

Biden’s 2021 National HBCU Week Proclamation pinpoints reactions from Cameron Webb and Trey Baker, White House correspondents

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The Biden-Harris Administration’s investment in Historically Black Colleges and Universities is unprecedented. While striving to “build these colleges up better than they were before,” they delivered through COVID-19 emergency relief funding and the discharging of HBCU Capital Financing loans more than \$5 billion.

In March Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion economic-stimulus package. America’s 100 black colleges will gain \$1 billion immediately. Add to that \$1.6 billion yet to come this year.

In his executive order entitled the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Biden asserted that the Federal government is responsible for promoting modern solutions for HBCUs as their opportunities and challenges “are as diverse as the institutions themselves and the communities they serve.”

The Biden-Harris Administration’s pledge to HBCUs seems to project positive strides for goal attainment. In a recent proclamation, the President declared Sept. 5 through 11 as the National Historically Black Colleges and Universities week. He called upon every American to acknowledge via programs, ceremonies and activities, contributions made by HBCUs for the betterment of society.



Dr. Cameron Webb, senior policy advisor for COVID-19 Equity, White House COVID-19 Response Team



Trey Baker, senior advisor for public engagement, White House Office of Public Engagement

During a discussion around the Administration’s commitments to HBCUs and the important work HBCUs are doing to address COVID-19 at their institutions and in communities throughout the nation, Trey Baker, White House senior advisor, gave the administration high marks. He spoke glowingly of a “phenomenal” and “built-in” benefit for HBCUs.

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JPS’ COVID-19 vaccination blitz: ‘It didn’t hurt,’ middle school student stressed.

Mississippi’s capital city’s school district actively engages in the fight against COVID.

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“No! It didn’t hurt!” D’Anthony Ellis, a 7th-grader at Powell Middle School, Jackson, Miss., told *The Mississippi Link*.

Accompanied by his mother, Chandi Ellis, D’Anthony Ellis had just taken his first vaccination against the COVID-19 on the stage of the school.

The clinic: Harmony House Calls & Medical Services of Jackson, administered the vaccination.

“We are working in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Health, and they contacted us to let us know that they wanted us to be a part of the event,” said Stacia Dunson, CEO and nurse practitioner of Harmony House Calls & Medical Services. “Of course, we are big advocates for the community. So when we heard that we would be vaccinating children who also affect adults, our answer was, yes.”

The vaccination drive is part of a series of ongoing Jackson Public School District “strategic engagements” to fight the Coronavirus called, JPS COVID-19 Vaccination Blitz.

“I want to make sure that [my son] gets vaccinated so that if he does be around someone that has COVID that maybe if he does contract it, then it won’t be as serious as it is for those who are not vaccinated,” said Chandi Ellis. Ellis said she had already been vaccinated.

Dunson urges any skeptics to “listen to the science and not misinformation” and not naysayers.

This week (Aug. 8 and 9),



Chandi Ellis points to COVID-19 sticker on son D’Anthony Ellis’s jacket, after he got the COVID-19 vaccine.



Amanda Thomas

JPS is collaborating with the State Department of Health, Harmony House Calls & Medical Services, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta sorority to hold these drives at its middle schools. A number of them have already been held

at the high school level.

“The vaccination clinics have proven successful,” said Amanda Thomas, JPS’ executive director of Climate and Wellness in an interview Wednesday morning (Aug. 8) with *The Mississippi Link*.

“During the first round of our most recent vaccination clinic, we had 201 students and/or staff receive the vaccine. During the second round, we had 227 students and/or staff receive the vaccine. Participants received the second dosage and some received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccination. Parents have been supportive of our efforts. These drives have been for students under the age of 18; so parental consent was granted,” Thomas explained.

Asked, what are some of the district’s future goals, plans,

and safety measures to help keep its students and staff safe as it navigates through this heightened increase in COVID cases statewide, Thomas shared the following response:

“As we progress through this pandemic, we plan to continue our efforts to slow the spread of the virus by using multiple mitigation strategies. We plan to continue to promote vaccination. As a matter of fact, a vaccination blitz for middle schools is being held September 8 and 9. We will also continue to implement our universal mask mandate for students and staff. Buildings will be disinfected and ventilation will be checked and maintained. Students and staff will continue to practice social/physical distancing when

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Hospitals in crisis in least vaccinated state in US

By Leah Willingham
Associated Press/Report for America

As patients stream into Mississippi hospitals one after another, doctors and nurses have become all too accustomed to the rampant denial and misinformation about COVID-19 in the nation’s least vaccinated state.

Some people are in denial about the severity of their own illness or the virus itself, with visitors frequently trying to enter hospitals without masks. There is the painful look of recognition on patients’ faces when they realize they made a mistake not getting vaccinated. They share constant misinformation about the coronavirus

with medical staff.

“There’s no point in being judgmental in that situation. There’s no point in telling them, ‘You should have gotten the vaccine or you wouldn’t be here,’” said Dr. Risa Moriarty, executive vice chair of the University of Mississippi Medical Center’s emergency department. “We don’t do that. We try not to preach and lecture them. Some of them are so sick they can barely even speak to us.”

Mississippi’s low vaccination rate, with about 38% of the state’s 3 million people fully inoculated against COVID-19, is driving a surge in cases and hospitalizations that is overwhelming medical workers. The

workers are angry and exhausted over both the workload and refusal by residents to embrace the vaccine.

Physicians at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the only level one trauma center in all of Mississippi, are caring for the sickest patients in the state.

The emergency room and intensive care unit are beyond capacity, almost all with COVID patients. Moriarty said it’s like a “logjam” with beds in hallways, patients being treated in triage rooms. Paramedics are delayed in responding to calls because they have to wait with patients who are.

In one hospital in Mississippi,

four pregnant women died last week, said state health officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs. Three of the cases required emergency C-sections and babies were born severely premature.

“This is the reality that we’re looking at and, again, none of these individuals were vaccinated,” Dobbs said.

Moriarty said it’s hard to put into words the fatigue she and her colleagues feel. Going into work each day has become taxing and heartbreaking, she said.

“Most of us still have enough emotional reserve to be compassionate, but you leave work at the end of the day just exhausted by the effort it takes to drag that compassion up for people who

are not taking care of themselves and the people around them,” she said.

During a recent news conference, UMMC’s head, Dr. LouAnn Woodward, fought back tears as she described the toll health workers.

“We as a state, as a collective, have failed to respond in a unified way to a common threat,” Woodward said.

As the virus surges, hospital officials are begging residents to get vaccinated. UMMC announced in July that it will mandate its 10,000 employees and 3,000 students be vaccinated, or wear a N95 mask on campus. By the end of August, leaders revised that policy, vaccination

is the only option.

Moriarty said this surge has taken a toll on morale more than previous peaks of the virus. Her team thought in May and June that despite Mississippi’s low vaccination rate, there was an end in sight. The hospital’s ICUs were empty and they had few COVID patients. Then cases surged with the delta variant of the virus, swamping the hospital.

Numbers of total coronavirus hospitalizations in Mississippi have dipped slightly, with just under 1,450 people hospitalized for coronavirus on Sept. 1, compared with around 1,670 on Aug. 19. But they are still higher

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Jackson State captures trophy at the Orange Blossom Classic



Jackson State quarterback Shedeur Sanders (2) looks to pass downfield against Florida A&M in the fourth quarter. PHOTOS BY JIM RASSOL/AP



Coach Deion Sanders, center, holds the Orange Blossom Classic trophy after win.

By Tim Ward
Sports Writer

The “real” season that Tiger fans have been anticipating began in Miami last Sunday. It was a nail biter. Jackson State survived 7 to 6 over new SWAC

member FAMU. The defense was amazing. The offense is still working out the kinks. Shedeur Sanders’ college debut was a good one. Sanders was 18 of 24 for 221 yards and scored

the only touchdown of the game on a quarterback sneak. Sanders showed great touch and accuracy all day, especially on the deep ball. He did however fumble 3 times, recovering only 1 of them. Senior Josh Lanier caught 6

passes for 61 yards. The running game needs a charge of energy only eclipsing 71 yards on the day. Senior Peyyton Pickett lead the way with 62 yards rushing. But the defense was the story.

Fast and physical all day. They hit hard and they hit often. And with the game on the line, the “Darkside” Defense came through with the critical defense stop to seal the victory. Senior linebacker Aubrey

Miller totaled 9 tackles and 1 sack. Miller would go on to win SWAC defensive Player of the week. Shilo Sanders played well in the secondary for the defense. Next for JSU is Tennessee State in Memphis this Saturday.



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Chandi Ellis observes as her son, D'Anthony Ellis, is about to receive his COVID-19 vaccine. PHOTOS BY GAIL BROWN, PH.D



(L-R) Stacia Dunson, CEO & nurse practitioner and Julie Chinn-Amos, office coordinator of Harmony House Calls & Medical Services

feasible and we will encourage frequent hand-washing and sanitizing. As an additional layer of prevention, unvaccinated student-athletes will undergo weekly COVID-19 testing. We are also proposing to have weekly testing for unvaccinated staff.”

In terms of what advice or encouragement would she give to any parents who still may not be sure about consenting for their children to be vaccinated, she said, “I would encourage parents to do their research. Look closely at the number of cases this variant is having on young people. Talk to physicians and trusted individuals to get the facts and make a decision based on the science, the facts – not opinions.”

According to Thomas, JPS has over 18,000 students enrolled. “As of yesterday, Sept. 7, we have had a total of 159 COVID-19 cases for students. 1,839 students have been quarantined. We have had a total of 31 positive COVID-19 cases for staff. Ninety-seven staff members have been quarantined.

DeAnthony Ellis’ advice to fellow students who might be afraid to get vaccinated is, “It didn’t hurt. They need to get vaccinated.” He repeated, “they need to get vaccinated.”



(L-R) Roy Jackson and Tammy Rankin

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Baker asserted that the Biden-Harris Administration has done more than previous administrations in the financial restoration of HBCUs. “The week celebrates the assistance that can be provided from the administrative level. It’s doing everything it can possibly do,” he added.

Reflecting on COVID-19, Dr. Cameron Webb, senior policy advisor for COVID-19 Equity, White House COVID-19 Response Team, pointed out that 3 out of 5 or 60% of blacks have been vaccinated. “HBCUs are requiring vaccinations for students to come back, and students are getting vaccinated. [They] are returning to their home towns to encourage others. The tragedy is those unvaccinated,” he stated.

Not letting up on the unvaccinated, Cameron

maintained: “The science is really clear. People need to know that there is disinformation. There are people who have degrees who still are swayed by disinformation.”

Mentioning that people should seek what is truth, Webb indicated that the threat is the virus. “Almost 33% of people who get COVID have long-term symptoms. We went through a vigorous process of evaluation. This is a time to be information-hungry and to get the facts. People need to use high standards. They are making terrible decisions. It’s tragic that blacks resort to distrusted information,” he said unapologetically.

Webb referred readers to the following trusted sites on COVID-19 vaccinations: [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov/); [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/) and [hhs.gov](https://www.hhs.gov/).

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than numbers during previous surges of the virus.

In the medical center’s children’s hospital, emergency room nurse Anna Sinclair said she is tired of the constant misinformation she hears, namely that children can’t get very ill from COVID.

“I’ve seen children die in my unit of COVID, complications, and that’s just not something you can ever forget,” she said.

“It’s very sobering,” continued Sinclair, who is the parent of a 2-year-old and a 5-year-old and worries for their safety. “I just wish people could look past the politics and think about their families and their children.”

To deal with overflow COVID patients, Christian relief charity Samaritan’s Purse set up an emergency field hospital in the parking garage of UMMC’s children’s hospital.

The hospital is treating an average of 15 pa-

tients a day, with the capacity for seven ICU patients.

Nurse Kelly Sites, who has also treated COVID patients in hotspots like California and Italy, said it’s heartwrenching to know that some of the severe cases could have been prevented with the vaccine. Many patients are so sick they can’t talk. Nurses walk around with scripture verses on duct tape on their scrubs and will recite them to help patients.

Samaritan’s Purse is an international disaster relief organization with missions spanning multiple continents. Sites has responded to 20 missions, in Haiti, the Philippines, Liberia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and other places.

“To respond to the United States is quite surreal for us,” she said. “It’s a challenge because usually, home is stable. And so when we deploy, we’re just going to the disaster. This is the first time we’ve been here since the disaster.”

Mississippi has 120 days to come up with mental health plan

By Leah Willingham
Associated Press/Report for America

Mississippi has 120 days to come up with proposed long-term plan for how it will work to prevent unnecessary institutionalizations of people with mental illness in state hospitals, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves ordered that the state’s initial plan be submitted to the U.S. Justice Department and an independent monitor, Michael Hogan, for feedback. The final plan must be completed in 180 days.

Hogan is a mental health care veteran with 40 years’ experience. He previously served as special master amid the ongoing litigation between the Mississippi Department of Health and the federal government.

Hogan is “well-suited by qualifications, experience and judgment to serve as monitor in this case,” Reeves wrote.

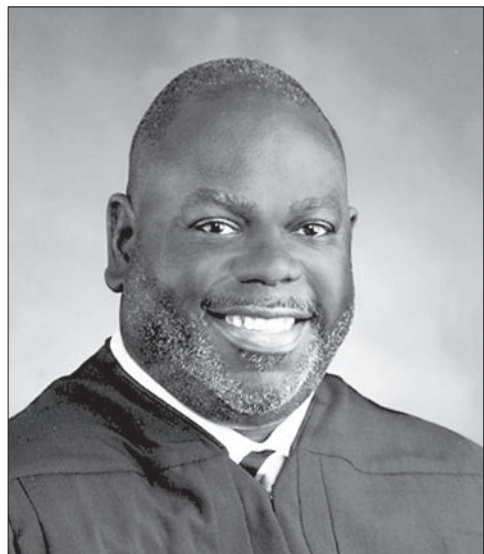
The Justice Department sued Mississippi in 2016, and Reeves ruled the state was in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Federal attorneys said during a 2019 trial that mentally ill people were being held in jails because crisis teams did not respond. They said people had been forced to live far from their families because mental health services were not available in their hometowns. They also said people made repeated trips to Mississippi mental hospitals because there was no effective planning for them to transition to community services, and the most intensive kinds of services were not being made available.

During a July hearing, state attorneys said Mississippi has enacted programs that enable people to obtain treatment in their communities and avoid hospitalizations, such as mobile crisis teams, supportive housing and peer support services.

Justice Department attorneys said those services need to be expanded and there need to be metrics to ensure they are working.

While acting as special master, Hogan suggested a monitor be put in place to independently verify the state’s data on services



Reeves

it provides. He said the state did not appear to be collecting adequate information to interpret the success of services.

Under Reeves’ order, the state will be responsible for tracking a wide array of data, including state hospital admissions and the number of patients who remain in state hospitals more than 180 days, calls to mobile crisis teams and the number of people being placed in jail while waiting for a state hospital bed.

Mississippi will also be charged with starting a clinical review process. The state will be required to sample 100 to 200 patients a year “to assure that services are working as intended to address the needs of people with serious mental illness.”

Hogan said previously that the review process should provide a meaningful cross-check of data.

While acting as monitor, Hogan will be required to provide reports every six months on the state’s compliance with Reeves’ order. Reeves will hold a status conference with the state, the federal government and Hogan after each report is submitted.

Hogan will be appointed for three years and could be reappointed. Hogan will be paid by the state, but Reeves’ order did not specify how much.

Ex-owner of Mississippi restaurant pleads guilty in killing

The Associated Press

The former co-owner of an award-winning Mississippi restaurant will avoid prison time after she pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the shooting death of a man outside a liquor store she also owns.

Greta Brown Bully, 52, of Ridgeland, entered the guilty plea Wednesday in Hinds County Circuit Court. She was sentenced to 10 years in prison, but two of those will be served on house arrest and the other eight are suspended. That means she will not spend any time in prison.

Bully was charged with first-degree murder, drive-by shooting and evidence tampering after Larry Lee, 65, was shot to death in April 2020 in the parking lot of a liquor store she owns in Jackson.

Bully is the daughter of a Hinds County constable. She is also former co-owner of Bully’s Soul Food Restaurant in Jackson, which received an America’s Classics Award from the James Beard Foundation in 2016. The foundation says the designation is for restaurants that have “timeless appeal” and “serve quality food that reflects the character of their communities.”

WAPT-TV reported that before Judge Forrest A. Johnson accepted Bully’s plea deal Wednesday, he heard testimony and watched police body camera video that

showed Bully telling officers she shot Lee after he walked up on her and she told him several times to leave.

Hinds County District Attorney Jody Owens said two handguns were used to shoot Lee while he sat outside a liquor store that Bully owned. A Jackson police detective testified that Lee appeared to be sitting on the ground next to the building when he was shot.

Bully told the judge she was sorry for Lee’s death, but she shot him “because I feared for my life and I had no alternative.”

Johnson is a retired circuit judge from Adams County. The Mississippi Supreme Court last year appointed him to oversee Bully’s case last year after all four Hinds County circuit judges recused themselves.

WLBT-TV reported that Bully’s defense attorney, Dennis Sweet, previously sought to have all charges dropped against her. He cited a state law that allows people to defend themselves if their homes or businesses are threatened. Jackson Police Detective Bruce Triplett had said the shooting appeared to be “not for lawful self-defense.”

In May, Johnson sealed court documents in Bully’s case and ordered those involved not to discuss the case in public. The court docket shows he unsealed the documents and lifted that prohibition Tuesday.



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JPS Graduation Football Classic was a success

By Tim Ward,
Sports Writer

Saturday, September 4 @ Veterans Memorial Stadium, Jackson Public Schools hosted its first Graduation Classic. The classic consisted of 2 rivalry games pitting Lanier vs. Province at 11 am and Callaway vs. Munra at 3 pm. It was a great day for both! Beautiful, hot, sunny greeted the fans in both games. With Jackson State University playing in Miami, the publicity was presented for JPS to both games. The atmosphere was great and the stadium packed with people from so many different states and countries. To keep crowd control in order and for sanitizing efforts, the side of the field was closed to the boys side of the field. Opposing fans were separated by a section with yellow tape surrounding it. Similar to the college level, sections are reserved.

In the first game, Province defeated Lanier 9 to 0 with side defense capped with a nice



Quarterback Rkhyzon Cleveland

aerial assault. Senior quarterback Shiro Allen completed 7 of 13 passes for 17 yards and 2 touchdowns. Junior receiver Zaquan Moss caught 5 passes for 16 yards and 2 touchdowns. Senior tight end Jonathan Smith, lead the Rams in

receiving with 7 carries for 3 yards. Lanier's defense stiffened in the second half, but ultimately held the fans, the defense could not reach the end zone. Both teams ended Saturday with a 1-1 record heading into the first rivalry games.



Zaquan Moss scored two touchdowns

The second game was close between rivals, Callaway vs. Munra. The schools literally played a tight match of a half with Callaway on offense and Munra on the defense. Both teams entered the game looking for their first win of the season.

The rivalry game ended with a Saturday. Unimply interception and fumble ended the match. Dylan Phillip of Callaway had a great day capturing two interceptions. Devion Jones was able to recover a Munra fumble. Callaway won the game 8 to



Asst. Principal Stacy Bailey holding the victory trophy

2 scoring touchdowns in the quarter. Junior QB, Rkhyzon Cleveland completed 5 of 12 passes for 4 yards with 1 touchdown pass. Coez Harris and Jordan Riggs dropped the Chargers with 9 and 8 rushing yards respectively.

Smithsonian Exhibit of Emmett Till Marker Puts 21st Century Racism on Display

Desecrated sign reveals level of hatred that still prevails

By Hamil R. Harris
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In the middle of the night, 14-year old Emmett Till was snatched from his great uncle's home in Drew, Mississippi. Then an angry White mob beat, tortured and then shot Till before they used wire to connect a fan blade to his head to sink his young body to the bottom of the Tallahatchie River.

The brutal lynching of Emmett Till on August 28, 1955 was on the mind of 13-year-old Yolanda Rene King at the March On Washington for Voting Rights rally Saturday, Aug. 28. During her speech, Martin Luther King's only grandchild asked for a moment of silence in honor of Till, who she said, "was about my age."

Only blocks away from where she stood, a brand new exhibit was about to pay homage to that same memory. Although thousands have filed past the casket of Emmett Till displayed at the Smithsonian's Museum of African American History and Culture, on September 3, a new exhibit was set to open in "Flag Hall" of the Smithsonian's Museum of American History that shows the recently bullet-riddled road markers where Till's body was found. This is desecration that starkly indicates the level of racism and White supremacy still infesting America.

"These signs were part of a long-standing history that has intentionally been suppressed and in some ways attacked," said Tsione Wolde-Michael, 34, the Smithsonian's curator for African American Social Justice. She added, "The community has shown its resilience in erecting a new sign every time



it is shot up."

Wolde-Michael continues, "Till's murder and open-casket funeral became a catalyst for the civil rights movement... And now in what would have been Emmett Till's 80th year, this vandalized sign demonstrates the ways histories of racism and violence continue into the present. Our Mississippi community partners have continuously risked their lives to commemorate and interpret this history, and we are honored with the trust they have placed in the Smithsonian to steward the sign and bring its story along with Emmett's to the public."

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History

will open "Reckoning with Remembrance: History, Injustice and the Murder of Emmett Till" as a monthlong display of the bullet-ridden sign that was placed by the Tallahatchie River in Mississippi in remembrance of Emmett Till through Oct. 5.

Smithsonian Curator Nancy Bercaw said Jerome G. Little, who died in 2011, pioneered the effort to preserve the Till story and the signs. He was the first African-American to serve as the president of the Tallahatchie County Board of Supervisors.

"The signs were shot up, people defaced them with acid. But every time the Emmett Till Memorial Commission pulled themselves together and raised

the funds and put up another sign," Bercaw said. After Little died, his friend, Jesse Jaynes-Dimming has been working with the Emmett Till Memorial Commission to keep Till's legacy alive.

Anthea M. Hartig, Ph.D., Elizabeth MacMillan director of the National Museum of American History, said the museum will present a program on Sept. 2 entitled, "The Long Battle: The Work of Preserving Emmett Till's Memory, a Conversation with Community Leaders from Tallahatchie County, Mississippi."

Reverend Wheeler Parker, a civil rights activist and Till family member and Patrick Weems, executive director of

the Emmett Till Interpretive Center in Money, Mississippi, teamed up with curators and officials from the Smithsonian to hold the conversation and present the exhibit which will go on public display Sept. 3. The Museum is located on D.C.'s Constitution Avenue N.W. between 12th and 14th streets. Access information can be found at Americanhistory.si.edu or by calling 202-633-1000.

Wolde-Michael said that In 2019 she and a group of historians traveled across Mississippi looking to learn more about the Emmett Till sign story. The reception was positive toward having the national exhibit. "This is about establishing long-term relationships in the community. This is just the beginning."

The sentiment is mutual. "We are thrilled to partner with the Smithsonian National Museum of American History," said Weems. "The citizens of Tallahatchie County have struggled to keep Till's memory on the physical and cultural landscape. We are honored that the Smithsonian has taken an interest in this important American story."

The exhibit is deliberately placed in the museum's most prominent location, across from the Star-Spangled Banner exhibition at the building's center. The Till sign works to preserve the memory of an African American boy's murder while demonstrating the ongoing nature of anti-Black violence in America. A companion webpage will also become available Sept. 3.

In 2008, the Emmett Till Memorial Commission erected nine historical markers to commemorate Till, but the signs

have been stolen, riddled with bullets or thrown in the river. The 317 bullet punctures on the sign collected by the museum, the second of four placed at the river site, serve as a reminder that the racism that caused Till's death still exists today. The commission erected a new bullet-proof marker in 2019 and donated this historical marker to the museum.

"The National Museum of American History is deeply honored to collaborate with the Tallahatchie community to preserve and present the legacy of Emmett Till," said Hartig, "The history of racial violence is often erased and highly contested in the battle to define American memory, and this vandalized sign demonstrates the ramifications of ongoing efforts of remembrance and social justice. Racism does not only reside in the past. It inhabits our lived reality."

The installation of the Till Historical Marker is part of the museum's new vision outlined in its strategic plan, which is centered in outreach and commitment to communities and provides a place for people to explore the complexity of the country's shared history.

"The Emmett Till Memorial Commission has been working for 15 years to change the physical and cultural landscape of Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, and the road to remember has not been easy," said Weems. "So it is with great appreciation that we are partnering with the Smithsonian to honor and remember Emmett Till and the struggle that our community has faced to commemorate his life and legacy and to create the conditions for racial healing."



Freed from prison, Mississippi man sues district attorney

By Emily Wagster Pettus
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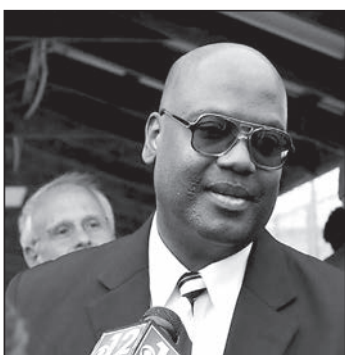
A Mississippi man freed after nearly 23 years in prison filed a lawsuit Friday against the district attorney who prosecuted him six times in the killings of four people at a small-town furniture store.

Curtis Flowers was released in December 2019, about six months after the U.S. Supreme Court tossed out the conviction and death sentence from his sixth trial, which took place in 2010. Justices said prosecutors showed an unconstitutional pattern of excluding African American jurors in the trials of Flowers, who is black.

The lawsuit filed Friday also names as defendants three investigators who worked with Montgomery County District Attorney Doug Evans. The county is not named as a defendant.

The suit says Evans and the investigators engaged in misconduct, including “pressuring witnesses to fabricate claims about seeing Mr. Flowers in particular locations on the day of the murders” and ignoring other possible suspects.

The Associated Press left a phone message for Evans in his office Friday seeking a response to the lawsuit. The call was not



Flowers

immediately returned.

The lawsuit does not say how much money Flowers is seeking, leaving that decision to a jury.

“Curtis Flowers never should have been charged,” one of his attorneys, Rob McDuff of the Mississippi Center for Justice, said in a news release Friday.

McDuff said the killings “were clearly the work of professional criminals” and Flowers, who was 26 at the time, had no criminal record.

“The prosecution was tainted throughout by racial discrimination and repeated misconduct,” McDuff said. “This lawsuit seeks accountability for that misconduct.”

In March, a judge ordered the state of Mississippi to pay Flowers \$500,000 for wrongful imprisonment – the maximum under a state law that allows up to

\$50,000 a year for 10 years. The did not preclude Flowers from suing the district attorney and investigators, his attorneys said.

Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch said in September 2020 that Flowers would not be tried a seventh time because prosecutors no longer had credible witnesses and evidence was too weak for another trial. Fitch took office in January 2020 and took control of the case after Evans stepped away from it.

Four people were shot on July 16, 1996, in the Tardy Furniture store in Winona. They were owner Bertha Tardy, 59, and three employees: 45-year-old Carmen Rigby, 42-year-old Robert Golden and 16-year-old Derrick “Bobo” Stewart. Tardy, Rigby and Golden died at the scene, and Stewart died about a week later.

Relatives of some of the victims have maintained their belief that Flowers is the killer. Attorneys for Flowers say he is innocent.

Flowers was convicted four times in the slayings: twice for individual slayings and twice for all four killings. Two other trials involving all four deaths ended in mistrials. Each of his convictions was overturned.

The 2019 Supreme Court rul-

ing came after American Public Media’s “In the Dark” investigated the case. The podcast recorded jailhouse informant Odell Hallmon in 2017 and 2018 recanting his testimony that Flowers had confessed to him. Hallmon’s story of the confession had been key evidence in later trials, but he told the podcast on a contraband cellphone from behind bars that his story was “a bunch of fantasies, a bunch of lying.”

The podcast also presented an analysis finding a long history of racial bias in jury selection by Evans, and found evidence suggesting another man may have committed the crimes.

After the June 2019 Supreme Court ruling, Flowers was moved off death row at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman and taken to a regional jail. He remained in custody because the original murder indictment was still active, and a judge released him on bail that December.

Winona sits near the crossroads of Interstate 55, the major north-south artery in Mississippi, and U.S. Highway 82, which runs east to west. It is about a half-hour’s drive from the flatlands of the Mississippi Delta. Among its 4,300 residents, about 54% are black and 41% are white.

Stepmom: Mississippi AG used state bodyguards in family feud



Fitch

By Leah Willingham
Associated Press/Report for America

Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch sent state “bodyguards” to intimidate her stepmother during an ongoing legal feud over control of the attorney general’s 88-year-old father and family assets, an attorney for her stepmother says.

Fitch’s stepmother, Aleita Fitch, claims the attorney general sent officers unannounced to her home, the family farm and the hospital where Bill Fitch, the attorney general’s father, was being treated. They took money, firearms and personal belongings from the house without permission, Aleita Fitch claims.

Ray Hill, Aleita Fitch’s attorney, told The Associated Press that he doesn’t know if the bodyguards were highway patrolmen, but it’s a clear abuse of power if they were.

“I think Lynn’s probably allowed to have these guys with her when she goes places,” Hill said Thursday. “But I think everybody will agree she’s not allowed to use them to facilitate her own personal business.”

Michelle Williams, Fitch’s chief of staff, declined to comment.

“We consider this a private matter between two private parties and we’re going to let the courts decide,” she said.

Department of Public Safety spokesman said officials were busy with hurricane relief, but would look into whether she used patrol officers for personal business.

According to Marshall County Chancery Court records, the legal battle between Aleita Fitch and Lynn Fitch began April 1, after the attorney general moved her father from an Oxford hospital in late March without his wife’s permission to another hospital before finally transferring him to a nursing home. Aleita was not able to visit her husband for 78 days and didn’t know where he was.

“It has crushed her,” Hill said.

Lynn Fitch said in court documents that she did not want her stepmother knowing where Bill Fitch was being treated because Aleita Fitch is emotionally and verbally abusive.

John Mayo, the attorney general’s lawyer, said the decision was made after consulting her father’s physician. A hospital staffer filed a vulnerable adult complaint against Aleita after voicing concerns about her mistreatment of her husband, the lawyer said.

When Lynn Fitch visited her father in the hospital, “he ap-

peared confused, delirious and malnourished, had limited mobility, and was generally unable to care for himself,” the attorney general’s lawyer wrote in a court document.

She said Aleita Fitch, 80, failed to tell her and her sister about a stroke and heart attack their father had in January. Bill Fitch also was diagnosed with dementia, and that was not disclosed to his daughters.

Lynn Fitch said that shortly after her father’s stroke and heart attack, Aleita Fitch “had Bill ‘sign’ a revocation of their pre-nuptial agreement.”

Bill Fitch had signed papers in September 2020 granting Lynn Fitch legal authority to make health care and financial decisions for him.

Aleita alleges that Lynn Fitch showed up to get Bill with state law officers and coerced him into signing an advanced healthcare directive and durable power of attorney. Later that month, Bill Finch revoked the power of attorney but not the health care decision-making ability.

The stepmother says the attorney general and patrolmen visited Aleita Fitch’s home and took about \$2,000 in cash, went through her father and stepmother’s personal belongings and removed all firearms, court records allege.

Aleita also says that Lynn Fitch has been making business decisions for her husband, including the decision to shut down operations at Fitch Farms, a hunting retreat where guests can stay in the home of Confederate general and the first grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, Nathan Bedford Forrest. Bill Fitch purchased the Forrest home in Hernando, moved it 40 miles (64 kilometers) to Fitch Farms and restored it.

Lynn Fitch said in court documents she doesn’t seek sole control over her father’s finances but wants a conservator appointed to prevent Aleita’s “squandering and endangerment” of her father’s assets. She said her stepmother allowed the liability insurance covering Fitch Farms to lapse, preventing further hunting excursion business.

Hill said a Sept. 9 court hearing could determine who will act as Bill Fitch’s conservator.

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Mississippi judges promote vaccination against COVID-19

The Associated Press

Some Mississippi judges are urging people to follow their example and get vaccinated to slow the spread of COVID-19 – an effort aimed at keeping courts open.

Thirteen judges have made messages to air on TV and radio stations, according to a news release from the state court system. The effort was coordinated by the state Department of Health.

“We need the public’s help so we can safely do our jobs. We need the public’s help to protect our court system,” Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Mike Randolph said in the release.

Randolph last week extended a pandemic safety order that he originally set in early August. It allows judges to postpone jury trials through Oct. 8. It says courts may continue using teleconferences, video conferences and electronic filing. They may also continue using interactive audiovisual equipment to conduct remote hearings for pleas or sentencing in felony cases and for hearings on probation violations.

Those who made the health announcements are Supreme Court justices Dawn Beam and Robert Chamberlin; Court of Appeals judges Tony Lawrence and Deborah McDonald; chancery judges Vincent Davis of

Fayette, Tiffany Grove of Raymond, Joseph Kilgore of Philadelphia, Jacqueline Mask of Tupelo, Bennie L. Richard of Greenville and Charles E. Smith of Meridian; circuit judges Kelly Luther of Ripley, Stanley Sorey of Raleigh, Chancellor; and Hinds County Court Judge Carolyn Hicks of Jackson.

Sorey said his wife, Lynn Sorey; his sister-in-law; and a friend and fellow judge died of COVID-19.

“Last October, I lost my wife of 27 years to COVID,” Sorey said in the news release. “This was before the vaccine was available.”

Lynn Sorey was taken by ambulance to a hospital on Labor

Day 2020. She died Oct. 8. Her sister, Lisa Headrick of Raleigh, died Sept. 12. Circuit Judge Eddie H. Bowen of Raleigh died Feb. 7.

Court of Appeals Judge Deborah McDonald said she had COVID-19 in June 2020 and quarantined alone in her house for 17 days.

“Thank God I didn’t have to be hospitalized,” McDonald said.

Grove said chancery courts “touch some of the hardest times that a family will to through,” including divorces and child custody cases. She said a recent guardianship clinic had three families with children whose only parent had died of COVID.

Mississippi courts moving slowly to online records

Mississippi Link Newswire

All Mississippi counties were supposed to have their circuit, chancery and county court records online by July 1, but only about a fifth had eadlin

Without an online system, people who want to read court documents must travel to a courthouse, which can be costly and time consuming.

Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Mike Randolph told the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal that a fully electronic system will be a milestone for open government and will decrease the cost of litigation.

“From a transparency standpoint, it’s magnificent,” Randolph said. “This creates opportunities for people to see what’s going on in the court system that’s never been available before.”

A Daily Journal analysis found that 40 of the 82 counties have fully integrated their courts into the Mississippi Electronic Courts system. This means the remaining 42 counties either have courts with partial or no electronic access.

“It’s a disservice to the litigants and the public to not have this statewide,” Republican state Rep. Trey Lamar said in

2020 when he sponsored the bill requiring the uniform electronic system.

Randolph said when he was made aware of the July 1 deadline, he asked the electronic courts system director, Nathan Evans, about the timeline.

Evans told Randolph that there was no way the system could meet the deadline with current staffing levels, but employees would continue trying to bring courts onto the electronic system “as fast as possible.”

Evans estimated that the electronic courts system staff can integrate, on average, about 1.4 courts into the electronic system

each month, with a maximum of two courts per month.

Randolph, who has been chief justice since 2019, said that if the Legislature would appropriate extra money for more system employees, then courts could be added more quickly.

Evans estimated that at the current rate, it will take about three years to integrate the remaining courts into Mississippi Electronic Courts system. If the Legislature appropriates additional money for the system and administrative courts to hire another technician, that could be reduced to about two years, he said.



Things parents should know sending their kids back to school

By Breonna Randall
Howard University News Service

For the first time since March 2020, millions of students, pre-kindergarten to high school seniors, will be attending in-person classes. Aside from attending class, they will be also participating in extracurricular activities, like sports, music and clubs. Parents have many concerns and questions.

Howard University News Service reached out to five physicians for answers, Dr. Hadie Shariat, pediatrician, Howard University Hospital; Dr. Katherine Hager, Infectious Disease Fellow, Howard University Hospital; Dr. Catherine Marshall, pediatrician at Balboa Pediatrics; Dr. Andrea Goings, pediatrician, Baby Doc House Calls, and Dr. Stacey Eadie, pediatrician at her own private practice, Peds in a Pod.

Should I get my child vaccinated?

The unanimous opinion among our doctors was if your child can get vaccinated, they should. The only thing that has proven to be effective so far in fighting COVID-19 is the vaccine, they said. While a tiny fraction of people has died from the vaccine, more than 600,000 have died from the disease. Children under the age of 12 cannot be vaccinated, though pharmaceutical companies are working on a vaccine for them.



What if my child is too young for the vaccine?

In this case, the doctors advise, your child should stay away from unvaccinated adults, stay away from crowded indoor places, always wear a mask and keep practicing social distancing and good hygiene. Also always remember to keep up with your local safety guidelines. Guidelines and prevalence of coronavirus are different in different cities and states. Residents may need to be more careful in some locales.

What kind of mask should my child wear and how many do they need?

The readily available blue and white surgical masks are the best option for students of

all ages. They will protect your child if they are wearing them properly. The mask should cover their nose and their mouth. If the mask falls to the ground or gets wet either by sneezing into it or from water, they should be discarded, and a new mask put in place. Younger children should carry about a half a dozen surgical masks with them a day.

Students in grades 9-12 should not need to change theirs as often. They may only need to have about three. For older children doubling up by wearing a surgical mask and a cloth mask on top throughout their school day is the best option.

If your child is most comfortable wearing only a cloth mask,

that is fine, but remember it needs to be cleaned daily, never wait more than a day to clean or rotate your child's cloth mask. N-95 masks are said to be the best option, but only if they have been fit tested by a doctor to a child's face. Children with disabilities who are not able to wear a mask all day should wear a shield.

What should be on my back-to-school shopping list?

You should buy everything that you would already get but more. Make sure your child has more than enough supplies, so they won't need to ask their classmates to share. Young children like to chew on their pens and sharing those supplies could increase the spread of

germs. Aside from masks, you may want to add new items like hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.

What are some school habits my child needs to break and new ones they should include?

The number one habit that children of all ages need to break is sharing. They should not share toys, school supplies, food, drinks or anything else. It won't be easy to get young children to unlearn "sharing is caring," but it is very important that they try their best.

Other habits that students need to break is any unnecessary touching. Hugging or kissing other students is a no-no. Students have been away from their friends for a very long time, and they may want to show physical affection towards each other when they reunite but it is very important that they don't as much as possible.

They should also use disinfectant wipes to clean their desks between classes and the handles and locks to their lockers. Finally, most schools do not have automatic sinks or dryers. So, students should consider using paper towels to turn handles off and on and opening doors after washing their hands for at least 20 seconds.

Are there warning signs that my child may have been

exposed to the coronavirus?

Children, especially younger children, seem to always have a sniffle or runny nose. However, in today's climate, it's better to be safe than sorry. Every day after you child comes home, spend two minutes with your child and let them tell you about their day without asking any specific questions. In that time, they may tell you if they shared toys or snacks with anyone that they shouldn't have.

If your child is having a cough or runny nose, yes it could be allergies or a common cold, but do not risk the safety of your family and others. Keep your children home and quarantine them until they can take a COVID-19 test at a medical facility, not an at home rapid test.

A two-year old may get sick and have just a runny nose or sore throat from the disease, but if they infect their grandmother, for example, she could end up in the hospital on a ventilator.

Are extracurricular activities okay for my child to participate in?

There is nothing wrong with your child returning to their extracurricular activities, just as long as these activities are supervised and are following all Center for Disease Control and Prevention and local health guidelines.

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Time to return to regular screening

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The COVID-19 pandemic took its toll on lives in more ways than many realize. For example, it meant too many Americans neglected getting the regular health testing – particularly cancer screening – they should.

According to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, an estimated 41% of U.S. adults reported forgoing medical care early in the pandemic. If you or someone you care about is among them, now may be a good time to schedule a doctor’s appointment. Members of the medical community fear that in a few years, all too many men will be diagnosed with later-stage, less-treatable prostate cancer.

As it is, the American Cancer Society, reports about one in eight American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Fortunately, it can be treated successfully, especially if caught early. If you’re 50 or older or have a family history of prostate cancer, speak to your doctor about screening.

Understanding Prostate



Cancer

There are four stages of prostate cancer. Stage one is diagnosed very early and confined to the prostate. At this stage, the patient is unlikely to have any symptoms and may not need treatment beyond regular follow-up tests – and the five-year relative survival rate is al-

most 100 percent.

Some Answers

Testing: Prostate cancer can be diagnosed with a simple blood test, the PSA, which checks the level of prostate-specific antigen in your blood.

In the past, there was controversy about whether having a prostate cancer screening done

was beneficial or if it produced more harmful effects due to complications from over-testing. PSA testing was the best thing available for a long time.

Now there are tools that provide much more information, giving predictability about the aggressiveness of the cancer and data to help urologists

safely manage their patients’ disease. This lets urologists keep more patients on active surveillance regimens and put off more aggressive treatment.

Using tests such as the Gleason grade score, overall patient health and risk factors – age, race, ethnicity, family history and exposure to Agent Orange – doctors can determine with confidence how aggressive the cancer is and which patients will do well on active surveillance. They’ll also know which therapy options will be the optimal for the patient.

Making it easier for doctors and their patients to do this testing is the full range of diagnostic equipment and supplies available through the trusted advisors at Henry Schein Medical, a provider of medical and surgical supplies to healthcare professionals.

Treatments

There are many ways to treat prostate cancer, including hormone therapy, surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and cryoablation. The newest innovation is immunotherapy, which uses your own immune system to

identify, target and destroy the cancer cells without harming the body’s own “good cells.” Your doctor can help you decide what’s best for you.

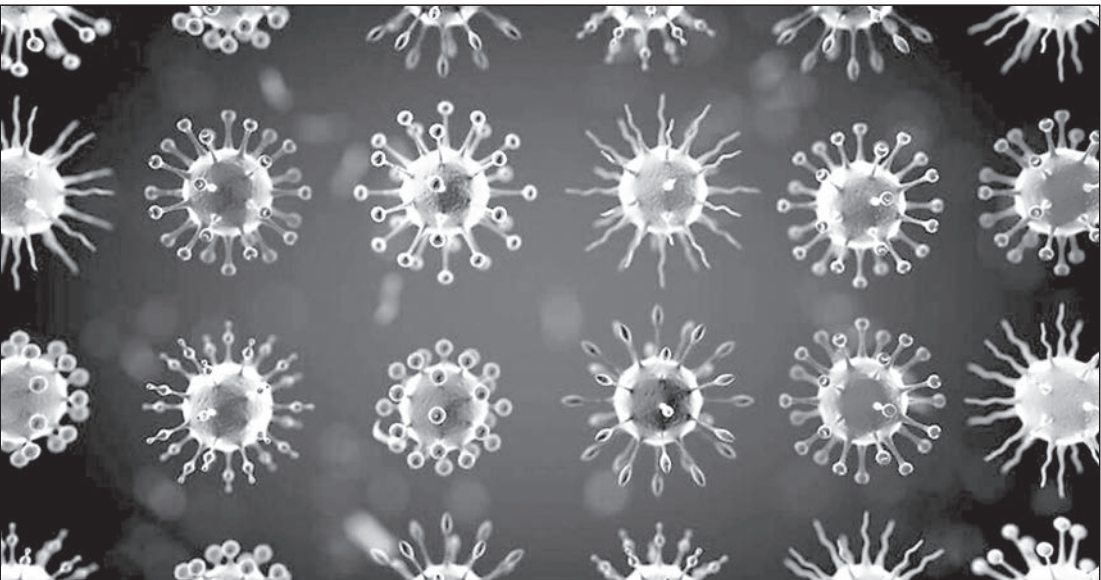
It’s important to remember you have the most options available when prostate cancer is diagnosed early and in the most treatable stage.

Paying

Many insurance policies will pay for diagnostic tests and in some places, such as New York State, there’s no co-pay or co-insurance cost sharing responsibility for diagnostic prostate cancer screenings (with such policies). This puts PSAs on the same level as mammograms, thanks to efforts of advocates and doctors such as those at Advanced Urology Centers of New York, one of the largest urology group practices in the country.

For further facts, visit the *American Cancer Society* at www.cancer.org and *Integrated Medical Foundation (IMF)* at <https://imfcares.org/>. IMF provides free screenings, education and support services.

New Coronavirus variant, a ‘concern’ for health officials



By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The World Health Organization (WHO) announced that it is monitoring a new coronavirus variant called “Mu,” a strain that first surfaced in Colombia earlier this year.

“Mu is a variant of interest,” the WHO noted in a news release.

The variant contains mutations that indicate a risk of resistance to COVID-19 vaccines, health officials determined.

“The Mu variant has a constellation of mutations that indicate potential properties of immune escape,” WHO officials stated.

Nearly 219 million people globally had contracted the novel coronavirus since March 2020, when officials officially declared a pandemic.

Over 4.5 million have died, including more than 657,000 in the United States, where the

disease has disproportionately attacked African Americans and other communities of color.

Health officials have identified the Delta variant – and the number of people that remain unvaccinated – as the primary reasons that more than 100,000 people in the United States are currently hospitalized – the largest number since the beginning of the year.

The Department of Health and Human Services revealed that 30 percent of intensive care beds in hospitals around the country hold COVID-19 patients, and they point the finger largely at how the Delta variant has rapidly spread through the extensive unvaccinated population.

Just under 52 percent of the U.S. population has full vaccination, while 61 percent received at least one dose.

Virus rates continue to spike around the globe, and the

WHO has determined that the Mu strain could make matters worse.

Mu joins the list of four variants of concern named by the WHO.

The list includes Alpha, Lambda and Delta. Each is present in at least 170 countries.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention doesn’t list Mu as a variant of interest or a variant of concern.

Barrons reported that the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) has previously listed Mu as a variant of interest.

The ECDC reported that there is evidence that the mutations in the Mu variant now impact transmissibility and immunity.

“WHO will closely follow the epidemiological evolution of this variant, along with studies on its impact,” the agency noted.

Reduce your risk of falling by taking these simple steps

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P R E S E R V E D

Remembering divine intervention and Sept. 11

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“W a r at Home” screamed the headlines of newspapers across the United States 20 years ago

as the country reeled from the shock of the September 11 terrorist attacks. The peacefulness of that Tuesday morning was quickly shattered by the violence at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. Like so many, I remember exactly what I was doing at the time. I was the news director at a radio station in Dallas and had just finished my morning news report when I went back to my office to check the newswire for updates. ‘Plane crashes into World Trade Center’ was the simple statement that had popped up on the computer

screen. I thought that was a little weird and did a quick search on the internet to find out more. There wasn’t much posted since it had just occurred, so I made a quick return to the broadcast studio to let the show host know. He looked concerned when I first read the statement and then quickly stated. “That was not a mistake.” By the time I made it back to my desk, there was an avalanche of information flooding the internet. In this week of reflection about the Sept. 11 attacks, I anticipate seeing inspiring and heart-warming profiles of victim and survivors. However, when I think about the Sept. 11 attack, one thing I think about are the stories of divine intervention. Even in the first few days after the attacks, I remember hearing stories that illustrated in real time how God showed up.

People who normally would have been at work at the World Trade Center at the times the planes hit were delayed by time and unusual circumstance. This included waking up later than usual, being stuck in traffic and being delayed by last minute phone calls. I believe that those examples are obvious signs that despite the tragedies that may happen, God is still with us and protects us when we least expect but when we need it the most. More importantly, God’s divine intervention on even the smallest, least significant things are supposed to remind us that he also can intervene on the bigger, more important things in our lives. Whether the prayer request is big or small, these incidences are intended to show that God is merely waiting for us to turn to him so he can meet our needs no matter how big

or small. Proverbs 19:21 reminds us that “Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.” Divine intervention is intended to protect us and preserve us so that we can be better used in service for God’s kingdom. To live through Sept. 11 was overwhelming at times. Even more so, to reflect on it 20 years later, stirs up a variety of emotions. We still mourn the loss of over 3,000 lives on that day and pray for continued comfort for their families that were impacted. May God grant them peace. 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 preservedby-purpose@gmail.com or Twitter [@shewanda](https://twitter.com/shewanda).

Everyone must be born again

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



Jesus told of two incidents in Luke, Chapter 13. One was when the question was asked about the Galileans who were killed by Pilate’s command when they went to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices. You may think, “surely they must have been sinners above all others for Pilate to mingle their blood with their sacrifices.” However, that is not so. Jesus went on to speak about the Tower of Siloam, which fell and killed eighteen people. Twice Jesus brought out the lesson to show that it is absolutely a necessary requirement for everyone to repent. Those to whom He was speaking needed repentance, as much as the greatest of sinners. Everyone must be born again. It was not excessive sin or ungodliness that brought about these two tragedies, letting us know that even the most respected must repent. You might have repented years ago, but have you lived consistently since then? Jesus was trying to teach us about excessive sin. It is not the amount of sin that requires repentance, but rather it is just the

fact that you have sinned. Paul said in Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. The Bible says to work out your salvation. Christ works within us. When I was a child, there were times when I did things that were not necessarily sin, but God would point certain things out to me that needed corrections. We are working out our own salvation. In true repentance, an individual must be sorry and regret offending God. That is where repentance starts. If you sin, first, your sin is against God. You must acknowledge your sins and take responsibility for them. The husband and the wife should check each other. An individual must feel sorry for his or her own sin and take responsibility for it. Proverbs 28:13 says, “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” True repentance causes an individual to be ashamed of his sins and to hate them. True repentance is genuine. 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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September marks Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) executive director says each death by suicide is one too many

By Wendy Bailey
MDMH Executive Director

Now more than ever, it is important that Mississippians be there for one another. Having thoughts of suicide is a secret no one should keep, but you can't always tell what someone is thinking just by looking at them. That's why it is vital to break down barriers and have open, honest and serious conversations about suicide. This month, Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, provides us the perfect opportunity to do just that.

Today, we are seeing more Mississippians calling to simply talk to someone or seek help and resources: the Mississippi Call Center for National Suicide Prevention Lifeline experienced a

33 percent increase in calls from last year, and the Department of Mental Health Helpline experienced a 30 percent increase in calls. In Mississippi, the latest figures from the Mississippi State Department of Health show an increase in the number of deaths by suicide from 422 in 2018 to 436 to 2019.

Each death by suicide is one too many. These numbers send a very strong message, and one we cannot afford to ignore: people want and need to talk to someone who can offer them hope and help. Hope is a powerful thing. It is a strength and a protective factor we all need. As a famous philosopher once said, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness."

What if someone close to you is thinking about suicide? Something as simple as a conversation to encourage them to get help could be the very reason they chose to live. I encourage all Mississippians to check in on your loved ones and have that conversation. You just may save a life.

When speaking with someone who is having thoughts of suicide, it is easy to jump to immediately wanting to protect the person, but by failing to understand the why, we have only temporarily prevented a suicide attempt.

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, don't take it lightly or dismiss it. Thinking it will go away, keeping it a

secret, thinking nothing can be done, or thinking you can fix it all by yourself – these are the things that should be avoided at all costs. Instead, be honest and express your concern, listen and offer support, take your loved one seriously, or offer to accompany them to seek help. By being a friend who is understanding, accepting and compassionate, you can make a difference.

We can only effectively intervene when we truly understand a person's reasons for wanting to end their life. That is how we can get them the necessary help, and to prevent death by suicide in the long term. We must not only hear someone's story, but deeply understand what they are trying to say. Asking someone if they

need help, and truly listening to them and their story can provide hope. It can move them from focusing on the past to engaging in the present moment.

Some warning signs to look for include: talking about feeling worthless or hopeless, losing interest in activities, using or increasing use of drugs or alcohol, changes in eating and sleeping habits, and changes from typical behavior.

Everyone can play a role in suicide prevention, not just mental health professionals or organizations. The Mississippi Department of Mental Health raises awareness of suicide prevention through our Shatter the Silence campaign to remember those affected by suicide, educate about

warning signs and symptoms, and focus on efforts that direct treatment to those who need it most. Contact us today for more information and remember we should talk about this topic throughout the year, not just Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, there is help available 24 hours, seven days a week. Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 (TALK), text "HOME" to the Crisis Text Line at 741741, or download the Shatter the Silence app on Google Play or Apple iTunes store.

As always, you can also visit www.mentalhealthms.com to find resources close to you.

The New multiracial America

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



So, you are sitting on a park bench, just enjoying the weather. What is the likelihood that the next person that walks by you is of a different race than you? In 2010 the probability of another race person walking by was 54.9 percent, and it rose to 61.1 percent by 2020. We are more likely to see people who are different than us in the classroom, the boardroom, or the sidewalk, and from what we see these days, our nation is not ready for this change.

The 2020 Census data, released a few weeks ago, reinforces what we already knew. The white population, still our nation's largest, is dwindling, down by 8.6 percent from a decade ago. The Latino population, which includes people of any race (yes, there are black Latinos), rose by 23 percent. It is the fastest-growing population in the country. The black population rocks steady at around 13 percent. And the population that identifies itself as "multiracial" has grown by a factor of three.

The multiracial population, which was 9 million in 2010 and grew to 33.8 million by 2020, reflects two things. First, the rate of racial intermarriage has increased, leading to an increase of mixed-race children. Equally importantly, the number of people who are willing to self-identify as mixed race has grown. People who once hid their mixed-race identity or felt pressured to choose one identity or the other, now feel free to embrace the total-

ity of their identity.

The increase in the number of people who identify as multiracial is both a blessing and an illusion. It's a blessing because the accursed "one drop" rule was an oppressive way of managing racial classification. But the new multiculturalism is an illusion because it should not inspire "fear of a Black Planet." As Richard Alba writes in his book, *The Great Demographic Illusion: Majority, Minority and the Expanding American Mainstream* (Princeton University Press 2020), everybody brown ain't down. In other words, many who identify as multiracial take on the identity and politics of their white parent, not their Latino or Asian parent. They embrace their multiracial identity, but not necessarily multiracial politics.

Many young people whose multiracialism are partly black do "get" black issues and speak up for them. Some, though, are conflicted and want to see "both sides." There are no two sides in the face of the outrageous police killings of black men and women, but some who identify with their white parents are not as ready as others to take a strong stand.

Still, young voices are driving our reality. On August 28, young Tamika Mallory called the "Good Trouble" Rally that drew thousands to the Lincoln Memorial on the 58th Anniversary of the March on Washington. In the tradition of Dr. King, who was but 34 when he delivered the "I Have A Dream Speech," Mallory called people out and took them to task. She asserted her leadership role and said she would take it, come what may. More importantly, she

told Democrats to do their job, do their work, end the filibuster, and implement the voting rights agenda. Tamika is powerful, fierce, and surrounded by a multiracial team that supports her.

This is the future of our nation – young, bold, bodacious, multiracial energy. There are too many who would throwback to the past, too many who would deny the demographics, too many who are frightened about what comes next, who insist on humming, singing and swaying plaintively, "We Shall Overcome." In this multiracial world, there will be less singing and swaying, and more demanding.

Those of us who watch the demographics know that numbers don't mean solidarity (otherwise, how could we explain South Carolina Senator Tim Scott and the unhinged radio talk show host Larry Elder) and that we will have to work to get the coalitions that we want. And we must also know that no matter how the demographics shift, our nation still owes black folks.

"We have come to the nation's capital to cash a check," thundered Martin Luther King, Jr. "And the check has been marked insufficient funds." The funds are still insufficient, and the debt is no less pressing. Shifting demographics don't cancel the debt. Tamika Mallory, with her inspired leadership, reminds us to hold those we voted for accountable.

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



Tough times don't last, but tough people do is a time-honored expression. As you grow in years that phrase takes on more significance.

Senior soldiers often say if nothing has happened to you, just keep on living.

We are all getting ready for a storm, or have been in a storm or just went through a storm. That is the living of life we will all have to experience. None of us are exempt.

Recently, the city of New Orleans prepared for a storm, went through a storm and is now getting out of a storm.

I live in New Orleans, and I am proud to be here. It is without a doubt one of the most exciting cities in the world.

Being on the Gulf Coast means having a hurricane season each year. The hurricane season begins in June and ends in November.

The tropical disturbance forecast is always a signal for us. When we hear it is headed into the Gulf of Mexico, our senses are heightened and our antennas go up, I mean way up.

The preparation for a Gulf disturbance means stocking up on supplies. The basics are necessary. The provisions in some ways depend upon the storm and the status of the evacuation. During these storms, sometimes we stay and other times, we go. It also depends upon whether we have lights and power. Some people use generators. However, reports suggest that unless you use them properly, you may pass away.

Hurricane Ida reached the Louisiana coast Monday, August 26. There was heavy rain. The wind speed when it made landfall was approximately 150 miles per hour. Some residents decided to leave the city, and some chose to shelter in place. We left.

When you evacuate a city, there is anxiety and apprehension attached to it. Staying away from your home under these circumstances is emotional.

Because of transformer and electrical problems, the city of New Orleans went dark shortly after the hurricane. Remaining residents had no power. Everything stopped in the Crescent City.

Memories of Hurricane Katrina started to creep into the minds of many whether you stayed in New Orleans or you did not. Katrina is still a defining moment in the history of New Orleans.

The difference in my opinion between Katrina and Ida is that we were better prepared, and the levees did not break. The levees held which meant there was minimal flooding in the city.

Power has been restored to New Orleans. The lights are on, and people are returning to the city.

The circumstances were ripe for our people to give up, but we became stronger and more courageous. These are intangible qualities that have been passed down from previous generations.

It is an unspeakable sense of faith and stamina that permeates the culture here.

My wife and in-laws are native New Orleanians. I am inspired and motivated by them. They don't give up and they refuse to give in, no matter the conditions.

So now, Hurricane Ida has moved on after creating a path of destruction in our state. Some areas were ravaged by this storm. It is now time to rebuild and to restock.

FEMA has set up hotlines and call centers. President Joe Biden visited the state on last Friday. He is behind the state's efforts to rebuild.

So, we are picking ourselves up again. This will not be the last hurricane. That is a fact of life.

New Orleans is a city made up of residents who do not give in to fear. We give in to faith.

There is a scripture about having faith. When you can, read Luke 17:6.

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ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF ORDINANCES CREATING THE CHARLES "CHUCK" GRIFFIN, JR. ORDINANCE" SECTION 118-22 TO REVISING THE GOVERNING REGULATIONS FOR IMPOSING FEES AND PENALTIES FOR DRAG RACING VIOLATIONS RESULTING IN THE HEIGHTENED THREAT TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, INTERFERENCE OF PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND THE INTERFERENCE WITH THE RIGHT OF PRIVATE BUSINESS OWNERS TO ENJOY THE USE OF THEIR PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, Set ion 118-22 of the City of Jackson, Mississippi Code of Ordinances currently reads as follows

Sec 118-22. - Drag racing on sidewalks, public streets or any other public place in the city.

(a)It shall be unlawful for two or more persons to operate motor vehicles in a manner as to cause the vehicles to be side by side on the roadway, or one slightly ahead of the other and either from a stopped position or while moving, to accelerate a vehicle rapidly with the intent to race or otherwise out gain the other.

The provisions shall not apply to authorized or licensed officers or to other areas which are specifically set aside and supervised by the police department for police training.

In any proceeding for violation of this section, intent may be shown from the surrounding circumstances from admissions by violators from the observations of a law enforcement officer or any other manner intent may be proven in any civil or criminal action under Mississippi law.

(b)Any person who violates this ordinance shall be subjected to a fine of \$1,000.00 and/or up to six months in jail.

(Ord. No. 2005-46(1), 11-30-05)

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Jackson, that Section 118-22 is hereby amended to read as follows

Section 118-22. The "Charles "Chuck" Griffin, Jr." Drag Racing Ordinance

Pursuant to § 63-3-1215 of the Mississippi Code Ann., drag racing on public roads is prohibited.

(1)a) Pursuant to §63-3-1215 of the Mississippi Code Ann., no person shall drive any vehicle upon the public roads in this City in any race, speed competition or contests, drag race or acceleration contests, tests of performance, endurance, exhibition of speed or acceleration, or for the purpose of making a speed record, and no person shall in any manner participate in any such race, speed competition, drag race, tests or performance, exhibition, or purpose of making a speed record. Hereby also defined as willfully stopping the flow of traffic onto or on Municipal public, streets, roads, or property, state and federal highways.

(1)(b) No person shall obstruct or intentionally block traffic on Municipal streets, roads, property, state and federal highway.

(2) For the purpose of this section "drag racing" means the operation of two (2) or more vehicles from a point of departure by side at acceleration speed in a competitive attempt to out distance each other, or the operation of one or more vehicles on a common closed course, from the same point to the same point, for the purpose of comparing the relative speeds or power of acceleration of a vehicle or vehicles within a certain distance or time limit on the public roads of this City.

(3) For the purposes of this section "racing" means the use of one or more vehicles in an attempt to out gain, out distance, or pre-empt another vehicle from passing, or to test the performance of a vehicle or vehicles on a closed course or on long distance driving routes on the public roads of this City.

(4) Included under this section is the obstruction of traffic or intentional obstruction of traffic on municipal streets, roads, and federal or state highways and interstates.

(5) Any person convicted and sentenced to violate §63-3-1215 of the Mississippi Code Ann., shall be subject to the following penalties

• First offense. The first citation and conviction carries 10 days in jail and/or \$500 in fines. Vehicles used during the commission of this violation will be towed by the City of Jackson at the owner's expense at a rate of \$125, then stored at the city impound lot at a rate of \$35 per day for each day vehicles are held. Upon retrieval of the vehicle, the motorist must present proof of ownership and receipt of all satisfied fines with the City of Jackson.

• Second and Subsequent offense. The second and/or subsequent citation and conviction carries 30 days in jail and/or \$1000 in fines. Vehicles used during the commission of this violation will be towed by the City of Jackson at the owner's expense at a rate of \$125, then stored at the city impound lot at a rate of \$35 per day for each day vehicles are held. Upon retrieval of the vehicle, the motorist must present proof of ownership and receipt of all satisfied fines with the City of Jackson.

In addition to fees assessed for violating §63-3-1215 of the Mississippi Code Ann., the motorist shall be responsible for any costs fees imposed during this process

(6) Pursuant to §63-3-1215 of the Mississippi Code Ann., the prohibitions contained in this §63-3-1215 do not apply to contests sanctioned by the City.

(7) §63-3-1215 of the Mississippi Code Ann. shall be strictly enforced by the Jackson Police Department in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

THEREFORE, IT IS FINALLY ORDAINED by the City Council of Jackson, that this Ordinance shall be in force and effect immediately after passage.

Council Member Stokes moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay yeas recorded

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on June 8, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T, Pgs. 173-174."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 7th day of September, 2021.

SEAL Angela Harris Municipal Clerk

9/9/2021

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Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 PM, local time (CT), Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

The demolition and cleaning of parcel 613-198 located at 349 Savanna St.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to utilizing and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens through various programs, employment, and initiatives and as a result. The City encourages all persons or 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.

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 be a contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance. Failure to comply with this City's Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1055. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Room 223, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi. The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4 that all bidders will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex or disability in consideration for an award.

Contract Documents may be obtained from and/or examined at the Office of the Community Improvement Division located at 200 S. President Street, Suite 331, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Telephone 601.960.1054. Prospective bidders may obtain copies of all materials required for bidding purposes. There is NO charge for electronic or e-mail copies. Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic 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.

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

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**SECTION 901
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Meadowbrook Road Rehabilitation Project
Federal Aid Project Number: STP-7263-00(001) LPA/108076-701000**

The City of Jackson, Mississippi will receive bids for the Meadowbrook Road Rehabilitation Project, Federal Aid Project No. STP-7263-00(001) LPA/108076-701000 no later than 3:30 p.m., local time, Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the Municipal Clerk's office of Jackson, Mississippi, at which time sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City Hall located 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The work shall consist of the following items

The scope of work shall consist of asphalt milling and overlay along Meadowbrook Road, for approximately 1.33 miles from the intersection of Old Canton Road to the intersection of N. West Street. The project includes sidewalk replacement, curb and gutter replacement, installation of pedestrian push buttons, ADA modifications, traffic radar detection, traffic controllers, shared pedestrian/ bike trail, striping, concrete median, traffic control and construction phasing. The project will be designed in accordance with the Mississippi Standard Specification for Road and Bridge Construction, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Jackson, Mississippi, 2017 Edition.

The contract time is 145 working days

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to herein.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid project shall be predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and subject to Public Law 87-581 Work Hours Act of 1962, as set forth in the Contract Provisions.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all bidders and women's businesses will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements. The DBE goal will be 5%.

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ORDINANCE GRANTING GREEN INVESTMENTS, LLC A REZONING FROM I-1 (LIGHT) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR THE REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION OF A HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL HOUSING COMMUNITY FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED ON PARCELS 73-18 & 73-29 (MILL ST.), 73-19 & 73-6 (W. COHEA ST) AND 73-31 (W. MONUMENT ST.), CASE NO. 4120.

WHEREAS, Green Investments, LLC has filed a petition to rezone the properties located on Parcels 73-18 & 73-29 (Mill St.), 73-19 & 73-6 (W. Cohea St) and 73-31 (W. Monument St.), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District to allow for the rehabilitation and preservation of a historic residential housing community; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the properties from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District to allow for the rehabilitation and preservation of a historic residential housing community; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, April 19, 2021 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on March 4, 2021 and March 18, 2021 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on March 24, 2021, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described properties from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since this previous Jackson City Council action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

TRACT 1

PARCEL 1

Lots 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the Third Cohea Estate. Survey, 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, in Plat Book A at Page 258; said parcel contains 208,233.49 square feet or 4.78 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the North right-of-way line of Monument Street with the East right-of-way line of Mill Street (as both are now laid out and improved, July, 1983); run thence northerly along said East right-of-way line of Mill Street for a distance of 448.14 feet; leaving said East right-of-way line of Mill Street, run thence right through a deflecting angle of 91 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 115.80 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 86 degrees 52 minutes 48 seconds and run northerly for a distance of 51.90 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 86 degrees 19 minutes 38 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 40.0 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 86 degrees 19 minutes 38 seconds and run northerly for a

distance of 100.0 feet; to a point on the South right-of-way line of Cohea Street (as now laid out and improved, July, 1983); turn thence right through a deflection angle of 86 degrees 19 minutes 38 seconds and run easterly along said South right-of-way line of Cohea Street for a distance of 35.68 feet; leaving said South right-of-way line of Cohea Street, turn thence right through a deflection angle of 92 degrees 45 minutes 54 seconds and run southerly for a distance of 200.0 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 92 degrees 45 minutes 54 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 30.0 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 87 degrees 14 minutes 06 seconds and run northerly for a distance of 18.01 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 88 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 118.48 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 86 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds and run northerly for a distance of 8.39 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 85 degrees 51 minutes 20 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 305.89 feet to a point on the West right-of-way line of Farish Street (as now laid out and improved, July, 1983); turn thence right through a deflection angle of 87 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds and run southerly along said West right-of-way line of Farish Street for a distance of 51.59 feet; leaving said West right-of-way line of Farish Street, turn thence right through a deflection angle of 91 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds and run westerly for a distance of 98.5 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 91 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds and run southerly for a distance of 49.5 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 89 degrees 33 minutes 44 seconds and run westerly for a distance of 160.7 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 00 degrees 55 minutes 16 seconds and continue thence westerly for a distance of 53.69 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 87 degrees 42 minutes 23 seconds and run southerly for a distance of 95.0 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds and run westerly for a distance of 35.0 feet; turn thence left through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds and run southerly for a distance of 112.0 feet to a point on the aforesaid North right-of-way line of Monument Street; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds and run westerly along said North right-of-way line of Monument Street for a distance of 300.13 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING

PARCEL 2

A certain lot or parcel of land in the Southeast corner of Lot Eighteen (18), Cohea Third Survey, and more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the North line of Monument Street which is 335.22 feet measured easterly along the North line of Monument Street from the East line of Mill Street as both streets are now laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, run thence westerly along the East line of Monument Street for a distance of 35 feet; run thence turning to the right through an angle of 90 degrees run northerly 112 feet to an iron stake; thence easterly and parallel with Monument Street for a distance of 135 feet to an iron stake; thence southerly 112 feet to the point of beginning. Being 35 feet by 112 feet off the south end of the property devised by Jennie Henry to the grantors herein.

PARCEL 3

Beginning at a point on the south side of Cohea Street in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, which point is 319.7 feet westerly from the West line of North Farish Street, as both streets are now laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, run thence southerly along the east line of that certain tract of land belonging formerly to Morton Lumber Company for a distance of 185.8 feet to the southeast corner of said Morton Lumber Company tract; run westerly along the south line of said tract for 116.6 feet to the southwest corner thereof; run thence northerly along the west line of said tract for 35.2 feet to a point; which point is the point of beginning of the property herein described; from this point of beginning run thence easterly for 99.6 feet to a point; thence southerly 35.2 feet to a point; thence westerly for 99.6 feet to the West line of the said Morton Lumber company tract; run thence northerly along the West line of said Morton Lumber Company tract for 32.5 feet to the point of beginning.

There is also conveyed a perpetual easement over and across the 12-foot alley lying immediately East of the above property which said alley is to be used jointly with the property lying immediately North of the property herein conveyed in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, all being part of Lot 15 & 16, Cohea Survey First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

The contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

- EJES, Incorporated, 405 Briarwood Drive, Suite 110, Jackson, Mississippi 39206
- City of Jackson Engineering Division, 200 S. President St. Room 424, Jackson, Mississippi 39201

One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of \$200.00 (by check, made payable to "EJES Inc.") 405 Briarwood Drive, Suite 110, Jackson, Mississippi 39206. The payment is non-refundable.

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic 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.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Cashier's check, Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the City of Jackson as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The proposed contract documents in its entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the Municipal Clerk 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date above designated. Stripped Proposals will be rejected. Bidders may not withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days after the date of the actual bid opening without consent of the City of Jackson.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the "Mississippi State Highway Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2017", together with all amendments and/or supplemental provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications.

The attention of Bidders is directed to the provisions of Subsection 102.07 pertaining to irregular proposals and rejection of bids

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities

Charles Williams PE, Ph.D.
City Engineer
City of Jackson, Mississippi

9/9/2021, 9/16/2021

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PARCEL 1

Beginning at a point on the south Side of Cohea Street in said City which point is 319.7 feet westerly from the West line of North Farish Street, as both streets are now laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, run thence southerly along the East line of that certain tract of land belonging formerly to Morton Lumber Company for a distance of 185.8 feet to the southeast corner of said Morton Lumber Company tract; run thence northerly along the south line of said tract for 116.6 feet to the Southwest corner thereof; run thence northerly along the west line of said tract of land formerly belonging to the said Morton Lumber Company for a distance of 75.2 feet to a point, which is the point of beginning of the property herein described; now, taking said point as the point of beginning, run thence easterly for a distance of 99.6 feet to a point; thence southerly for a distance of 40 feet to a point; which said point is 40 inches south of the house now located on said property; thence westerly for a distance of 99.6 feet to the west line of said Morton Lumber Company Tract; thence northerly along the west line of said Morton Lumber Company tract thence northerly along the west line of said Morton Lumber Company Tract for a distance of 40 feet to the point of beginning. The South line of the property herein conveyed is located 40 inches south of the house now located on said property.

There is also conveyed a perpetual easement over and across the 12-foot alley lying immediately East of the above property which said alley is to be used jointly with the property of the grantor lying immediately south of the property herein conveyed.

PARCEL 2

A parcel of land being at the northeast corner of lot owned by W. L. Hayes and Emma Hayes and later owned by H. Botnick, described as the one-half (1/2) acre in in North part of Lots fifteen (15) and sixteen (16) of the Cohea Estate being the same land sold for taxes on the 3rd day of March, A.D. 1884 to the State of Mississippi and the deed showing said purchase being recorded in Deed Book No. 18 on Page 160 thereof in the office of the Chancery clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi. Said land facing on Cohea Street running thence westerly from the said point of beginning along Cohea Street for a distance of 30 feet thence southerly two hundred (200) feet parallel with the East line of said land owned by W. L. Hayes and Emma Hayes and thence easterly thirty (30) feet along the South line of said land owned now by H. Botnick and thence northerly two hundred (200) feet to the point of beginning. This being the same land conveyed to J.L.L. Conic by Pauline Dukes King on March 1, 1929, together with an easement or a right-of-way eight (8) feet wide and one hundred (100) feet along from said Cohea Street. Said right-of-way being next west of said lot or parcel of land conveyed. All of the said land and property herein conveyed lying and being situated in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, State of Mississippi and being the same land conveyed to J.L.L. Conic on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1929-9, and recorded in the Chancery Clerk's office of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, State of Mississippi in Deed Book 220 and Page 584, being the same land conveyed to J.E. Conic by J.L.L. Conic and Eudora Ruth Conic by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hinds at Jackson Mississippi, in Deed Book 319, Page 297.

AND ALSO

To establish the point of beginning run 180 feet South on the East side of Dreyfus Street from the Southeast intersection of said Dreyfus Street with Monument Street, from said point run East parallel with Monument Street 1.38 1/2 feet; with this as the point of beginning run North parallel to Dreyfus Street 85 feet, more or less, thence East parallel with Monument Street 28 1/2 feet more or less, thence run South 85 feet, more or less parallel with Dreyfus Street the side of the alley thence West parallel with Monument Street 28 1/2 feet, more or less, along the North side of the alley to the point of beginning. Cohea Estate Survey Two (2) located and situated in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

Tract 2

Begin at a point in the South line of Cohea Street, which point is 207.6 feet measured westerly along the South line of Cohea Street from the West line of Farish Street, as both streets are now laid out and improved in said City of Jackson, and from said point of beginning run thence westerly along the South line of Cohea Street for a distance of 96 feet to a point on the East line of a 12 foot alley, which point is 342.2 feet measured easterly along the South line of Cohea Street from the East line of Mill Street; turn thence to the left through an angle of 90 degrees 37 minutes and run southerly in a straight line along the East boundary line of said private alley way and parallel with the East line of Hill Street for a distance of 170 feet; run thence easterly and parallel with the South line of Cohea Street for a distance of 96 feet; run thence northerly in a straight line a distance of 170 feet to the point of beginning; TOGETHER WITH all the right, title and interest of the grantor herein in and to the said private alley way and their non-exclusive right to the use thereof, which alley way is 12 feet wide and runs southerly from Cohea Street along the West side of the above described land.

(Said property now being Tax Assessor - Parcel No. 73/19, and "indexed" as a part of Lots 13 and 14, of Third Cohea Estates Survey.)

Tract 3

For a Point of Beginning, commence at an iron pin set at a point on the south line of Cohea Street, which point is 170 feet measured Westerly along the south line of Cohea Street from the West line of Farish Street, and from said Point of Beginning, run thence Westerly along the south line of Cohea Street for a distance of 37.46 feet, more or less, to the Northeast corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed by Maurice H. Joseph to Wade Comer, Inc., by deed dated September 20, 1968, and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Book 1782 at Page 388; run thence southerly along the East line of the aforesaid property conveyed by Maurice H. Joseph to Wade Comer, Inc., by the aforesaid deed for a distance of 64 feet to a point; run thence North 89 degrees 51 feet East for a distance of 38.26 feet; run thence North 1 degree 24 minutes East for a distance of 64 feet to the point of beginning.

(Said property now being Tax Assessor - Parcel No. 73/6, and "indexed" as a part of Lots 13 and 14, of Third Cohea Estates Survey.)

Tract 4

A parcel in Lot 15, and 16 COHEA SURVEY, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Book 3050 at Page 514, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the properties located on Parcels 73-18 & 73-29 (Mill St.), 73-19 & 73-6 (W. Cohea St) and 73-31 (W. Monument St.) from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District to allow for the rehabilitation and preservation of a historic residential housing community. However, that before any structure is erected or used thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Lee seconded.

Thereafter, President Banks called for a vote on said item:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay and Tillman.

Nays – None.

Absent – Stamps and Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Special Zoning Meeting on April 29, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T Pgs. 76-80"

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 21st day of July, 2021.



Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

Crossword Puzzle

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9					10			
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ACROSS

1. Sound
5. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
9. Tube
10. Seasoner makers
11. Spoken
12. Detain
13. Unroll, like a flag
15. Clairvoyance
16. Motionless stance of a hunting dog in pointing game (2 wds.)
18. Aerial
21. Sticky black substance
22. Metal bracket that holds stones together
26. Expression
28. Reel
29. L
30. Extremely long time periods
31. Leaf maker
32. Remark

DOWN

1. Formal “your”
2. French ____, instrument
3. U.S. Air Force
4. Shaft
5. Less than two
6. Sticks
7. Remove
8. Burial chamber
10. Musician (3 wds.)
14. Give a new title
17. Dim
18. Tipped
19. Lowest point
20. Banal
23. Air (prefix)
24. Deed
25. Otherwise
27. Unrefined metal

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Cryptogram

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

Hint: Quote by Robin Williams

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

BOU SV LOWU IFKK ZL PNRO OVNP
BOWY YVLOZYT DVXWR?

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Sudoku

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

	5							
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4				2				
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Crossword Solution

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Cryptogram Solution

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

WHY DO THEY CALL IT RUSH HOUR
BOU SV LOWU IFKK ZL PNRO OVNP
WHEN NOTHING MOVES?
BOWY YVLOZYT DVXWR

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Sudoku Solution

9	5	8	7	1	3	6	4	2
2	4	1	5	6	8	9	7	3
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8	2	9	3	7	1	4	6	5
7	6	3	8	4	5	2	1	9
1	8	6	2	3	4	5	9	7
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Grammy-Award Winning Artist Lecrae partners with Experian North America to talk about the basics of financial health

The “Protect The Bag” web-series will take you from FOMO to legacy building

Special to The Mississippi Link

Grammy Award-winning recording artist, Lecrae, has partnered with Experian North America, a leading information services company, to present, “Protect The Bag,” a six-part web series, that provides viewers with a blueprint for building a financial legacy.

The video series produced by Lecrae’s production company, 3 Strand Films, premieres Fall 2021, and guides audiences through the ins and outs of financial health.

Through short sketches and the help of some high-profile special guests, Lecrae will break down the basics of financial literacy and credit education to help viewers understand how to balance their financial needs of today, with those of tomorrow.



Award-winning artist Lecrae is on a mission to spread awareness on financial education. PHOTO BY ROB KIM/GETTY IMAGES

“I am on a mission to spread the word on financial education because I wasn’t educated about

money and didn’t know about budgeting,” Lecrae explained. “I didn’t know to think about

the cost of things or what to pay off first because I just didn’t have a strategy.” He believes

that through his unique vision, partnered with Experian’s expertise, the message of financial health and inclusion will be embraced.

Each episode will cover a key point of building a financial legacy starting with understanding money and utilizing checking and savings accounts. Other topics include budgeting, saving, protecting one’s identity, debt and investing.

This partnership is part of Experian’s United for Financial Health, a global financial recovery initiative that helps educate and empower vulnerable consumers around their finances and minority business owners around financial health.

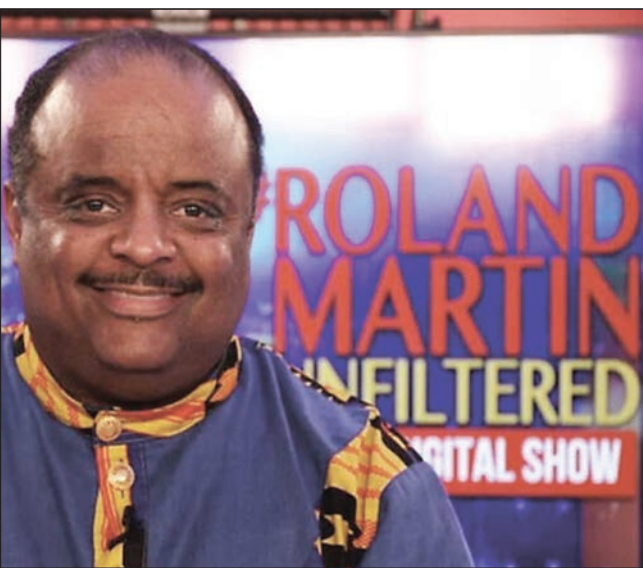
Under this program, Lecrae previously supported the Home Preservation Grant, an Experian

partnership with the NAACP to provide mortgage relief to homeowners negatively impacted by COVID-19.

“Credit education isn’t always taught in homes and schools. In fact, a recent Experian survey shows almost one in three (30%) of young adults wish they learned how to build credit or improve their credit scores before entering adulthood,” said Wil Lewis, chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer for Experian. “We’re excited to partner with Lecrae for ‘Protect The Bag’ and see this as an innovative way to reach young consumers so they can start their financial health journey on the right foot.”

Protect The Bag will premiere on Lecrae’s YouTube channel and social media platforms.

Black Star Network: Roland Martin announces new black TV network



Martin

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Contributor

On the evening of September 2, journalist Roland Martin, the host of #RolandMartinUnfiltered, announced an over-the-top media (or OTT) network that will broadcast directly to viewers free via the internet and a phone app. The new black owned network, Black Star Network (curated by Roland S. Martin), will feature new shows and live stream black news and information focused on news, politics, technology and culture.

The first interview to debut on Black Star Network will be with legendary civil rights attorney Fred Gray, on September 4. Gray, 90,

was the legal mastermind behind several civil rights victories and an advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin announced his new network on the third anniversary of #RolandMartinUnfiltered, the first daily digital show specifically targeting African-American audiences five days a week. The show has enjoyed expansive audience growth averaging 20 to 30 million views a month.

Unlike several other black content related news and information platforms, Black Star Network is 100 percent black-owned.

Black Star Network will be available on all platforms including

AppleTV, Roku, Samsung, Xbox and Amazon FireTV. The new network’s content will also be carried on a phone app for Apple and Android phones at Black Star Network. The network’s website, BlackStarNetwork.com is also now live.

Even though many other TV networks charge viewers to see content, Black Star Network will not.

“A lot of our people simply cannot afford to pay for a streaming service. We purposely chose to keep this free. We purposely chose for people to be able to access our content – that’s what we’ve done with this show as well,” Martin said referring to #RolandMartinUnfiltered. The network will be

ad supported.

Martin’s show #RolandMartinUnfiltered has been streaming live on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter with the support of the show’s Bring the Funk Fan Club donations which have totaled over a million dollars in the last 18 months.

Martin recently announced the construction of a new studio space in Washington, D.C. close to The White House.

The veteran journalist, who hails from Houston, also has plans to announce Black Star Network’s 24-hour streaming channel to be launched during the first quarter of 2022.

IN MEMORIAM: Michael K. Williams, star of ‘The Wire’ and ‘Lovecraft Country’ dead at 54

By Nsenga K. Burton, Ph.D.
NNPA Newswire Culture and Entertainment Editor

The internet is buzzing with news iconic actor Michael K. Williams has died. Multiple media outlets including The Hollywood Reporter are reporting the celebrated actor who played some of the most interesting and complicated characters on television including Omar on The Wire (HBO), Chalky White on Boardwalk Empire (HBO), Montrose Freeman on Lovecraft Country (HBO), Bobby McCray in When They See Us (Netflix), Jack Gee in Bessie (HBO) and Leonard Pine in Hap and Leonard (AMC), was found dead in his apartment, Sept. 6.

Born in Brooklyn to a Bahamian mother and father from Greenville, SC, Williams starred in over 111 productions. He trained as an actor with the National Black Theater Company in New York City.

Williams who was known for a scar down the front of his face which he got in a bar fight in his twenties, was discovered



Michael Kenneth Williams at the premiere of The Public, 2018 Toronto Film Festival PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

by the late actor and rapper Tupac Shakur. He was cast as High Top, the brother and henchman to Shakur’s drug kingpin Tank, in the film Bullet (1996).

He also appeared in numerous music videos of superstars like George Michael and Madonna and was photographed by world-famous photographer

David LaChapelle.

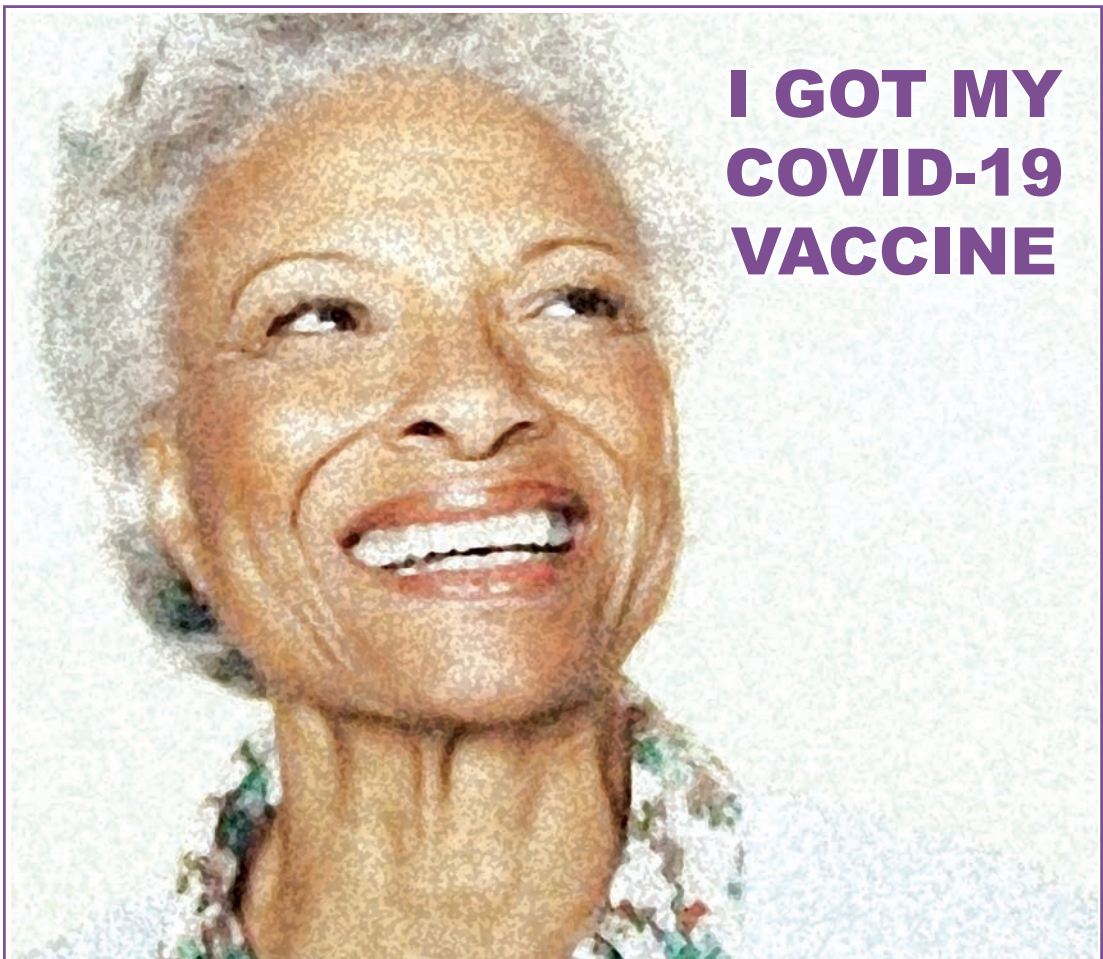
A star of many talents, Williams also choreographed Crystal Water’s 1994 single, “100% Pure Love.” Williams credits his childhood friend Dana “Queen Latifah” Owens as his inspiration for getting into the music business.

Williams received three Primetime Emmy awards for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie for his work in Bessie (2015), The Night Of (2016) and When They See Us (2019).

The thespian also won a Screen Actors Guild award for Outstanding Ensemble in Television for his role as Chalky White on Boardwalk Empire and most recently won the Critics’ Choice Television Award for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama Series for his role as Montrose Freeman in Lovecraft Country.

Williams was in a long-term relationship with actress and director Tasha Smith at the time of his passing.

Williams was 54.



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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

This morning, your head hurt something terrible.

Is it anything to worry about? Your grandfather had heart problems and died after a stroke. Your grandmother suffered from diabetes and you know there's got to be a way to avoid their fates. Does your headache have anything to do with that? Do you need "Black Health Matters" by Richard W. Walker, Jr., MD to calm your fears?

While growing up in Spanish Harlem years ago, Walker

noticed how much diseases like heart disease, diabetes and kidney failure affected the people in his neighborhood. It made him "angry," he says, and it spurred him to study medicine as a profession.

It still dismays him that "poor health among our black population" is almost epidemic but there is a solution. Walker says that if you take an "approach to wellness" and take steps to remain healthier, you could lower your chances of developing the more-common but most-serious diseases that plague a higher number of

African-American people.

First of all, he says, be aware of your "gut-microbiome-brain" connection and know what foods are best for you. Know what not to eat, too, and how probiotics can help your "GMB." Then, especially if you could stand to lose a few pounds, understand obesity, why it matters, and how you became overweight.

Did you know culture has something to do with it? Yes, and though he only briefly touches on "food deserts," Walker addresses these issues.

Walker says that black adults

are forty percent more apt to have high blood pressure than their white neighbors. Hypertension is a killer; knowing more about it – how to read a BP monitor, how smoking and salt intake figure in – will help you keep it under control.

Know the general symptoms of diabetes and what to do about them. Learn how kidney disease may start with another disease altogether. Read up on cancer, aging, sickle cell disease and how dental care really matters. Finally, memorize the signs of a stroke or heart attack; your life


may depend upon it.

Your regular physician is all tied up and it's hard to get in to see her. That doesn't make you feel any better, but with its clear-cut, easy-to-understand chapters on a variety of illnesses both major and minor, "Black Health Matters" might.

And yet, there's one important thing to remember, once you get this book: it shouldn't take the place of a physician with your medical chart in-hand. That's a reminder that author Richard W. Walker Jr., MD offers, but caution and prudence don't seem to

be stressed here quite enough. Then again, readers will want to bear in mind that this book is about proactive and preventative wellness, not fixing what's already broke.

The best use of this book, perhaps, is in the basics it offers: overviews, learning to read charts, understanding numbers, and making easy health-changes. That's all in here, it's do-able, and it could make "Black Health Matters" an patient-empowering tool for understanding major health-issues, recognizing them and keeping ahead.



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 - Both applicants must come to the Circuit Clerk's office together to apply
 - Proof of age must be provided in the form of Driver's License, Birth Certificate or other legal document which contains name and date of birth.

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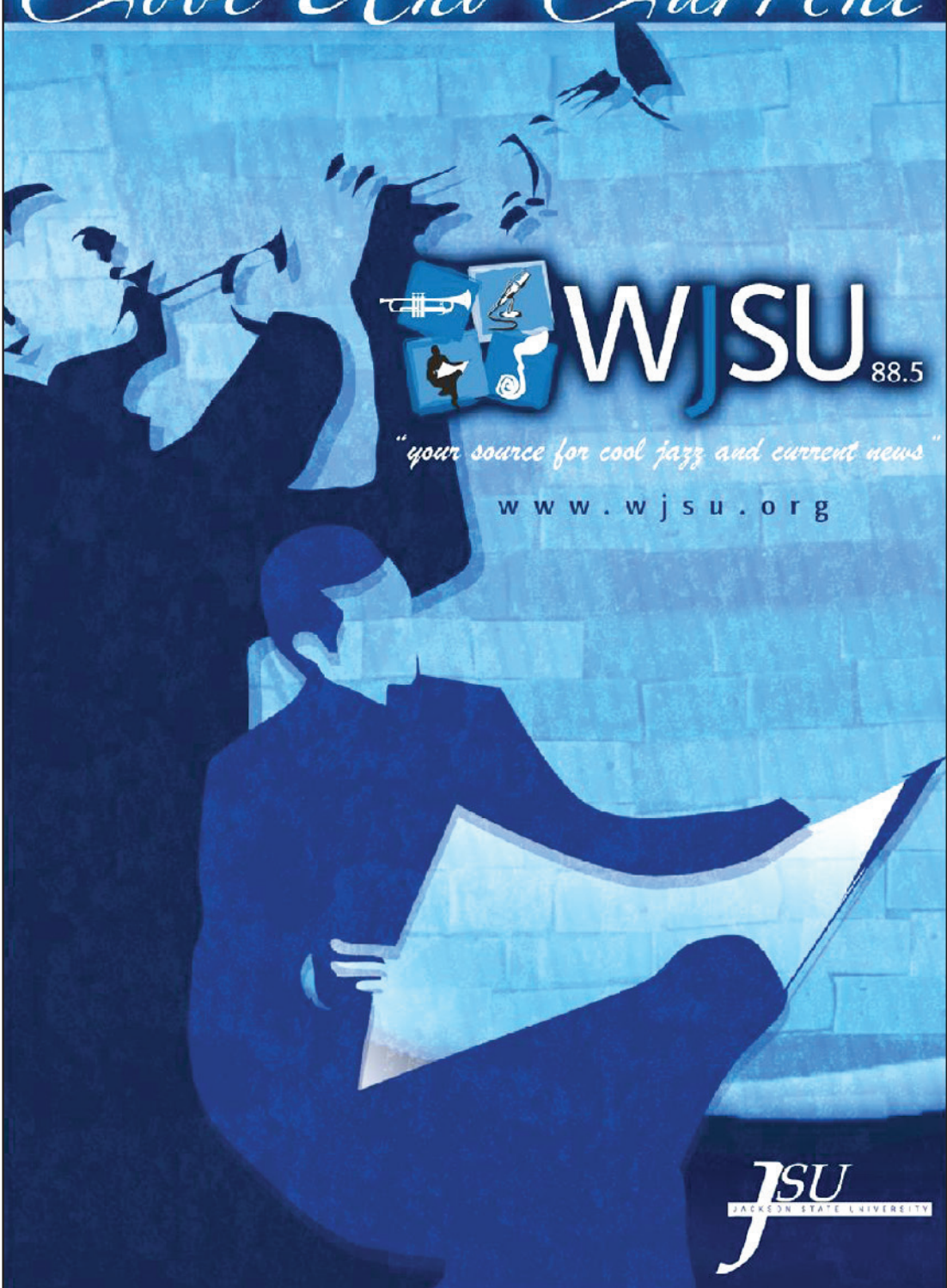
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Terry High graduate to be featured in documentary by Google



Sheena Allen, a native Mississippian and alumna of Terry High School and Southern Miss, is the founder of CapWay, a mobile bank for Gen Z and millennials. She has been featured in Forbes.com, BlackEnterprise.com, MadamNoire.com, and in the documentary on young women in tech, “She Started It.” Recently Allen had an opportunity to shoot a documentary for Google that featured the Town of Terry and Terry High School.

Documentary Highlights



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Paid for by Friends of Leon Seals for Hinds County Sheriff

Citizens of Hinds County, I am asking for your support in my campaign to be the next Sheriff of Hinds County in the November 2nd Special Election.

I am happily married 17 years to the former Lynn Smith, the daughter of Rev. D.D. Smith and Pinkie Smith Amos. We have a beautiful blended family of 4 children, Candice, Jordan, George and Indea. We also have 2 grandchildren, Calvert and Jiana. Our pet dog is named Mollie. I am the son of the late Annie Mae Seals and the late Leon Washington.



I am a member of Anderson United Methodist Church. I am a graduate of Scotlandville High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Jackson State University where I majored in Criminal Justice. While at Jackson State, I played football and was a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and a member of Masonic Lodge #699. After graduation, I was drafted by the Buffalo Bills and played in the NFL (7) seasons. While in Buffalo, New York, in the off-season I worked with the Erie County Sheriff's Department in the capacity of Sheriff Deputy assigned to Narcotics Education. After my retirement from the NFL, I returned to Jackson, MS and devoted my life to serving my community in law enforcement. I have 32 years of law enforcement experience and I'm a 2000 graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.



Religion, social affiliations, education, training, and work experience in Law Enforcement

- Elected Hinds County Constable District 4 2nd term (Currently Serving)
- Member of Anderson United Methodist Church
- Sollie B. Norwood Lodge #699
- Graduate of Jackson State University
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
- 2000 Graduate of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBNA)
- University of Virginia (FBI Academy Course Work)
- Director of Facility Management/Safety & Security
- Chief of Security/Madison River Oaks Hospital
- Safety Officer/Methodist Rehabilitation Center
- Captain Hinds County Sheriff Department Sex Crimes Unit
- Captain – Administrative Services UMMC Campus Police
- Commander HCSO Juvenile Services Division,
- Detective Lieutenant
- Hinds County Sheriff Office Special Response Team (S.R.T. / S.W.A.T.)
- Assigned as Major Investigator to Gulf Coast HDTA
- Deputy Commander, HCSO Investigator – Major Investigations Unit

Professional, Education and Certification

- CPI—Crisis Prevention Institute, Inc. Instructor Non-Violent Control Techniques
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Certificate of Recognition / F.B.I. Behavioral Science Unit
- United States Secret Service / Protection Operation Seminar
- Hazardous Materials and Explosive Ordinance Awareness (Emergency Preparedness)
- High Speed Room Entry Training
- Basic Certification P.P.C.T. Defensive Tactics (Pressure Point Control Tactics)
- R.C.T.A.
- High Risk Entry/Tactical Entry Training
- Urban Operations Training/Raid
- Drug Team Supervisor Training/Basic Narcotics Investigation School Training
- Management of an Emergency Response Team Training (S.W.A.T.)
- Practical Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun Training (Mid – South Institute of Self Defense)
- F.B.I. Survival Awareness In-Service Training / Street Survival Training
- Legally Defensible Use of Force Training (Law Enforcement Standards & Training Board)
- Emergency Response Provider
- Telecourse Weapons of Mass Destruction
- N.R.A. Firearms Instructor – American Police Sharpshooter
- Clandestine Lab School
- M26 and X26 Taser Instructor

Jackson / Hinds County is in crisis as we confront many problems including an alarming rise in criminal activity especially those being committed by youth and young adults. As Sheriff, my vision and goal for the citizens of Hinds County and the men and women employed by the Hinds County Sheriff's Department is to work hard to get from under the Department of Justice Consent Decree. This can be done by working hand in hand with DOJ implementing ideas and bringing solutions to the table. I pledge as your next Sheriff to attend every meeting, listen to the suggestions and ad resolution to get problems solved. My plan is to also get first hand knowledge from our Judges, District Attorney Office, and Jail Administration to help our system flow in an orderly manner. Building a new jail is definitely needed, however we must maintain and do everything in our power to keep the present Raymond Detention Center functioning as well as open and maintain the downtown facility in which could play a major part in a Holding Center for Hinds County.

If elected as your next sheriff, I pledge to you that I will work with other area law enforcement agencies and our court system to bring a coordinated and collaborative approach to get crime under control throughout Hinds County especially in our rural areas and community. Under my leadership, my plan is to create the first Mental Health Unit housed within the Hinds County Sheriff's Department to learn their needs and desires and to develop youth activities and a command staff that communicates weekly with the leadership in the various towns/cities in Hinds County. I am committed to being a Sheriff for all of Hinds County

I bring training and experience to this job and I can pledge to you that I will provide you with honest, effective and compassionate leadership as your next sheriff. I was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Malcolm E. McMillin in 1995 and worked as a Transportation Deputy. Other duties included the Warrant Division, Major Investigations, FBI Fugitive Task Force, DEA HIDTA, Lieutenant Narcotics, Captain Crimes against Children and the Hinds County Sheriff's Department Special Response Team (S.W.A.T. / S.R.T.). I served over 15 years with the Hinds County Sheriff's Department.

I also worked 11 years in the Healthcare field as Chief of Security / Director of Plant Operation and Safety Officer at Madison River Oaks Medical Center. In serving youth, I coached at Callaway High School where I was the Defensive Line Coach and also served as the Defensive line Coach for Canton High School. Mentoring young men has always been a focus point in my coaching design.

I currently serve as Hinds County Constable District 4. My second term as Constable was unopposed. If elected, I would be the only Elected Official in this campaign to become Sheriff of Hinds County.

On November 2, 2021 - I am asking for your prayers, vote, and support as I seek to become your next Sheriff of Hinds County.

Special Election November 2, 2021

