There were also high-eye daytime running lights in front. Chevy said both vehicles featured new instrument panels, vehicle controls and seats, with a 10.2-inch-diagonal infotainment color touchscreen and integrated climate controls common to both for clean, intuitive interfaces. The infotainment screen featured real-time displays with more details available on the 8-inch-diagonal reconfigurable color gauge cluster. There was also a new, electronic gear shift design that uses pull toggles and push buttons to free up more interior space. For increased regenerative braking, there’s even a new one-pedal driving button that keeps the system active between drive cycles. We didn’t use this feature on our test drive.

The interior included a sporty, flat-bottom steering wheel that incorporated the Regen on Demand paddle and a black Chevy “bowtie” emblem. The redesigned seats featured a triangular geometric pattern and contrasting color stitching. An advanced 65 kilowatt-hour, lithium-ion battery pack helps the Bolt EV deliver up to a GM-estimated 259 miles of range (416 km) on a full charge. With the slightly larger Bolt EUV, the GM-estimated range on a full charge is 250 miles (402 km). The battery system featured Chevy’s proven active thermal management system, which used coolant to maintain the battery at its ideal operating temperature. This technology is a primary enabler of Chevrolet’s 8-year/100,000-mile limited battery system warranty. Additionally, standard DC fast public charging capability enables the Bolt EV to add up to 100 miles (160 km) of range in 30 minutes and 95 miles (152 km) for Bolt EUV. The powertrain made 200 horsepower and 266 pound-feet of torque that was almost instant. The starting price for both vehicles is less than the 2021 Bolt EV. The 2022 Bolt EUV is priced from \$33,995, and the 2022 Bolt EV starts at \$31,995, before any available state, local or utility incentives. Both are available this summer. *Frank S. Washington is editor of AboutThatCar.com.*

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Hinds County School District will hold a public hearing by Teleconference Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Hinds County School District's Central Office, 13192 Hwy 18, Raymond, MS. At this meeting, the proposed FY21-22 budget will be presented.

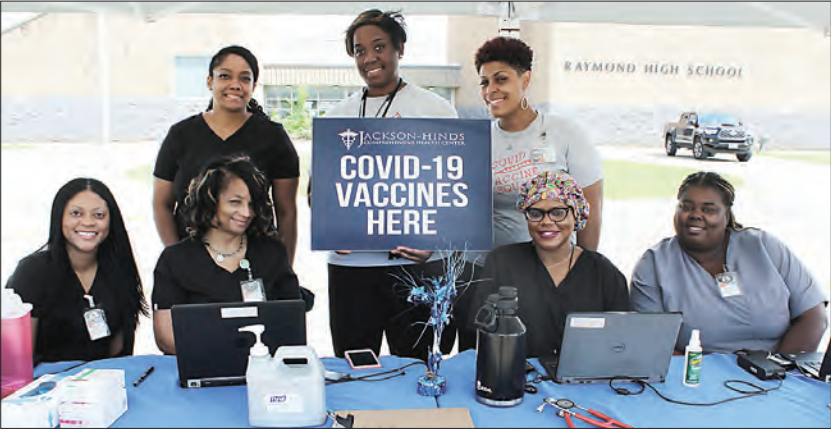
Hinds County School District (HCSD) and Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center (JHCHC) partnered to offer vaccinations to students ages 12 and up

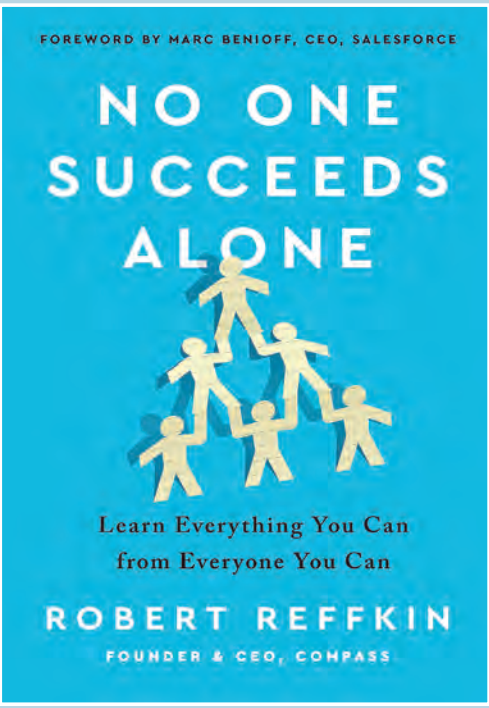


In an effort to bring awareness to parents and teens in Hinds County, the JHCHC partnered with the HCSD to host an informational session on COVID vaccinations for children ages 12 and up on June 22, 2021. The online session gave parents and teen an opportunity to ask question about the benefits of getting vaccinated for this upcoming school year. Presenters and panelists included: Dr. Delesicia Martin, Superintendent/ HCSD; Dr. Lynda Jackson-Assad, Medical Director, Pediatrician / JHCHC; Dr. Kaisha Griffin, Pediatrician – Director of Pediatrics / JHCHC; Kanisha Meaders, FNP – Director of School-Based Clinics – Family Nurse Practitioner / JHCHC; and Dr. Kentrell Liddell, Clinical Quality Director – Family Medicine. On June 26, 2021, students and parents had an opportunity to get vaccinated at Raymond High School and Terry High School.

To find out more information on getting your child vaccinated, parents are encouraged to call JHCHC at 601-362-5321 ext:1224.

Highlights from June 26, 2021 HCSD/JHCHC vaccinations





BOOK REVIEW:

NO ONE SUCCEEDS ALONE:
LEARN EVERYTHING YOU CAN
FROM EVERYONE YOU CAN

BY ROBERT REFFKIN

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Everything you know, you learned from Mom. And Dad. And Grandma, Grandpa, six cousins, three playmates, a neighbor, thirty-one teachers, a coach somewhere along the line, your spouse, and a kid or two.

And if you're smart, you'll keep your eyes open because everybody has something to teach you. As you'll see in "No One Succeeds Alone" by Robert Reffkin, that's the best way to get ahead.

Almost from the moment he was born, Robert Reffkin was

encouraged to succeed: at bedtime, rather than wishing her son "Sweet dreams," Reffkin's mother told him to "have big dreams."

That wasn't easy for him, though.

Reffkin's black father abandoned his family when Reffkin was young, his mother was a Jewish immigrant from Israel, and this mixed lineage caused Reffkin to feel "out of place my entire life," he says. Even his maternal grandparents spurned him but none of these things negatively affected Reffkin. He used them as inspiration to do better.

He was a small businessman in high school, first selling products on the bus to school, then launching a DJing business shortly after that.

When it came time to apply for college, he used his successes and things he'd learned to strive for his dream college, despite that a counselor told him not to bother. His curiosity was strong; what he absorbed helped build his businesses, including Compass, a real estate technology company.

To succeed, says Reffkin, ignore haters, naysayers, and rules that are meant to be bent. Be

supportive of others, children, in particular. Thank those who support you, including your mom, because "None of us got where we are on our own."

Keep in mind that "The real rules of the game are never written down."

To get help, be helpful. Don't be afraid to emulate the people you admire, or to try to copy their methods for success. And finally, do what Reffkin did with this book: "Turn your story into a beautiful narrative that inspires others."

The saying is this: There is no

I in Team. There is in "WIN," though, and that's what you get when you read "No One Succeeds Alone."


For the entrepreneur who doesn't know where to start, author Robert Reffkin offers so much advice that you may feel overwhelmed: there's something to remember, highlighted and easy to find, just about every couple pages. These things fit seamlessly into this book, more in the way that a header for a biography might, which subtly makes the story-lessons stand out better amid the chatter here.

Indeed, Reffkin indulges in a small amount of righteous humble-bragging, but he also shares enough stumbles to make his story relevant; this biographical aspect will appeal to a wide variety of readers, including C-Suiters, whether they're looking for business advice or not.

If your office is filling up again and your staff is now returning, this book might be a great way to ease back into the swing of things. For business folks and staff, "No One Succeeds Alone" might underscore everything you know.



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