

Family of Congressman John Lewis carrying his legacy by fighting for voting rights



The family of the late Congressman John Lewis is carrying on his fight for voter rights for all. From left, niece Angela Lewis Warren, brother Henry Grant Lewis, Atty. Barbara Arnwine and brother Samuel Lewis/By Mark Mahoney, Dream in Color Multimedia

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

The late Democratic Congressman John Lewis lived every moment of his life doing for others. And, as the world knows, the congressman gave every ounce of his time, energy, blood, sweat and tears, in fighting for the right to vote for all people. This month, family members of the renowned freedom fighter visited the nation’s capital, hoping to meet with lawmakers to push two

crucial pieces of legislation to blunt voter suppression efforts in many Republican-led states. “When you see something unfair and unjust, you have a moral obligation to do something,” Lewis’ niece, Angela Lewis Warren, told NNPA Newswire. Lewis Warren joined her uncles, Henry Grant Lewis and Samuel Lewis, on the trip to Washington. The family said they want-

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Crisler says interim appointment as Hinds County Sheriff is bitter/sweet

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Marshand Crisler was appointed interim sheriff by The Hinds County Board of Supervisors in a special meeting Monday. He replaces former Sheriff Lee Vance who died from cardiorespiratory failure two weeks ago as a result of COVID-19. Sheriff Lee Vance’s homegoing service was held Saturday at The Mississippi Coliseum where hundreds paid their respects. When asked how he felt about the appointment Crisler said the appointment is bitter sweet. “It’s bitter because I lost a dear friend, which is the only way I had the opportunity to sit in this seat and that certainly is not the way I wanted to get into this position.” He said Lee Vance was his hero. Crisler continued, “The sweet aspect is that Lee and I spent 28 years working together. I learned a lot from him as we worked together in the trenches on a lot of missions.” Crisler is a retired major in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served as Ward 6 city councilman for eight years in the City of Jackson. He also served as a narcotics investigator in the Hinds County Sheriff’s office for 12 years. He said being in the building again is like returning home.



Crisler

When asked about personnel, Crisler said the staff that Vance left in place is second to none and he would not be making any personnel changes. As he discussed some of his goals, Crisler said Undersheriff Allen White is helping him get information on the SWOT analysis, which is a technique used to help an organization

identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. He said he wants to assess all aspects of the Sheriff’s Department and of the Raymond Detention Center. He plans to coordinate with other law enforcement agencies to tackle crime. Crisler also said the department will be working on poli-

cies to address the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been reported that both detainees and employees are seeing an increase in positive cases. Undersheriff White was hospitalized recently after testing positive for COVID-19 but is safely back on the job.

Conversations with 2021 Mississippi Hiatt Invitational Artistic Fellows and Curator

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

Heads turned and voices rose when over 600 works of art were submitted to guest curator Danielle Burns-Wilson for the Mississippi Museum of Art’s 2021 Invitational Exhibition. She engaged in a panel conversation among this year’s Jane Crater Hiatt Artist Fellows: Coulter Fussell, Lawson King and Brenden Davis on Saturday, August 14, during an hour-long 10 a.m. Zoom session. These Mississippians discussed three major themes (resilience, reckoning and reflection) that Burns-Wilson discovered among their works. “To be invited to serve as guest curator for the Mississippi Museum of Art’s 2021 Invitational is already an honor, but to do so against the backdrop of all that is happening around us is even more meaningful,” said Burns-Wilson. The guest curator asserted that because of the “entropic state” of the world, now in a



Lawson King, Fellow

moment of seemingly no return, “I wanted the works in this year’s Invitational to reflect the many voices and experiences of this particular moment. I selected works that create a balance – through materials, media and processes, as well as perspectives. This exhibition conveys human needs, reimagines our future and liberates thought.” During the conversation, Burns-Wilson recalled being home with her spouse and four-year-old son. “It was such



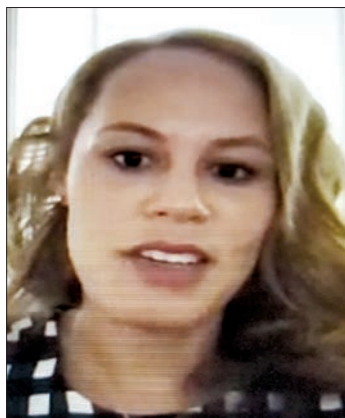
Danielle Burns-Wilson, Guest Curator

a refreshing process to go through.” Then she noted the emergence of themes: resilience (a lot of reference to children); reckoning (dealing with social injustice and brutality) and reflection (loss of time and loss of loved ones). Burns-Wilson explained that when it comes to resilience, a lot can be learned from Lawson’s art. “I started teaching kids in their freedom, their individuality and their lack of learning protocols in certain situations.



Brenden Davis, Fellow

When I think about the hand [and the balloon] in the room, I think about healing and letting go. So the room represents an idea or a goal. It’s kind of like being okay with that moment of not knowing and moving forward,” responded Davis. Of King’s work “I Can Hardly See,” Burns-Wilson denoted a conveyance of power and strength. King responded that his aim was to depict perseverance. “When 2020 came around, it made me look within myself



Ryan Dennis, Moderator

– isolated, stuck...experiencing stereotypes that [I] can do nothing about.” Shifting the conversation to the last theme, reflection, Burns-Wilson commented that Fussell’s painting, “Home,” reminded her of the day her grandmother became a widow. “Things are out of control. I used curtains, bed sheets and t-shirts, whatever anybody wants to leave me,” said Fussell. Fussell contended that she makes quilts from the fabric.

Suit cases are on one side and everything a person needs to make a room in the home is on the other side. “If you’ve got to go, you can pack your home up and take it with you to the next place...So I create a human experience.” Burns-Wilson injected, “You felt initially that you couldn’t use much, but then you learned the value of the donated materials.” According to Fussell, “I learned that I could use most anything that came to me.” Fellows responded to a chat question: “What do you need more to create your works?” They concurred that Mississippi should have more shows, more people in attendance, more spaces, more connections and more funds. MMA Director Betsy Bradley said of the artists, “In the face of all that is contrary, they summon the courage and strength to make something

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A celebration of Life Sheriff Lee Dan Vance Jr.



As photographer Jay Johnson stood at the podium to make remarks regarding his friendship with Sheriff Vance, he raised his camera and took this picture in remembrance of his friend to the delight of the audience.

PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

A celebration of the life of Sheriff Lee Vance Jr. as held at the Mississippi Coliseum on Saturday at 11 a.m. City officials, law enforcement personnel, politicians, friends, community leaders and friends were there to pay their respects for a man who leaves behind a legacy of service.

Erin Pickens, news anchor on WLBT TV, served as Mistress of Ceremony.

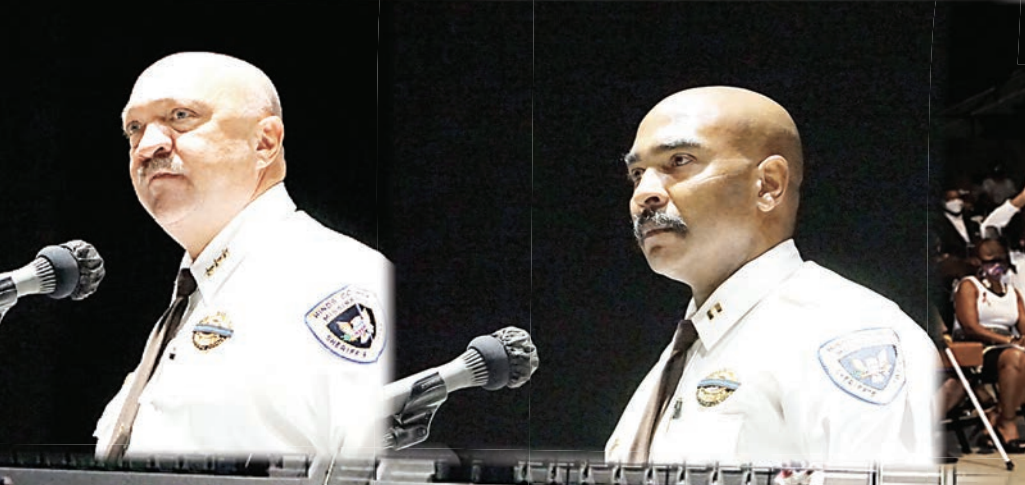
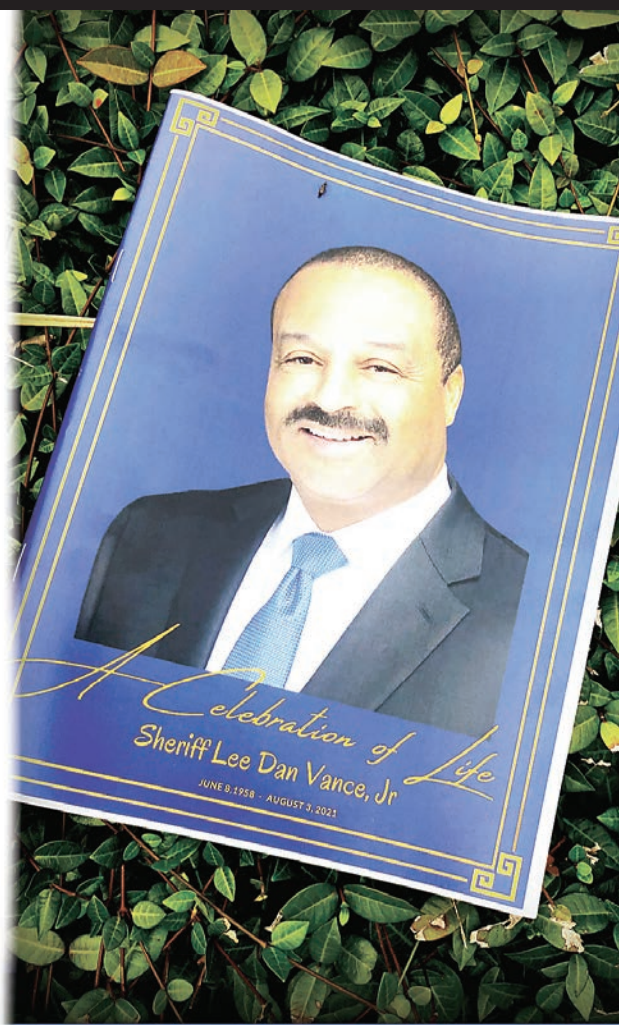
JPD photographer Jay Johnson was one of several individuals listed on

the program to offer expressions. When Johnson reached the podium, he raised his camera high in the air and took a few shots of the audience witnessing the homegoing ceremony of his life-long friend. Johnson knew he was positioned to make the shot, and in doing so caused the audience to chuckle.

Others on program giving expressions included Dennis Dupree, retired educator, Jacqueline Amos, MS Democratic Committee, Willie

Jones, Women for Progress, Allen White, Hinds County Sheriff Department, Tyree Jones, captain, Hinds County Sheriff Department, Jacqueline Anderson, former chief of staff for the City of Jackson, Thomas Hudson, president of Jackson State University, Tony Yarber, former mayor of the City of Jackson and Jackson Mayor Chokwe Lumumba.

Rev. Joe May, pastor of Anderson United Methodist Church, offered words of comfort and victory.



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that speaks their truth to other people. The 2021 Mississippi Invitational demonstrates that the power to make something beautiful, to survive, to connect with ideas and with others, can be stronger than the temptation to withdraw.”

Artistic Director of CAPE Ryan Dennis served as moderator. The Invitational is supported by Jane Hiatt/The Hiatt Fund at the Community Foundation for Mississippi. *For further information contact Jana Brady, Mississippi Museum of Art at 601-651-3822.*

Health official: 20,000 Mississippi students in quarantine

By Leah Willingham
Associated Press/

A top Mississippi health official said Tuesday that about 20,000 students are currently quarantined for COVID-19 exposure in the state – 4.5% of the public school population, according to the state’s latest enrollment figures.

The data comes from reports made by 800 schools to the Mississippi State Department of Health last week, Mississippi State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers said during a call with state pediatricians.

“These disruptions...are going to continue for a while,” Byers said to members of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

“The school outbreaks have resulted in many school officials rethinking their policies after beginning the academic year without restrictions such as mask mandates. Around 600 schools have now implemented

universal masking for indoor settings,” Byers said.

Byers continued, “But there are still many settings where restrictions that could keep kids and teachers safer are not being implemented consistently. To prevent transmission in schools, there needs to be a mix of masking, vaccinations and testing being done on a regular basis.”

According to Byers, what they’re finding is a lot of schools are picking and choosing through these recommendations in a cafeteria-style approach. “The intent of this needs to be all of these layers in order to prevent transmission,” he said.

The Mississippi Department of Health reported 3,323 new confirmed cases of the virus on Tuesday. More than 392,300 people have tested positive for the virus since the start of the pandemic in Mississippi, a state of around 3 million people. At least 7,880 have died since the pandemic began.

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ed to continue the congressman’s legacy by pushing the “For The People Act” and the “John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.”

Both pieces of legislation have lingered in an evenly divided Senate, where Democrats like West Virginia’s Joe Manchin have stubbornly refused to consider abolishing or bending filibuster rules to push the bills through.

“By any means necessary, they have got to get those bills passed,” Samuel Lewis, the 8th of 10 children in the Lewis family.

Samuel Lewis, who served for 28 years in the U.S. military, forcefully opined that Democratic leadership should abolish the filibuster if needed to pass critical legislation.

“I think they should,” he stated.

His brother, Henry Grant Lewis, agreed.

“Our dream is to keep the congressman’s dream and to move his legacy forward,” Grant Lewis, a retired auto industry worker and the 9th of the 10 Lewis siblings asserted.

“That means getting up in the morning, putting on our boots, and catching a plane to Washington. Whatever the case may be.”

Attorney Barbara Arnwine, the president and founder of the Transformative Justice Coalition, joined the family in Washington.

Arnwine, who also serves as co-chair and facilitator of the National Commission for Voter Justice and other voting rights organizations, noted the racist history of the filibuster and agreed that Democrats must act to either abolish it or amend the rules to pass key bills.

“The filibuster is a white supremacist notion,” Arnwine declared, adding that it was created to suppress people of color.

With GOP-controlled states like Georgia, Florida, and Texas, making it difficult for people of color and other underserved communities to vote, the family believes Congressman Lewis would urge his party to protect what he believed a precious right.

According to the nonprofit Brennan Center, the For The People Act includes automatic voter registration and other steps to modernize U.S. elections.

It includes a federal guarantee of free and fair elections without voter suppression, coupled with a commitment to restore the full protections of the Voting Rights Act; small donor public financing to empower ordinary Americans instead of big donors (at no cost to taxpayers) and other critical campaign finance reforms; an end to partisan gerrymandering; and a much-needed overhaul of federal ethics rules.

Critically, the Act would thwart virtually every vote suppression bill currently pending in the states, Brennan Center officials declared.

“These reforms respond directly to Americans’ desire for real solutions that ensure that each of us can have a voice in the decisions that govern our lives, as evidenced by their passage in many states, often by lopsided bipartisan margins,” officials continued.

“They are especially critical for communities of color. Racial justice cannot be fully achieved without a system in which all Americans have the means to advocate for themselves and exercise political power.”

If enacted, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would help protect voters from racial discrimination and vote suppression.

“We are going to keep fighting,” Henry Grant Lewis insisted.

“One message that my brother would say is keeping the faith. Even though these current voter suppression laws have been put in place to deter us from going to the polls, we have to see what’s most important and go to the polls.

“And we have to do that with even greater numbers the next election because of these laws. So we have to have a big turnout.”

Both brothers and their niece spoke somberly of what they miss most about Congressman Lewis.

For Angela Lewis Warren, it was her uncle’s desire and ability to never leave anyone out of a conversation or a greeting.

“His ability that he had to make you feel like you mattered. I don’t care how crowded a room was or if he was talking to someone else. He could look in your eyes and make you feel like you’re the only thing that mattered at that moment,” Warren recalled.

“We knew that we mattered.”

Henry Grant Lewis said he misses the intimate conversations with his brother.

“We used to have early morning conversations when I was on my way to work, and he was on his way to work,” Grant Lewis noted.

“Then, we’d have late-night conversations, and they were very real and very special. We had this special bond that tied us together, and he was such a family person who loved being with his siblings and talking with his great-nieces and nephews.”

For Samuel Lewis, it’s simply his brother’s presence that he has a longing.

“I was nine years younger, but we also had a bond,” Samuel Lewis recalled.

“We loved to go to ballgames together and like my niece stated. “He gave everyone his attention. I recall being at Atlanta Braves baseball games, and I would go to my seat, and sometimes it would be an hour before he would finally come back to his seat because everyone wanted to talk to him. He was really patient with everyone, and it wasn’t fake. He was really genuine.”

A photograph of an older Black man with a grey beard and a straw hat, wearing a blue button-down shirt over a light purple t-shirt, smiling as he helps a young Black boy water plants in a garden. The boy is wearing a red t-shirt and grey pants, and is holding a large silver watering can. They are standing in front of a wire mesh fence, and the garden is filled with various green plants, including large-leafed ones in the foreground.

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Life Reflections

Lottie Carr Johnson

August 6, 1943 - August 9, 2021



Johnson

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

On Monday, August 9, 2021, Lottie Carr Johnson made her transition from her life on earth to be with her Heavenly Father. She was born August 6, 1943 to the late Mr. & Mrs. Roger Cooperwood. She was the only child.

She gave her life to Christ at an early age and became a member of First Baptist Missionary Church in Aberdeen, MS.

She received her early education from Monroe County schools. She attended Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs, MS and later acquired a Bachelor of Business Education degree from the University of MS in Oxford, MS. There she began her career as the director of

Head Start for North Mississippi.

Lottie was united in holy matrimony to Rev. James R. Johnson in 1975 as she became wife and mother in a blended family, which included Tamoria, Jamel, Jay and Thomas Johnson.

She immediately became a member of College Hill Baptist Church where her husband attended, and remained a dedicated member. She was a deaconess, a member of Mission Circle #7 and a member of the inspirational choir.

She worked diligently by her husband’s side in their business, Capitol Studios and Florist. She later worked for the City of Jackson on the development board of Neighbor Watch of Jackson, McRae’s of Jackson and her last but greatest passion from which she retired, The Friendship Connection of Jackson, where she served as house manager. She was often-times called “mama,” “counselor” and “mentor” and was a lifelong friend to members of the

A.A. Community.

She was proceeded in death by husband Rev. James R. Johnson, parents Roger and Ruby Cooperwood and daughter in-law Brenda Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memories Tamoria Johnson-Dilworth and husband Michael; sons Jamel Johnson, Thomas Johnson and Jay Johnson; Daughters in-law Queen (Houston, TX), and Shirley Johnson; grandchildren, Corey, La’Tajaina, Lexus and Javarious Russell, Jordan and Giovana Johnson; eight great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Lottie will be remembered forever by those who dearly loved her and by those whose lives she deeply touched as an unselfish, thoughtful and loving woman.

Graveside service was held August 1, 2021 at Cedar Lawn Cemetery, 2434 West Capitol Street, Jackson with Pastor Hosea J. Hines officiating.

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Remembering George Curry

Mississippi county’s first black supervisor dies at 90

Associated Press

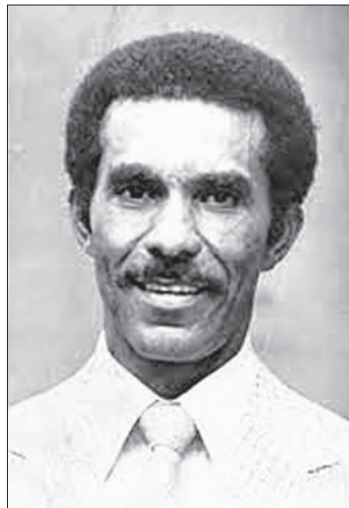
Troubled by the fact that the only paved roads in his east-central Mississippi county tended to be in predominantly white communities, local official and dairy farmer George Curry sometimes took out equipment himself to ensure that roads would get paved in black-occupied areas too, his granddaughter said.

Officials said fairness was always paramount to Curry, a trailblazing county supervisor who served as a mentor for future generations of African American politicians in Oktibeha County after becoming the first black person elected to the county’s Board of Supervisors.

Curry, who served on the board for 28 years beginning in the late 1970s, died Aug. 5 at the age of 90, according to *The Commercial Dispatch*. A cause of death was not reported.

Curry was involved in the NAACP and civil rights movement and was focused on ensuring that local black citizens were receiving equal treatment, officials said.

“There was a growing sentiment among people in his district that they were being underserved,” District 2 Supervisor Orlando Trainer told the newspaper. “Mr. Curry took it upon himself to run. It was, of course, a very difficult journey during that time because Oktibeha County had not progressed as much as it has now. Therefore, you had a sentiment out there that was very reluctant and resistant to a black man in that



Curry

position.”

While he may have been soft-spoken, he always “carried a big stick,” said Curry’s granddaughter, Keina Tate.

Even though he had no previous political experience, “he kind of was asked to run by the community,” she told *The Commercial Dispatch*. “People thought he would be influential and help them with the issues that they were having in the community when they weren’t being heard.”

Two of his main priorities were infrastructure and road maintenance.

Tate recalled how, at one point during his tenure, her grandfather worked to tackle the disparities between roads in white and black areas by taking county equipment out to particular areas to work on the roads himself.

Curry also worked to eliminate gerrymandering in the county voting maps, pushing

through measures that redrew district lines to give black people fairer representation.

Trainer, who viewed Curry as a mentor, said Curry paved the way for black men like him to get elected. Serving two terms on the board together, Trainer said Curry showed him how to do his best to serve the people’s needs.

“He really opened the doors for black elected officials in the county,” Trainer said. “Right now we have three black men on the board. He worked hard to let people know that their vote really makes a difference.”

Curry was respected by both black and white residents, Trainer said. He did the “behind the scenes work,” never performing tasks for credit but from the goodness of his heart.

“His life is summarized by service and giving it all he had and all he had he gave, and it was time for him to go from labor to reward,” Trainer said. “I thank God that we had the chance to know him, and we’ll forever remember him and look forward to sharing in his legacy.”

Tate said everybody looked to her grandfather for help.

“He always taught me to make sure that you leave something for another person,” she said. “Don’t always make things about yourself, but make sure that you leave a door open for another person to walk through.”

A memorial service was held at Unity Park in Starkville, Aug. 14.



Tougaloo College and Sundial Power Developers, Inc. will start Mississippi's first solar job training school



Sundial Solar installation in 2012 at Dr. Robert Smith's Robinson Road Medical Clinic.

Mississippi Link Newswire

According to national statistics, Mississippi has one of the lowest rates of solar energy adoption per capita in America.

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The solar job training school will be headed by one of the solar industry's top-rated teaching professionals based in California. Courses will be offered on-line, while lab work will be conducted by Sundial Solar Power Developers, Inc. on the grounds of Tougaloo College.

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are utilizing strategies that create economic activity based on solar savings.

Tougaloo College is one of the more noted HBCUs in the country and has taken a huge step toward providing an avenue for students and young adults to enter the fastest growing industry in the world.

Working closely with Tougaloo College, Sundial Solar Power Developers, Inc. will hire many of the graduates to expand operation throughout the State.

A scheduled grand opening/ribbon cutting event is being scheduled. The public will be readily notified.

For more information call Tougaloo College, Natural Science Division, 601 977-7794 or Sundial Solar Power Developers, Inc., 601 985-8352.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Cities and towns across the country, including the 289 member municipalities of the Mississippi Municipal League, have been calling on Congress to help with aging and crumbling water, sewer, and street infrastructure since 2016. Mississippi's cities, towns, and villages are responsible for maintaining over 23,000 miles of streets. With the cost of basic surfacing, milling and repair increasing 128% over the last 20 years, it's no wonder that the municipalities in our State, 85% of which are under 10,000 in population, have not been able to keep up proper infrastructure maintenance.

On August 10, 2021, the U.S. Senate passed the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which includes \$550 billion in new federal investment in America's infrastructure.

As president of the Mississippi Municipal League and mayor of Greenville, MS, I commend Senator Roger Wicker for showing true non-partisan leadership when he voted for this bill. He understands that providing safe roads and bridges, clean drinking water and broadband technology to rural states like Mississippi are not partisan issues. Senator Wicker's vote on this historic bill will provide \$3.3 billion for roads and highways, \$225 million for bridge repair, \$283 million for water infrastructure and \$100 million for airport improvements in our State. Because of Senator Wicker's leadership, Mississippi will also get a fair shake in a \$20 billion competitive grant program that local governments can participate in to receive additional infrastructure funding.

The MML thanks Senator Wicker for his vote, knowing that it was a difficult one for him. The funds coming to our State will allow "generational" investments that current and future Mississippi residents will benefit from and that will help create jobs and economic development opportunities in our State.

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JPS announces district-based after-school programs at 26 sites

The Mississippi Link Newswire

At its regular meeting held Tuesday, August 17, the Board of Trustees of Jackson Public Schools approved the district's plans for implementing after-school programming to meet the needs of students in grades K-12 and their families.

Under the leadership of the Office of Innovative Strategy, all schools will have equitable access to high-quality, free after-school programs for scholars.

Starting in September, district-based after-school programs will be open at 26 sites to meet the needs of scholars at all grade levels. Offerings include STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) enrichment, intramural sports and ACT Prep, as well as tutoring in reading and math.

"I'm excited to launch these after-school experiences," said Errick L. Greene, JPS superintendent. "We made a commitment to JPS scholars and families that we would provide equitable access to high-quality out-of-school experience in our strategic plan, and today we're proud to deliver on that promise. These robust and engaging programs will further the important work that we're doing to transform teaching and learning in the classroom. I hope that our families will take advantage of these amazing opportunities."

The Office of Innovative Strategy seeks to provide every



After-School programming will open for JPS scholars Tuesday, September 14, and will run Tuesday through Thursday each week. All programs will operate by the Student Code of Conduct and Handbook.

JPS scholar with equitable access to an after-school option in a safe, nurturing, and culturally affirming space through this initiative.

Bus transportation and meals will be provided for all participating JPS scholars. JPS transportation will transport participating scholars from school to the aftercare site and home. However, parents have the option of picking up their children.

The Office of Child Nutrition in JPS will provide snacks and dinner for program participants.

The hours of the District-based after-school program are as follows: Elementary – 2:45-5:45 p.m.; Middle – 3:30-6:00 p.m.; and High – 4:15-6:15 p.m.

The program will run Tuesday

through Thursday each week.

District-Based programs will require face coverings for all scholars and follow the Student Code of Conduct and Handbook guidelines.

"The new enrichment classes offered by JPS are groundbreaking and innovative," said Felicia Sandifer, an Obama Magnet parent. "As a parent of a third-grader who attends Barack Obama Magnet School, I am thankful and enthusiastic about the new after-school enrichment program. This opportunity will aid my child in her educational journey."

How to Apply

The application process is as follows:

- The District-Based After-

School Registration Form will be available online and at schools by Wednesday, August 18.

- Families should return completed applications to their child's home school by Monday, August 30.

- Schools will notify parents of their enrollment status by Monday, September 6.

- Programs will begin the following week, Tuesday, September 14.

Seating is limited, so schools will fill slots on a first-come, first-served basis. Families who don't get a placement initially will be added to a waiting list. The district will also provide a list of alternative programs available across the city.

After-School Providers

The district has engaged nine local providers to develop content and programs that align with and support schools' instructional programs and accelerate learning. One of these partners, The Mississippi MS Children's Museum, will serve elementary students in the Murrah Feeder Pattern by providing literacy, STEAM activities, homework assistance and other pandemic-specific social supports.

Below is a complete list with program descriptions for the organizations that will implement high-quality programming for JPS scholars in a range of areas from foreign languages to health and fitness, the arts, and academic enrichment.

District-Based After-School Programs are designed and led by the Office of Innovative Strategy to ensure all students have access to high levels of learning and engagement. These programs will operate at 26 sites, including 24 JPS schools, Operation Shoestring, and the Mississippi Children's Museum.

After-School Programs & Sites

Bailey APAC Middle, 1900 North State Street
Baker Elementary, 300 East Santa Clair Street
Blackburn Middle, 1311 West Pearl Street
Brinkley Middle, 3535 Albe-marle Road
Callaway High, 601 Beasley

Road

Cardozo Middle, 3180 McDowell Road Ext.

Chastain Middle, 4650 Manhattan Road

Forest Hill, 2607 Raymond Road

Green Elementary, 610 Forest Avenue

Jim Hill High, 2185 Coach Fred Harris Street

Johnson Elementary, 1339 Oak Park Drive

Kirksey Middle, 5677 Highland Drive

Lanier High, 833 West Maple Street

Lester Elementary, 2350 Oakhurst Drive

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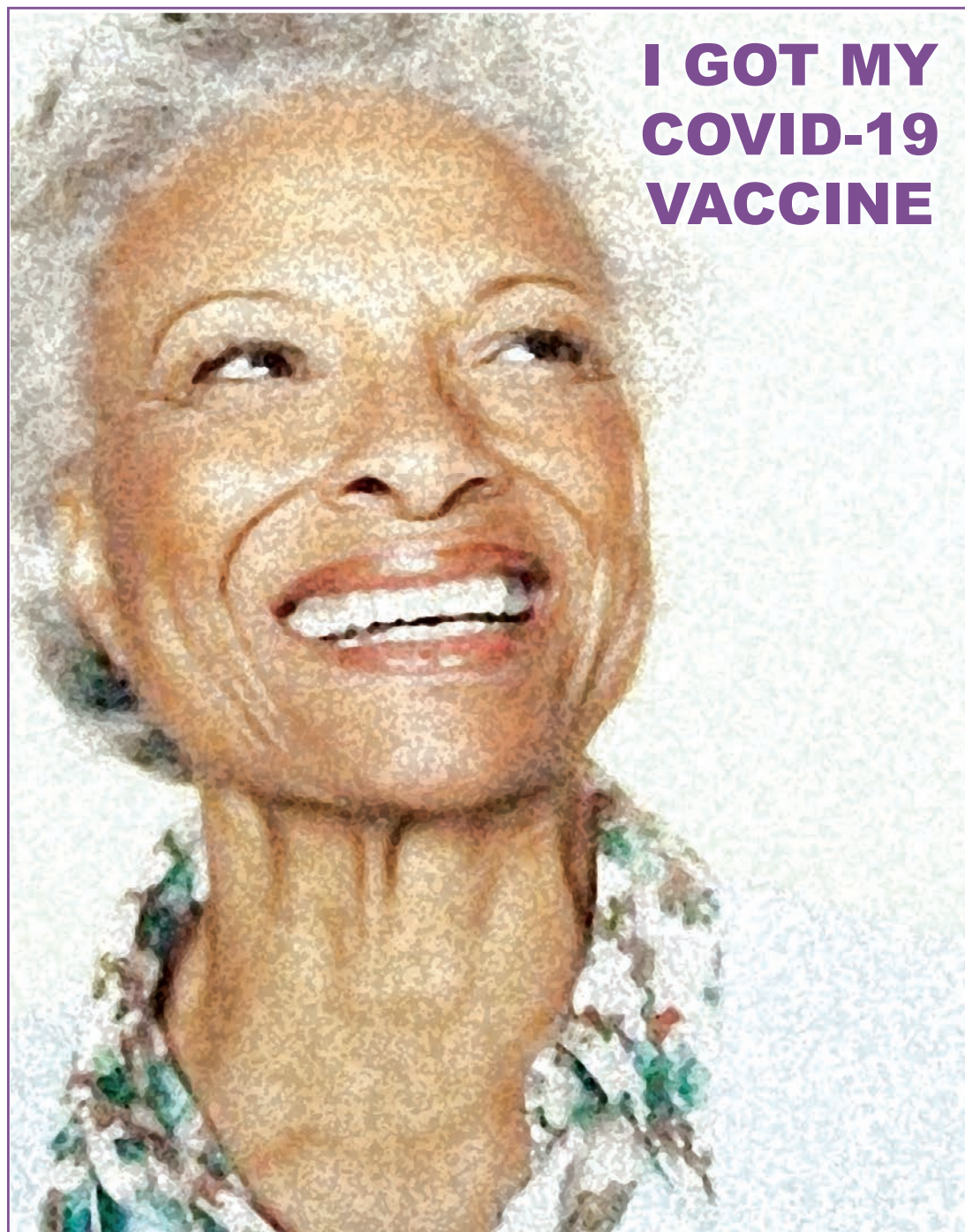
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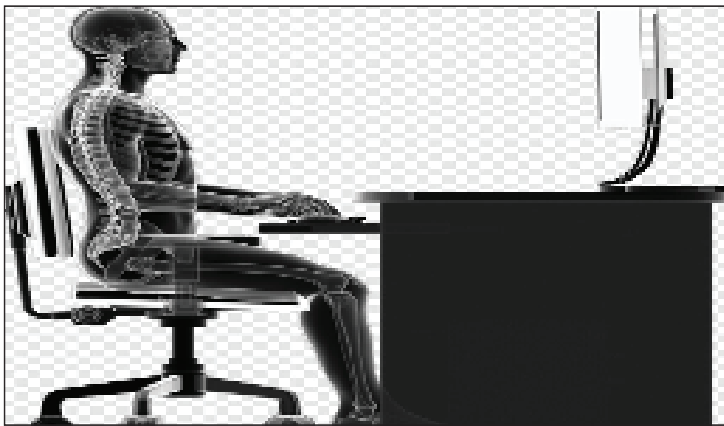
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Your TV can kill you

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Every hour you spend sitting watching TV each day will increase your risk for cardiovascular disease, obesity, type 2 diabetes and heart disease. It's not really the TV that is increasing your risk, as it is your sitting down watching it. If you are overweight your risk increases even more.

Too much sitting is when a person has uninterrupted sedentary bouts of 30 minutes or if total sedentary time also exceeded 12.5 hours per day. Too much sitting can also reduce your energy level, slow your metabolism, compromise your posture, cause back and spine issues, reduce your social skills, cause depression, varicose veins, cancer and chronic pain. Even too much bed rest can seriously damage the human body and can kill. 60,000 Americans die each year from it. In one study of over 120,000



people that spent six hours a day sitting had a 37% increase risk of dying versus those who spent less than three hours a day sitting at 17%. In that same study it was pointed out that even if you exercised it did little to reduce your risk of dying. Too much sitting can also be bad for your mental health.

Your legs make up almost half of your body. If you don't use your legs, you will lose them. Sitting leads to muscle atrophy,

which is the weakening of these muscles. Strong leg and glute muscles stabilize your body. Weak legs will increase your risk of falling.

Dr. Alpa Patel stated a possible reason for this is that while sitting, your muscles, especially the muscles in your legs, stimulate or suppress hormones that affect your triglycerides, cholesterol and other hormones that affect your health. If you have a job that has you sitting down

all day, you have to get up and move. Research has shown that moving your muscles frequently throughout the day is one of the most useful ways to protect yourself.

Most jobs give you 15 minutes every 4-hour. That's not enough. Experts now say you should start standing up at work every two hours a day for 1 to 2 minutes. Some research warns you should get up every 30 minutes and move to cut your risk of death. Even others recommend only sitting 20 minutes out of every half hour at work, standing for eight minutes and moving around for at least two minutes.

- Don't sit in these positions:
- Sitting slumped to one side with the spine bent.
 - Keeping the knees, ankles or arms crossed.
 - Dangling or not properly supporting the feet.
 - Sitting for a long time in one

position.

- Straining the neck for long periods while looking at a monitor, telephone screen or document.

When you are sitting at your desk:

Support your back by adjusting your chair so your lower back is properly supported. Make sure your knees are slightly lower than your hips. Use your footrest.

Adjust your chair height so you can use your keyboard with your wrists and forearms straight and level with the floor.

Rest your feet on the floor or on a footrest that lets you rest your feet at a level that's comfortable.

Place your screen at eye level directly in front of you. Place your monitor about arm's length away, with the top of the screen at eye level. You may need a monitor stand.

Make sure your keyboard

straight in front of you. You want to leave a gap of about 4 to 6 inches at the front of your desk to rest your wrists during your typing. You should keep your arms bent in an L-shape and your elbows by your sides.

You should position and use your mouse as close to you as possible. Buy a mouse mat that has a wrist pad. This will keep your wrist straight and help you avoid awkward bending.

Make sure your screen is glare-free. You should position your monitor to avoid reflection from overhead lighting and sunlight. You may have to install blinds on your windows. Adjust your screen's brightness or contrast to make it much easier to use. You can also use special glasses to protect your eyes.

Avoid phone strain if you spend a lot of time on the phone use a headset.

Remember to move because 'sitting is the new smoking.'

New AARP analysis shows nursing home vaccination rates in Mississippi still well short of benchmark

AARP calls on nursing homes to require vaccination

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Cases of COVID rose among Mississippi nursing home residents and staff over the four weeks ending July 18, according to the latest release of AARP's Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard.

The increases are concerning given the rise of new variants, the gaps in vaccinations among those in nursing homes and the disproportionate numbers of deaths due to COVID-19 and high risk in nursing homes throughout the pandemic.

More than 1,990 residents and staff of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities in Mississippi have died from COVID-19 – representing around 27% of deaths, even though less than 1% of the population lives in these facilities.

While vaccination rates had increased several percentage points in the past month, they remain low compared to goals, at around 79.4% among residents and 47.7% among staff. Only 8.5% of

nursing homes had at least 75% of staff vaccinated, which is the benchmark goal the industry has set for vaccinations in facilities.

"The high COVID death rates of residents and staff in nursing homes has been a national disgrace. As the new variants are emerging, facilities cannot let preventable problems be repeated. The key is to increase vaccinations, and do it now," said AARP Mississippi State Director Kimberly L. Campbell, Esq.

"AARP is calling on nursing homes to require vaccinations 2 for both staff and residents. The low levels of staff vaccinations in particular creates an unacceptable level of risk, since the disease spreads so easily in these environments.

And facilities must ensure all residents are vaccinated, including providing vaccines to newly admitted residents. Facilities must be open and transparent with how they are progressing toward the vital goal of vaccination for all staff and residents."

In Mississippi, shortages of staff and personal protective equipment (PPE) decreased slightly to 3.1% from 4.2% in the last AARP dashboard, with 28.6% of nursing homes reporting a staff shortage.

The AARP Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard analyzes federally reported data in four-week periods going back to June 1, 2020.

Using this data, the AARP Public Policy Institute, in collaboration with the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University in Ohio, created the dashboard to provide snapshots of the virus' infiltration into nursing homes and impact on nursing home residents and staff, with the goal of identifying specific areas of concern at the national and state levels in a timely manner.

The full Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard is available at <http://www.aarp.org/nursing-homedashboard>.

AARP is providing information and resources about CO-

VID-19 to help older Mississippians and has developed key questions for families to ask if a loved one is in a nursing home.

For more information on how COVID is impacting nursing homes and AARP's advocacy on this issue, visit www.aarp.org/nursinghomes.

About AARP
AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation's largest circulation publications: *AARP The Magazine* and *AARP Bulletin*.

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As COVID surges, Mississippi sets up second field hospital



National Disaster Medical System medical professionals examine a portable defibrillator while familiarizing themselves with a COVID-19 mobile field hospital erected in a parking garage at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Miss., Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021. NDMS is a federally coordinated healthcare system and partnership of the United States Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Homeland Security (DHS), Defense (DOD), and Veterans Affairs (VA). The field unit has a mixture of inpatient and outpatient services and will serve as a resource for the entire state, not just UMMC, for 14 days. AP PHOTO/ROGELIO V. SOLIS

By Leah Willingham
Associated Press

Mississippi's health leaders set up a second emergency field hospital in a parking garage at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Miss., Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021. The state's health officials said the new hospital will help manage the surge of COVID-19 cases.

Samaritah's Presence will set up the mobile intensive care unit with a team of medical staff in a garage area. Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, Dr. L. Lee Ward, said the state's health officials are working to manage the surge of COVID-19 cases.

The COVID-19 situation is worsening in the state," Dr. L. Lee Ward, chancellor of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, said in a statement. Ward is also dean of the School of Medicine.

Mississippi, one of the least vaccinated states in the country, has seen more than 6,000 COVID-19 cases in the past two weeks, surpassing records for hospitalization and deaths.

The state had an average of 3,000 COVID-19 cases per day in July, and about 3,000 cases per day in August, according to data from Johns Hopkins University and the Associated Press.

State officials say they have

seen more children hospitalized with COVID-19 than ever before. As of Friday, 8 children were hospitalized with COVID-19 in Mississippi, according to data reported by hospitals to the state Department of Health. On Sunday, five children were in an intensive care unit, with four hospitalized.

Department of Health spokeswoman Liz Shalby said Monday that health officials heard this week about the death of a child between the ages of 11 and 17 from COVID-19 in the state. A total of five children have died of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic.

After facing a shortage of beds and staff needed to treat patients, the University of Mississippi Medical Center set up one emergency field hospital in a different parking garage at its campus last week with the help of federal government.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services deployed a team of medical personnel, nurses and respiratory therapists.

Ward said transportation trucks arrived at the medical center Sunday afternoon to begin setting up the Samaritah's Purse field hospital, which is expected to be ready for patients in one week.

In the coming days, an additional tent will be set up where people who are positive for COVID-19 can receive medical treatment, Ward said.

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Back to school and back to prayer

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



As students and educators prepare to return to school in the coming weeks, I'd like to offer a prayer of encouragement considering the confusion regarding mask mandates, social distancing guidelines and vaccination statuses.

Heavenly Father, we come to you thanking you for your many blessings. You are so worthy of honor, praise and glory. First, God we know that nothing surprises you and that this pandemic did not catch you off-guard. During this time of uncertainty, remind us of Isaiah 46:10 which says that you know the end from the beginning. We rest on the assurance that you know how and when this deadly pandemic will end.

1 Corinthians 14:33 reminds us that you are not the author of confusion but that you are the God of peace. We pray that the truth of this scripture will influence the decisions of the administrators and government officials regarding the safety of students, staff and faculty at all levels of education from daycare, pre-K, K-12, and higher education. Let Godly wisdom and truth prevail. We come to you now praying for our children and students who will be attending school face to face and virtually this academic year. Let there be peace in the hearts of students, faculty, administrators and staff as they return to classrooms, administrative offices, and school buildings. We ask for an extra measure of your grace, mercy and protection.

We also ask God that despite what goes on around them you would grant stu-

dents an extra measure of grace and ability to focus on the academic subjects they have to learn. Give instructors innovative ideas and methods to creatively motivate students to learn even the most difficult topics. Give them peace and protect educators as they fulfill their commitment to teach. We pray that the learning environment is a place of safety, connection and inspiration. We declare that frustration and discouragement will not distract students and educators from their purpose. We bind up anything that comes to disrupt the educational environment. Classrooms will be secure places of love and encouragement regardless of what may be taking place in the world outside.

We pray that you would give parents and guardians of students confidence that their students will remain safe. For any anxieties that may arise,

remind them to cast their cares on you as it says in 1 Peter 5:7. Allow them to rest in the confidence that your Godly presence will be there to cover and protect their children whether they are in the classroom, participating in extracurricular activities, in the cafeteria or on the playground.

God, you are sovereign, and we thank you for the promise in 3 John 1:2 says that you would have us to be in good health. Let this school year be one where good health, joy and hope prevail.

In Jesus' name we pray... Amen.

Shewanda Riley is the author of "Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or Twitter @shewanda.

Christ died for all

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



The devil got Eve alone and said, "Did God really say that?"

The devil will suggest and tempt you. You would think that with all the alcoholics in the world, you would never see a new one, but because people are under the control of sin, the devil convinces them that taking one drink will not make them alcoholics. One may think: "I'm only going to drink a little. I'm not going to become an alcoholic." However, as a man yields to that spirit, Satan's power overtakes him. Gradually, he starts to drink increasingly.

Friend, when you do not have the strength to help yourself, remember that Christ died for the ungodly. If you are not saved from sin, you need to acknowledge that you are an ungodly sinner. Isaiah 53:6 says, "All we like sheep have gone astray." There was a time in my life when I fell short of the Glory of God, but God saved me.

As much as God hates sin, He so loves the sinners that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for them while they were still sinners. God wants to help and bless sinners, but if you go into eternity with sin in your

life, you do not want to meet God. This is the reason we preach so hard against sin and plead for sinners to come to Jesus.

Sin is not an incurable disease. You can be set free, but you must help yourself by coming to Jesus and sticking with Him. Being sin-sick is like being physically sick. When you get physically sick, you just do not stay there and say, "Oh, I'm sick." You may call someone and say that you are ill and ask what you should do. You do not just accept the sickness, but you try to do something to get better. That is just natural, because you want to feel healthy.

You have a part of God in you. You have a soul, and your soul can get sick from sin; then you are unhappy, and you are not well spiritually. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to get help for your sin? You can make any excuse that you want to make while you are a sinner; nevertheless, you are not a sinner because of your environment, because of your raising, or because of your teaching; you are a sinner because you are giving yourself over to sin.

Jesus Christ is the only name given in Heaven whereby men might be saved; there is no other way.

Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

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HBCUs make you thrive educationally and athletically

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



I am an advocate and proponent of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. I am a witness to their power and purpose. HBCUs take the rough and the smooth and make us valuable contributors to the world. It has been that way since the founding of the first HBCU (Cheyney University of Pennsylvania in 1837) to now. There are givens and intangibles that HBCUs give students in abundance. There is the welcoming atmosphere of the campuses. People with or without titles care about you. They ask questions as simply

as can I help you or how are you. When you are a first-year student never having left home have someone ask how you are doing is a big deal. I am a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, an HBCU located in Charlotte NC. My first day on campus walking into my residence hall, Carter Hall, will forever be etched in my mind. I received what I would call a CE (caring education). It was not just the learning part. My teachers cared about my well-being. They showed it by their patience and their temperament. Their profession was to teach. Their hearts were to care. This is what you get at a Historically Black College and University. The scenario I just

Painted has been re-painted by thousands of HBCU graduates. The joy of this picture is that it lives on today. Teachers, staff and administrators want to be there. It was not their 2nd choice. It was not an alternative. Being at an HBCU is a calling that many have answered. The same passion for excellence runs through the veins of those employed today at HBCUs. Many of us have been HBCU ambassadors for years. We have been recommending and recruiting students to HBCUs. We have also held open houses and sponsored scholarships. What we need to see is more people using these strategies. However, one important strategy has been missing in many school districts in Amer-

ica. We must have more teachers and counselors recommend HBCUs to their students. In order to recommend more students, they must find out more and be better versed about HBCUs. I believe that students are missing out by not knowing about the academic programs and extracurricular activities at our colleges and universities. While many of us know about HBCUs, there are many that do not. This information can serve as a guide for them. There are 107 Historically Black Colleges and Universities that are identified by the US Department of Education. This is 2020 data. There are 4-year and 2-year schools, both public and private. Major programs are contemporary and cutting edge.

Scholarships are available and schools are looking for qualified students. On campus and off campus housing opportunities are available along with a variety of internship programs. All of these schools have strong academic missions that have withstood the test of time. Extracurricular activities and athletics have been central to keeping students stimulated and motivated. Many clubs are civic-minded and participate in such efforts as voter registration drives. Athletic competition is available at the Division I, II and junior college levels. HBCUs have sent their fair share of student-athletes to the professional ranks. Recently, we have seen former professional athletes

become coaches at HBCUs. There will be more to come. There are athletic scholarships in all sports. Contact the schools for more information. Graduate programs and continuing education programs continue to grow at these schools. As you begin your college visits, include HBCUs. You will come away impressed and wanting to enroll your loved ones as a traditional or non-traditional student. This column is dedicated to Reverend Elmon W. Prier, an awarding-winning teacher, coach and author. He has counseled hundreds of students about their higher education aspirations. He is a graduate of Wilberforce University, an HBCU in Yellow Springs Ohio.

Making good trouble

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



Rep. John Lewis, the civil rights icon who died last year, liked to tell activists that building a better world depended on people being willing to make “good trouble.” Rep. Cori Bush has just given us an example of effective troublemaking that should inspire us to action. Bush is in her first term as a member of Congress representing St. Louis, Missouri. She didn’t come with a typical resume of prestigious college and law school degrees and previous political jobs. Bush got into politics protesting police killings of unarmed black men. Because her work was seen and respected in her community, she beat the odds and beat a long-time member of Congress. Bush has experienced eviction herself. She knows how disruptive and dangerous it can be. So she wasn’t going to stay quiet when Biden administration officials and congressional leaders were ready to let a COVID-19 moratorium on evictions expire and put millions of families at risk. The temporary eviction ban was put in place by the Centers for Disease Control last September as a public health measure. Millions of families fell behind on rent because of the economic turmoil caused by the pandemic. The CDC knew that forcing those families out of their homes and into shelters or onto the streets in the middle of a pandemic would cost lives. That original moratorium expired July 31. It made no sense to kick people out of their

homes just when the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus was pushing the pandemic into another deadly phase. But the Supreme Court’s right-wing justices had signaled their disapproval for the moratorium. So the White House and congressional leaders played a bit of last-minute hot potato before Congress left town for its August recess without taking action to protect the families at risk of homelessness. Bush grabbed a sleeping bag and camped out on the steps of the U.S. Capitol for several days to shame people into action. You can be sure that many of her colleagues didn’t like being put on the spot as they went on vacation. Some of them anonymously criticized her tactics. Her hometown paper said she was ignoring “political reality.” Her right-wing critics ranged from dismissive to abusive. But it worked. Bush’s troublemaking meant that public officials could not just deflect attention from the crisis that was about to engulf thousands of families. And the White House worked with the CDC to extend protection against eviction for the vast majority of people at risk. The new moratorium is being challenged in court, and it will expire in October. But it is buying time for families at risk. It is giving local officials a chance to get money into the hands of people who need it. Bush’s good troublemaking also brought needed attention to the fact that Congress had approved \$46.5 billion to help renters and their landlords, but some states and counties hadn’t distributed a penny of it even months after they got the

money. When I saw people criticizing Bush for her tactics, I thought of Martin Luther King Jr.’s Letter from a Birmingham jail. He wrote that he had almost concluded that a greater stumbling block to the freedom movement than the KKK was the white moderate more devoted to “order” than justice, who constantly says, “I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action.” Bush saw that families behind on rent were facing a crisis point. Our democracy is also facing a crisis point. In state after state, where Republicans are in control, they are imposing new barriers to voting as they try to prolong and expand their hold on power. They want the power to resist progress on racial equity, access to health care, and all the other issues that motivated people to turn out and vote for Joe Biden. We can’t let them win. Voting rights activists across the country are organizing. They’re looking for people to help them make good trouble. When that opportunity comes your way, think of John Lewis and Cori Bush. And answer the call. Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way. 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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Being situated in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1 and in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 12, all in Township 6 North, Range 1 East, City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Commence at the Northwest corner of Turtle Creek subdivision, Part 1, A subdivision, the map or plate of which is recorded in Plat Book 30 at Page 42 of the Chancery Records of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, and run thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds East for a distance of 167.79 feet along the Northern line of the said Section 12 to the Northern line of Atkins Boulevard Extension; thence continue South 89 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds East for a distance of 158.11 feet along the said Northern Line of Section 12 to a point near the center of White Oak creek; thence North 22 degrees 06 minutes 39 seconds West for a distance of 38.48 feet along the said center of White Oak Creek; thence leave said center of White Oak Creek and run South 89 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds East for a distance of 35.38 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence South 12 degrees 14 minutes 16 seconds East for a distance of 107.99 feet; thence South 17 degrees 51 minutes 04 seconds East for a distance of 53.34 feet; thence South 20 degrees 20 minutes 43 seconds East for a distance of 43.90 feet; thence South 36 degrees 44 minutes 08 seconds East for a distance of 9.48 feet to the said Northern line of Adkins Boulevard Extension; thence run 105.98 feet along the arc of a 424.61 foot radius curve to the left along the said Northern line of Adkins Boulevard Extension to the Western line of Ridgewood Road, said arc having a 105.71 foot chord which bears South 77 degrees 22 minutes 37 seconds East; thence North 00 degrees 33 minutes 31 seconds East for a distance of 227.92 feet along the said Northern line of Ridgewood Road; thence leave said Western line of Ridgewood Road and run North 89 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds West for a distance of 165.55 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.6887 acres, more or less.

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, August 25, 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 prior to 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 26th day of July 2021.

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

8/5/2021, 8/19/2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4139

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 Abdulaziz Yafai has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a tobacco paraphernalia retail business in a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District for the property located at 1189 E. County Line Rd. (Parcel 738-8-3) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

TRACT I

A certain parcel of land being situated in Lots 1 and 8, Block 49, Highland Colony (Virden-Hatch Place), a Subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book A at Page 283, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest Corner of Wildwood North, Part II, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book 23 at Page 19; run thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 55 seconds West along the South right-of-way line of County Line Road (as now laid out and improved) for a distance of 40.10 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; said point being the Point of Intersection of the West line of a 40 foot right-of-way (undeveloped street) with said South right-of-way line of County Line Road; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence South 04 degrees 24 minutes 10 seconds West along said West line of a 40 foot right-of-way, said West line further being 40 feet West of and parallel to the West line of the aforesaid Wildwood North, Part II, for a distance of 766.66 feet to a point; run thence North 86 degrees 04 minutes 09 seconds West for a distance of 578.27 feet to a point on the East top of bank of Purple Creek; run thence North 01 degrees 54 minutes 05 seconds East along said East top of bank of Purple Creek for a distance of 71.00 feet to a point; run thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds East for a distance of 221.00 feet to a point; run thence North 04 degrees 05 minutes 33 seconds East for a distance of 242.48 feet to a point; run thence South 85 degrees 59 minutes 27 seconds East for a distance of 69.97 feet to a point; run thence North 04 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds East for a distance of 418.13 feet to a point on the aforesaid South right-of-way line of County Line Road; run thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 55 seconds East along said South right-of-way line of County Line Road for a distance of 296.36 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 261,912.573 square feet or 6.013 acres, more or less.

TRACT II

Together with those certain easement(s) appurtenant which constitute and interest in real property described in Reciprocal Easement And Operation Agreement of record in Book 3714, Page 384, as amended by Amendment To Reciprocal Easement And Operation Agreement of record in Book 5879, Page 958, as amended by Waiver For Reciprocal Easement And Operation Agreement of record in Book 5879, Page 972, as amended by Second Amendment To Reciprocal Easement And Operation Agreement of record in Book 6141, Page 001.

TRACT III

Together with those certain easement(s) appurtenant which constitute and interest in real property described in Declaration of Cross Access Easements and Covenants of record in Book 5879, Page 989, as amended by Amendment to Declaration Of Cross Access Easements And Covenants of record in Book 6141, Page 009.

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, August 25, 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 26th day of July 2021.

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

8/5/2021, 8/19/2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4140

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 John W. Craig has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a tattoo studio in an Urban Town Center Mixed-Use District for the property located at 605 Duling Ave. (Parcel 47-16) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT 1, Iorena subdivision, a subdivision ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF which is on file and of record in the OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, mississippi IN PLAT BOOK 1 AT PAGE 84, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as 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, August 25, 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 26th day of July 2021.

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

8/5/2021, 8/19/2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

ZONING CASE NO. 4137

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 Betty Sullivan has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for a professional (real estate) office within a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 1611 Countrywood Dr. (Parcel 713-498) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 20, Fairwood Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map of plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi in Plat Book 35, at Page 49, 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, August 25, 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 prior to 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 26th day of July 2021.

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

8/5/2021, 8/19/2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING WITH A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4141

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 Miltoria Heath has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential District with a Use Permit to operate an after school care center for property located at 1110 Noel St. (Parcel 65-81-1) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Being a part of block A of plat addition to the City of Jackson, and recorded in serial record block "A" at page 263 in the office of the chancery clerk of the first judicial district of Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows:

Commenting at the southwest corner of said block "A" of Split addition and in aid of this description reference made to a later serial record of said property, known as block A subdivision, a plat of which is of record in the chancery clerk's office above mentioned and the property herein owned is situated upon thereon as an unnumbered lot in the southwest corner of said plat, thence run north 88 degrees 31 minutes east along the north line of bell street as shown on said block A subdivision on plat 210.0 feet to an iron pin being 85.0 feet measured along the north line of bell street from the found iron at the southeast corner of lot 20 of block C of said school subdivision; thence north 10 degrees 25 minutes east along the west side of A 10 foot alley a distance of 105.1 feet to an iron pin marking the point of beginning of the property described herein; thence continue north 10 degrees 25 minutes east along last mentioned call 89.1 feet to an iron pin in the south right of way of Noel Avenue as shown on aforesaid block A subdivision on said iron pin being 353.6 feet measured along the south line of Noel Avenue from the northeast corner of lot 12, block C of said school line of Noel Avenue 122.2 feet; thence south 01 degree 53 minutes east 91.8 feet; thence north 85 degrees 59 minutes east 103.3 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.231 acres more or less.

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, August 25, 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 26th day of July 2021.

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

8/5/2021, 8/19/2021

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, MS, at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201 or at Post Office Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205 until 3:30 PM, local time, Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

Alta Woods Playground Renovation – Will O Wisp Way, Jackson, MS 39204
Virden Addition Playground Renovation, 3169 Edwards Ave, Jackson, MS 39213

Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished and sealed and deposited with City Clerk prior to the hour and date above designated. A copy of the construction documents (plans and/or specifications) for the construction being sought has been filed with the City Clerk of Jackson, MS. Official bid Documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids and/or reverse bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Questions regarding plan clarifications or requests for information should be directed to the landscape architect as follows:

WAS Design, Inc.
1510 North State Street, #300
Jackson, MS 39202
P: 601-790-0781

A copy of the Bid Documents (including plans and specifications for the Work) are being made available via digital and original paper copy. Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents from the Jackson Blueprint Online Plan Room website <http://planroom.jaxblue.com>. There is no charge for registration or to view the bid documents online. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. A printed bid set is approximately \$41.25 plus shipping and applicable sales tax and an electronic downloadable set is \$20.00 plus applicable sales tax. For questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Jackson Blueprint & Supply at (601)363-5803.

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

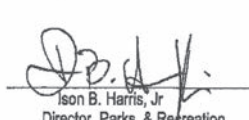
The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Division of Equal Business Opportunity at 601-980-1656. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the Program, as attached, are available at 200 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

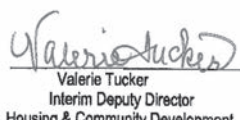
The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well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

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

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

The Pre-Bid Conference will be at 3:00 pm., Wednesday, September 8, 2021, Department of Parks & Recreation, 1000 Metrocenter Drive, Suite 104, Jackson, MS 39209. All Contractors who intend to submit "BIDS" are encouraged to attend.


John B. Harris, Jr.
Director, Parks & Recreation


Valerie Tucker
Interim Deputy Director
Housing & Community Development

8/12/2021, 8/19/2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4136

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 Alpha Robinson has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-4 (Limited Multi-Family Residential District) to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to allow for a restaurant, community center and other related C-2 uses at property located at 2000 Valley St. (Parcel: 163-231), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT ONE (1) AND 2 (TWO) OF BLOCK 17 OF COLLEGE PARK ADDITION; PART 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, AT JACKSON, IN PLAT BOOK 4 AT PAGE 37 THEREOF, 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, August 25, 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 prior to 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 26th day of July 2021.

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

8/5/2021, 8/19/2021

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR CITY OF JACKSON, MS

The City of Jackson, Mississippi will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2021-2022 on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$423,847,140 (117.5 percent) or \$75,253,385 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$399,326,359. Of that amount, (18.5 percent) or \$75,277,627 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the City of Jackson plans to increase your ad valorem tax millage rate by 3.00 mills from 63.03 to 66.03 mills. This means that you will pay more in for ad valorem tax millage means that you will pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property.

Any citizen of City of Jackson is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2021-2022, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

8/19/2021 8/26/21

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CITY OF JACKSON MISSISSIPPI PLAINTIFF

VERSUS G2021-00985 G/2

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS AND
ENTITIES AND PARTIES HAVING AN
INTEREST IN PARCEL # 145-27 LOCATED
IN THE CITY OF JACKSON MISSISSIPPI
AND COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS
MOUNT OLIVE CEMETERY

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

To: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS AND ENTITIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN PARCEL
145-27, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PERSONS BURIED IN MOUNT OLIVE CEMETERY

You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by The City of Jackson Mis-
sissippi to acquire title to Parcel # 145-27 located in Subdivision 640 which is commonly
referred to as Mount Olive Cemetery and is more adequately described in an instrument
recorded in Deed Book 18 at Page 581. The Jackson Cemetery Association was adminis-
tratively dissolved in May 1989. The officers of the entity prior to administrative dissolution
are not known. Persons other than you who are Defendants in this cause are Jackson
State University.

You are required to mail a written response to the Complaint to Carrie Johnson, attorney
for the Plaintiff(s) at Post Office Box 2779, Jackson, Mississippi 39207-2779. Alternatively,
the response may be hand delivered to the Plaintiff's attorney at 455 East Capitol Street,
Jackson, Mississippi.

Your response must be mailed or delivered not later than thirty (30) days after the date of
first publication of this summons. If your response is not so mailed or delivered, a judgment
by default will be entered against you for the money or relief demanded in the complaint.

You must also file the original of your response with the clerk of this Court within a reason-
able time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 9th day of July 2021.

Seal Eddie Jean Carr, Chancery Clerk
By: S Rankin, Deputy Clerk

8/5/2021, 8/12/2021, 8/19/2021

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Advertisement for RFQ
RFQ 2021-03 Air Disinfecting Systems

Sealed, written formal rfq proposals for the above rfq will be received by the Board of
Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South Presi-
dent Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), September
02, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened. The Board of Trustees
reserves the right to reject any and all rfqs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the
acceptance of any rfq if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfqs are
opened.

Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing
HYPERLINK "mailto:mishelton@jackson.k12.ms.us" mishelton@jackson.k12.ms.us,
calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above 1120900285dress
or downloaded from JPS website at HYPERLINK "http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us" www.
jackson.k12.ms.us.

8/19/2021, 8/26/2021

PICK UP
The MISSISSIPPI LINK
AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

JACKSON
BULLY'S RESTAURANT

3118 Livingston Road
CASH & CARRY
Capitol Street and Monument Street
CITY HALL
219 S President St
GARRETT OFFICE COMPLEX
2659 Livingston Road
DOLLAR GENERAL
3957 Northview Dr (North Jackson)
DOLLAR GENERAL
2030 N Siwell Rd
DOLLAR GENERAL
4331 Highway 80W
DOLLAR GENERAL
5990 Medgar Evers Blvd
DOLLAR GENERAL
1214 Capitol St (Downtown Jackson)
DOLLAR GENERAL
304 Briarwood Dr
DOLLAR GENERAL
2855 McDowell Rd
DOLLAR GENERAL
104 Terry Rd
J & A FUEL STORES
3249 Medgar Evers Blvd.
LIBERTY BANK AND TRUST
2325 Livingston Rd.
MCDADE'S MARKET
Northside Drive
MCDADE'S MARKET #2
653 Duling Avenue
PICADILLY CAFETERIA
Jackson Medical Mall
350 W Woodrow Wilson Avenue
SHELL FOOD MART
5492 Watkins Drive

SPORTS MEDICINE

Fortification and I-55
MURPHY USA
6394 Ridgewood Rd (North Jackson)
REVELL ACE HARDWARE
Terry Rd (South Jackson)
WALGREENS
380 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave

CANTON
A & I

716 Roby Street - Canton, MS
B & B
702 West North Street - Canton, MS
BOUTIQUE STORE
3355 North Liberty - Canton, MS
BULLY'S STORE
Church Street - Canton, MS
COMMUNITY MART
743 Ruby Street - Canton, MS
FRYER LANE GROCERY
Martin Luther King Drive - Canton, MS
HAMLIN FLORAL DESIGN
285 Peace Street - Canton, MS
JOE'S SANDWICH & GROCERY
507 Church Street - Canton, MS
K & K ONE STOP
110 West Fulton Street - Canton, MS
LACY'S INSURANCE
421 Peace Street - Canton, MS
SOUL SET BARBER SHOP
257 Peace Street - Canton, MS
TRAILER PARK GROCERY
22 Westside Drive - Canton, MS

BYRAM

DOLLAR GENERAL
125 Swinging Bridge Dr.
HAVIOR'S AUTO CARE
5495 I-55 South Frontage Road

VOWELL'S MARKET PLACE

5777 Terry Road
CITY HALL
Terry Road

CLINTON
DOLLAR GENERAL

807 Berkshire St - Clinton, MS

TERRY
SERVICE STATION

at Exit 78
CITY HALL
West Cunningham Avenue

RAYMOND
HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WELCOME CENTER

505 E. Main Street
SUNFLOWER GROCERY
122 Old Port Gibson Street,
Raymond, MS
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With 17 percent of black Families reporting a lack of food, Biden Administration gives SNAP biggest increase in history



A U.S. Department of Agriculture study revealed that 88 percent of SNAP recipients struggled to obtain a healthy diet. PHOTO: STOCKPOTS / NNPA

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Seventeen percent of black families in America still report not having enough food to eat – surpassing the 10 percent of all U.S. citizens with the same problem. But that dire circumstance could change starting in October when the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program receives its most significant increase in history. The Biden-Harris administration has approved an average 25 percent increase in benefits that should allow families more resources to purchase food. It marks the first time the benefit – commonly known as SNAP – increased since the program began in 1975.

“Ensuring low-income families have access to a healthy diet helps prevent disease, supports children in the classroom, reduces health-care costs and more,” U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said in a statement. “And the additional money families will spend on groceries helps grow the food economy, creating thousands of new jobs along the way.”

A U.S. Department of Agriculture study revealed that 88 percent of SNAP recipients struggled to obtain a healthy diet. Officials said recipients would receive an average of \$147, or \$36 more per month than they previously received. Vilsack said the department

based the updated benefits formula on current food prices, dietary guidance and nutrients found in food items.

“Today is a day of great progress for struggling families across the nation, who will soon see a permanent and substantial increase to their monthly SNAP benefits for the first time ever,” noted House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.). “Thanks to the Biden Administration strengthening this important lifeline, parents will be able to afford healthy food for their families, and children will not have to go to bed hungry.”

More than 42 million Americans receive SNAP – more commonly known as food stamps. The number of recipients rose approximately 15 percent from February 2020, when the pandemic began, to April 2021. Government officials estimate that 80 percent of those who receive SNAP benefits work and have children, those with disabilities and seniors on fixed incomes.

The Biden-Harris Administration asserted that the increase is another tool in the fight against poverty, and it provides children with better food selections.

“This program was incredibly important for Americans,” Vilsack insisted. “The pandemic sort of shocked people from thinking, ‘I would never be involved in the SNAP program.’”

CDC announces new disease forecasting center

By Dr. Rochelle Walensky
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Wednesday, August 18, announced a new center designed to advance the use of forecasting and outbreak analytics in public health decision making.

In a news release, officials said the Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics will bring together next-generation public health data, expert disease modelers, public health emergency responders, and high-quality communications, to meet the needs of decision makers.

The center launches with a goal of predicting disease threats, provide early warning and real-time data on outbreaks. Health officials said it would accelerate access to and use of data for public health decision-makers who need information to mitigate the effects of disease threats, such as social and economic disruption.

The center will prioritize equity and accessibility, while serving as a hub for innovation and research on disease modeling. “This is an amazing opportunity for CDC and public

health as we stand up the country’s first government-wide public health forecasting center,” said CDC Director Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky.

“We are excited to have the expertise and ability to model and forecast public health concerns and share information in real-time to activate governmental, private sector, and public actions in anticipation of threats both domestically and abroad.”

The center, with initial funding from the American Rescue Plan, will focus on three key functions:

- Predict: Undertake modeling and forecasting; enhance the ability to determine the foundational data sources needed; support research and innovation in outbreak analytics and science for real-time action; and establish appropriate forecasting horizons.
- Connect: Expand broad capability for data sharing and integration; maximize interoperability with data standards and utilize open-source software and application programming interface capabilities, with existing and new data streams from the public health ecosystem and beyond.
- Inform: Translate and

communicate forecasts; connect with key decision-makers across sectors including government, businesses, and non-profits, along with individuals with strong intergovernmental affairs and communication capacity for action.

The new leadership team charged with the development and implementation of a plan to establish the center, includes:

- Dr. Marc Lipsitch, who will serve as director for Science
- Dr. Dylan George, who will serve as director for Operations
- Dr. Caitlin Rivers, who will serve as associate director
- Dr. Rebecca Kahn, who will serve as senior scientist.

“I am thrilled to be joining an exceptional team at CDC to build new capabilities for the fight against pandemics,” Dr. George exclaimed in the news release. “Pandemics threaten our families and communities at speed and scale – our response needs to move at speed and scale, too. The Center will provide critical information to communities so we can respond efficiently and effectively. The U.S. desperately

needs this capability, and I am grateful for the opportunity to help build it.”

The new center will meet a longstanding need for a national focal point to analyze data and forecast the trajectory of pandemics with the express goal of informing and improving decisions with the best available evidence, added Dr. Lipsitch.

“I am thrilled to be working with a great team at CDC to set it up, and excited to integrate the best and most innovative ideas from academia, the private sector, and government to make this a reality that will truly improve our response to future pandemics, and indeed to other infectious diseases,” Dr. Lipsitch remarked.

Officials concluded that, in establishing the center, the CDC “is addressing a critical need to improve the U.S. government’s ability to forecast and model emerging health threats, while building on existing modeling activities, expanding collaboration through interoperability, accessibility and increased emphasis on policy-maker decision support and communication to the public.”

Health officials and medical experts formally announce new Covid booster shots

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Top health officials and medical experts joined on Wednesday, August 18, to announce that booster shots of the COVID-19 vaccine will be available beginning on September 20.

The officials said the boosters are still pending authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci, and COVID Health Equity Task Force Chair Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith counted among the experts and officials to issue a news release about the additional shots.

“We are prepared to offer booster shots for all Americans beginning the week of September 20 and starting eight months after an individual’s second dose,” the officials wrote.

“At that time, the individuals who were fully vaccinated earliest in the vaccination rollout, including many health care providers, nursing home residents, and other seniors, will likely be eligible for a booster.”

The statement continued: “We would also begin efforts to deliver booster shots directly to residents of long-term care facilities at that time, given the distribution



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of vaccines to this population early in the vaccine rollout and the continued increased risk that COVID-19 poses to them.”

The announcement arrives as the virus continues a rapid spread throughout the country, with hotspots identified in Florida, Mississippi, Texas, Oregon and other states.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said it plans to send a mortuary trailer to San Antonio, Texas because bodies are beginning to pile there.

In South Carolina, the Pickens County School District closed schools and converted to remote learning after a dramatic Covid outbreak.

During the first week of school in El Paso, Texas, health officials reported 309

active Covid cases in children. That number rose the second week to 373, and ultimately it climbed this week to 501.

Vaccines still have not been authorized for children under 12.

Authorized COVID-19 vaccines are “remarkably effective in reducing the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant,” health officials stated.

The officials continued that “current protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death could diminish in the months ahead, especially among those who are at higher risk or were vaccinated during the earlier phases of the vaccination rollout. For that reason, we conclude that a

booster shot will be needed to maximize vaccine-induced protection and prolong its durability.”

The initial booster doses will be for the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines.

Still, health officials said shots would likely be necessary for individuals who received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

“Administration of the J&J vaccine did not begin in the U.S. until March 2021, and we expect more data on J&J in the next few weeks,” the officials wrote.

“We continue to expand efforts to increase the supply of vaccines globally for other countries, “building further on the more than 600 million doses we have already committed to donating globally.”

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The National Pan-Hellenic Council of the Metro Jackson Area honors Dr. David Marion

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Metro Jackson Area Chapters of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) will honor Dr. David Marion for his outstanding contributions to the community Sunday, August 29, 2021, at 4 p.m. in the Kroger Gymnasium-Health and Wellness Center at Tougaloo College.

The event will culminate in the formal launch of the Metro Jackson/Dr. David Marion Scholarship Endowment at Jackson State University. The perpetual endowment will assist deserving JSU-bound freshmen from the local community.

In September 2020, Marion was elected chairman of the NPHC

Council of Presidents. As chairman, he leads a collective membership exceeding 2.5 million members throughout the United States and 18 countries.

He's made an indelible mark by supporting the nine affiliate organizations and has made significant strides in financial support of our Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The Jackson State alumnus concurrently serves as Grand Basileus (International President) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., leading its over 200,000 members in 750 chapters in over 15 countries. Marion is the first Mississippian to hold the unique distinction as both chairman of the NPHC and Inter-

national President of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The August 29 event will also highlight the 90th anniversary of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and over 70 years of the local chapter. Additional honorees include area frontline workers who continue to provide generously to our community during the ongoing threat of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To attend this event, each attendee must present a \$35 ticket; show proof of vaccination documentation and must wear a face mask.

For additional information contact the organization at nphc90@gmail.com.



Tougaloo baseball coach Earl Sanders to be honored at Grand Slam Legacy Gala

By Tim Ward
Sports Editor

On August 28, 2021 at 7 p.m. at Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, Tougaloo College will be hosting a fundraising gala, entitled, "Grand Slam Legacy" with the proceeds going to athletic scholarships, equipment and improving facilities.

Tougaloo will be honoring head baseball coach Earl Sanders. Sanders has worked at Tougaloo College for over 20 years, starting in August of 1999.

The event is expected to draw approximately 200 supporters and participating businesses.



Sanders

Due to field conditions, the Tougaloo baseball team has been forced to play their games at Smith Wills Stadium on Lakeland Drive. While the facilities are nice, it's no place like home.

If the baseball field was on campus, fellow students would come see their team play.

After seven seasons in professional baseball, Sanders took the servant leadership mantle to the next level becoming the coordinator for Student Activities at Tougaloo College. Eventually, Sanders would assume the roles and responsibilities of director of Student Activities. In this capacity, Sanders advises and oversees the Student Government Association, Greek Life, and other campus groups. Additionally, he serves as a liaison for the campus organizations and community

partners.

Sanders has committed himself to providing opportunities for African-American student athletes – becoming a pioneer for Tougaloo baseball and initiating efforts to re-establish the program.

Sanders served as the head coach of the Bulldog baseball program from 2002-2007.

During his time away from the collegiate coaching ranks, Sanders volunteered his efforts to rejuvenate the culture of baseball for African-American youth in the Jackson-Metro area. He served as the coach for a youth baseball team sponsored by Uplift, Inc. for

children ages 13-18.

As a result of his service and mentorship through baseball, numerous African-American males have earned both academic and athletic scholarships that permitted them to attend college and to earn a degree.

In 2014, Sanders returned to the helm of the Bulldog baseball program and since has claimed the most wins in a regular season, the program's first winning record at any point of a season, and first winning streak since the re-establishment of the program in 2002.

Although he has demonstrated

a heartfelt commitment to Tougaloo College, he still has great love for Jackson State University. Sanders is a 2009 graduate of JSU with a Bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies.

He is an active member in the National Jackson State University Alumni Association (Byram-Terry Chapter), a 2003 JSU Athletics Hall of Fame inductee and former president of the JSU Athletics Hall of Fame Committee.

Efforts are on the way to improve conditions for student athletes at Tougaloo. Events like the Grand Slam Legacy are a great start.

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Like almost everybody in the world, you have scars. There’s the one you got when you were five years old, and you fell off the slide at school. The one you got when you dropped a glass and accidentally cut yourself. You have scars from fun, children, hobbies, work and from you-can’t-remember-where. Those are the scars you wear on your outside. So how about a couple books that deal with your scars inside...?

You are beautiful. Everyone


knows it, but there’s so much more to you than what can be seen. In “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen: The Emotional Lives of Black Women” by Inger Burnett-Zeigler, PhD, you’ll learn how detrimental it can be to ignore your feelings, whether now or the ones from the past. So much has been said about the strength of black women, and while there’s no denying that black women are steely-strong, Burnett-Zeigler points out that much of that strength and power is tied to violence, racism, sexism, poverty and trauma, whether

personal, societal or historical. These matters can lead to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression, and other mental health issues, but those things aren’t often explored or discussed in deeper terms. The danger is that ignoring them or tamping them down can lead to physical disorders and disease over the long-term, an overall problem that’s gone unaddressed for too long. In bringing this subject to the forefront, and by sharing relevant stories of women who’ve recognized past issues and have dealt

with them, Burnett-Zeigler helps readers to understand what must be done and why it can’t wait. Specifically, she offers permission and encouragement for readers who wish to seek professional help by removing perceived shame in it, and she advocates embracing self-care and the allowance of vulnerability. This is a wonderful book, it’s relatable, and it’s easy to enjoy, even for the busiest of readers who need to learn to slow down and look out for themselves. Of course, these are attitudes and practices you want to pass

on to the next generation, perhaps starting with discussion and “Wake: The Hidden History of Women-Led Slave Revolts” by Rebecca Hall, illustrated by Hugo Martinez. Part memoir, part history, this book tells of Hall’s search to correct a long-held mythology that’s lingered throughout history. Most stories about slavery would have you believe that men were the catalysts for revolt but Hall, the granddaughter of slaves, learned otherwise. Through documents, letters, and even physical evidence from graves, she learned that black women were

also fierce leaders of many uprisings throughout history and that women who make good trouble are just as active today as they were two hundred years ago. For a 12-to-16-year-old, this is a great conversation-starter about the past, the present and their future mental health. If these books don’t quite fit what you’re looking for, or if you need more on these subjects, be sure to ask your favorite bookseller or librarian. They’ll know what you need and they’ll help you find it with a minimum of pain.



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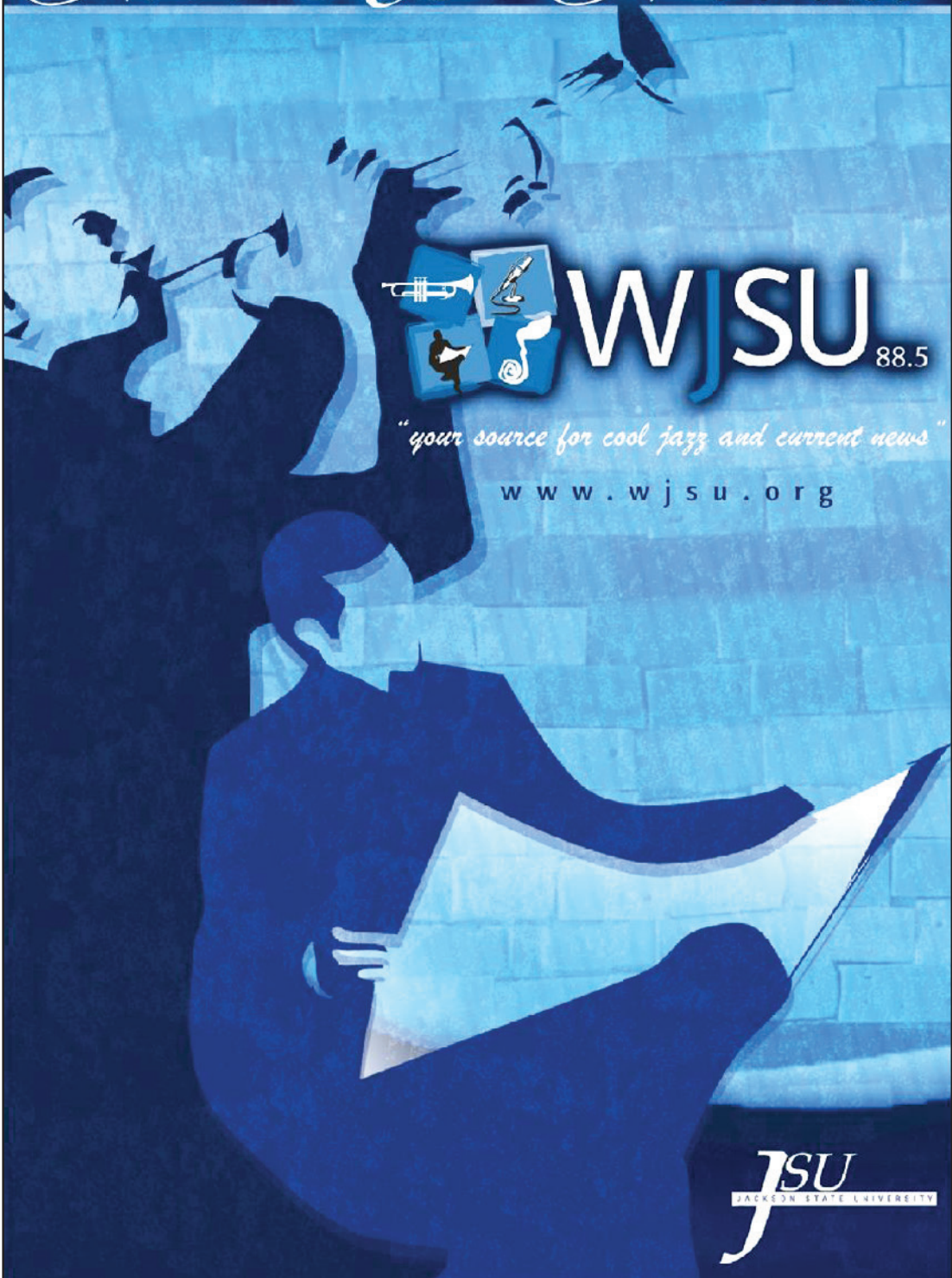
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by *H Ralph Samuels Jr.*

The numbers are steadily rising
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against another mask mandate.

“We have our rights” they argue
“And we’ll fight for them,” they say,
It’s a shame that they don’t care
that people are dying everyday.

So, I’m trying to figure out
what really is the issue,
‘cause many will be weeping
and sadly using plenty of tissue

Is it really a crime,
just for someone to ask
that you show some compassion
and please put on a mask?

What is it really going to hurt
especially if it saves a life?
It could be your son or daughter,
even your husband or your wife.

Hospitals are reaching capacity
and even healthy folks are dying.
Funeral homes are doing their best
to comfort families that are crying.

And everyday the news reports
someone new is getting sick
While adults like Russian roulette
continue playing politics

And now we’ve sent our children,
God help them, back into the schools.
Yet some adults have forgotten
the words of the “Golden Rule.”

As you would, therefore
men would do unto you,
Do ye also unto them
Words that both are tried and true.

Or what about the law of
love thy neighbors as thyself.
This also means being practical
and considerate of others’ health.

So you mean to tell me
that you’d rather have your rights
than to keep someone from crying
‘cause their loved one died last night?

Understand this virus is very real
so don’t believe the myths.
And please don’t spread the lies
and then try to plead the fifth.

No one is questioning your rights
they’re as American as apple pie.
But what about others’ right to live
and not from the virus die?

And let me add this word
and I pray that you will hear;
Stop the practice of trying to pit
someone’s faith against your fear.

It’s not a legitimate argument
to say, “it’s either one or the other.”
Faith always overcomes fear
so stop trying to confuse your brother.

Yes, there is a legitimate concern
when it comes to science and faith;
But they are not against each other
they both operate by God’s grace

So let’s not muddy the water
or cause hysteria in the masses.
But let’s be honest with each other
and pray that this pandemic passes

Let’s be vigilant and stay the course,
I believe God will see us through.
Let’s show the love of Christ to all
You pray for me, I’ll pray for you

One day the history will be written
and to our children we’ll have to explain;
We could have saved lives, but we didn’t
And they will say, “now that was insane.”

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