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Historic Homecoming weekend ends in victory




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By Tim Ward
Sports Writer

53,578 was the number of people announced in attendance at the homecoming game this past weekend. People were everywhere. Smiling, laughing, dancing with the band, waving pom poms, Greek organizations doing their thing, and JSU alumni from the band to the Jsettes all had themselves a great time.

Speaking of the Jsettes, they celebrated their 50 year anniversary. The Thrill of a Billion eyes brought back Jsettes from the very first group of Jsettes. Best part about it, their age didn't stop them from dancing. October 16 has been officially

constituted as Jackson State University Prancing J-Settes Day by the Mississippi State Senate.

On the field, JSU came out a little flat, sluggish, not showing the same intensity of the previous week. The Alabama A&M game was personal. This one started off as business as usual. The defense, which has been rock solid all season, continued to irritate yet another opponent. They pressured Alabama State quarterback Myles Crawley often, but only sacked him once. A big difference from the 10 sacks a week ago. While the defense didn't get him on the ground, the constant pressure

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IN MEMORIAM

Colin Powell remembered as a 'Good Man,' and 'Great American'

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Colin Powell has died from complications from Covid-19, his family members have confirmed.

The first black US secretary of state was 84.

"General Colin L. Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, passed away this morning due to complications from Covid 19," the former General's family wrote on Facebook.

"We have lost a remarkable and loving husband, father, grandfather and a great American," the family wrote.

They reported that Powell had been fully vaccinated.

Powell became the first black national security adviser during the end of Ronald Reagan's presidency.

He also counted as the youngest and first African American chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President George H.W. Bush.

Powell was thrust into the global spotlight after leading the United States to victory during the Gulf War, with many even considering him as a presidential candidate.

"Laura and I are deeply saddened by the death of Colin Powell. He was a great public servant, starting with his time as a soldier during Vietnam. Many presidents relied on General Powell's counsel and experience," former President George W. Bush stated.

"He was National Security Adviser under President Reagan, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under my father and President Clinton, and Secretary of State during my Administration," Bush continued.

"He was such a favorite of presidents that he earned the Presidential Medal of Freedom – twice. He was highly respected at home and

abroad.

"And most important, Colin was a family man and a friend. Laura and I send Alma and their children our sincere condolences as they remember the life of a great man."

National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., said the Black Press of America will fondly remember General Powell's contributions.

"We pause to express our profound condolences to the family of The Honorable Colin Powell," Chavis remarked. "Secretary Powell was America's military general and, at the same time, the nation's conscience as U.S. Secretary of State."

He continued:

"We in the African American community mourn his passing"

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Colin embodied the highest ideals of both warrior and diplomat. He was committed to our nation's strength and security above all. Having fought in wars, he understood better than anyone that military might alone was not enough to maintain our peace and prosperity," said President Biden. PHOTO: MARK MAHONEY / DREAM IN COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY / NNPA

Crime: 'A sad state of affairs, but it is not just in Jackson'

Native sons share their take on the situation in the Capital City

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

As of press time Wednesday evening, Oct. 19, Jackson had witnessed its 121st homicide according to Sam Brown, public information officer for JPD. The latest victim, believed to be in his 20s, died from multiple gun shots on Overstreet Avenue.

The sharp and continuous rise in crime in Jackson is "a sad state of affairs," Louis Wright told *The Mississippi Link* in a recent telephone interview

He expressly pointed out that he was only speaking from a citizen of the city point of view and not in his official capacity as the city's chief administrative officer.

"Having grown up in Jackson, crime is at a level that I've never seen before," said the native son.

"The most we had were some street fights on the corners, and you generally walked away. Somehow, we have gotten away from walking away. In the

time, we are living in now, there seems to be no respect for human life, especially among our young," he said.

The Jackson Police Department is still investigating a triple homicide that happened at Club Rain off Medgar Evers Boulevard early Sunday dawn. According to reports, two women and a man, all in their 20's were shot and killed.

According to WLBT, "JPD said another three people were shot as well with non-life-threatening injuries."

Jackson native Kevin Williams told the news station, "It's beyond sad, and I'm sick of it..."

He is also reported as saying: "People want to point the finger at JPD, the

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Celebrating cultural diversity: Nissan Foundation kicks off 2022 grant cycle

Mississippi Link Newswire

For nearly 30 years, the Nissan Foundation has supported organizations that promote the many benefits that diversity brings to our communities. As part of that commitment, the Foundation is accepting letters of intent for its 2022 grant cycle.

Each year, the Nissan Foundation awards grants to nonprofits that serve communities surrounding Nissan locations in Central Mississippi Southern California, Middle Tennessee, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Southeast Michigan, New York City and Atlanta.

Now in its 29th year, the foundation’s mission is to support educational programs that help people see the world through multiple perspectives.

“Our grantees are doing the crucial work of promoting cultural understanding that leads to acceptance and appreciation of our differences,” said Parul Bajaj, executive director, Nissan Foundation. “We are honored to support their efforts to create positive and meaningful change.”

The Nissan Foundation was created in 1992 as a thoughtful response to three weeks of riots and civil unrest that occurred following the Rodney King trial verdict near the company’s U.S. headquarters, then located in Gardena, California. Since that time, the Foundation has awarded more than \$13 million to more than 150 nonprofit organizations offering educational programs that raise awareness of the various dimensions of di-

versity.

In June, the Nissan Foundation awarded grants to 28 nonprofits including the San Diego Museum of Us whose “Race: Are We So Different?” virtual workshops engage participants in feeling, thinking, acting, and reflecting on race and identity.

Other 2021 grantees included the U.S. Committee for Refugees & Immigrants. Inc., the Jewish Children’s Museum, the Global Education Center, the Foundation for Mississippi History and the Interfaith Leadership Council of Metro Detroit.

Since 1992, the Nissan Foundation has awarded approximately \$13 million to more than 150 nonprofit organizations committed to promoting cultural awareness and understanding

Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2022, the Nissan Foundation annually awards grants to nonprofits in California, Georgia, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Tennessee and Texas

The Nissan Foundation application process is conducted online to eliminate paper waste and align with Nissan’s global mission to support a greener environment. All letters of intent must be received by Monday, November 1 at 5 p.m. EST. The Nissan Foundation will announce 2022 grantees in June 2022. For more information about the Nissan Foundation and its application process, visit the Nissan Foundation page.

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Parul Bajaj- “Our grantees are doing the crucial work of promoting cultural understanding.”

Detainee death in POD A at the Raymond Detention Center



Crisler

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

On Monday afternoon at approximately 2 p.m. Hinds County interim Sheriff Marshand Crisler received an official notice that a detainee, Michael Richardson, who was approximately 40 years old, was found in POD A unresponsive by one of the deputies at the Raymond Detention Center (RDC). A preliminary investiga-

tion determined that Richardson was a victim of an assault by several other detainees and as a result, experienced a medical episode.

Crisler told *The Mississippi Link* on Tuesday that the exact cause of death was unknown and that the body had been sent to the crime lab for an autopsy. He stated the reason for the assault was not known as of Tuesday and that

there was no weapon involved.

Per Hinds County Sheriff’s Office policy and procedures, the incident was reported to the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations, who is now conducting a thorough investigation of the incident.

Crisler said, “All three men were violent offenders, including the victim and when violent offenders are placed in the same

location, you can expect they will be violent.”

Crisler stated the housing at the jail is a two-decade old problem and during the 60 days he has been serving as sheriff, he has been working tirelessly with the Hinds County Board of Supervisors to get POD A fully renovated so that it can be safer and more secure. He said his time as sheriff has been a quick 60 days which is

not enough time to fix all the ills inside of the jail.

When asked whether he was making any progress with the housing situation he felt strongly that he has. He stated Credell Calhoun, president of the Board of Supervisors visited the jail and was able to see the problems for himself. Crisler said, “there is nothing like having a bird’s eye view of a situation.”



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mayor, the city council, but they’re not the ones committing the crimes. It’s the citizens,” he said. “If we don’t, as citizens take pride in our city, nobody else will. That’s why businesses don’t want to come here. People don’t even want to come here to visit.”

Wright pointed out during his interview that continuous rise in crime is not just happening in Jackson. “The situation that we are going through is happening in other cities around the nation and even in surrounding areas. It’s just that the magnifying glass seems to be on Jackson,” he said.

The former School Board president said, “It’s going to take concerted efforts from the parents, churches, neighbors, law enforcement and everyone. “It starts a home,” he said. Yet, he pointed out it is going to take the entire village working together. He reflected on the need for more parenting skills to help the parents. Wright recalled how helpful the parent conferences, seminars and workshops were when he served the school district.

He stressed that parents and the community are going to have to do a lot of talking to young people about “resolving conflicts without violence, without guns and share with them the consequences of their actions.” “It’s going to take us working together to get our young people more involved in wholesome activities,” Wright said. “We have to help them to understand that they can still have fun engaging in wholesome activities.”

The Mississippi Link also reached out to another native son, Ward 4 Councilman Brian Grizzell who said: “The community must be at the table. Residents must positively engage each other and get back to looking out for each other. See something; say something!” he stressed.

Grizzell also pointed out that, “Most of the crimes in Jackson are social crimes. Two or more people who are beefing with each other choose armed violence. That is not the right way to resolve conflict. It’s going to take more than law enforcement to curve crime.”

Asked as a Jackson resident and official, what are some of his thoughts and ideas as to possible solutions to the rising crime in the City of Jackson,

below is Grizzell’s response:

“Now, what I am going to say isn’t the most popular opinion and may piss off some people. However, Jackson is the capital of Mississippi... a major city without a jail. HCSO isn’t able to take many of our offenders. Efforts to take offenders to other municipalities for jail housing have been thwarted. Since last year, JPD has done over 3,500 field releases... that’s not working. We need to inconvenience people like the surrounding municipalities and counties do. I am not saying that everyone needs to go to jail... but many need a weekend or two to sit and think about their decisions that put them behind bars in the first place.”

Grizzell also shared that Ward 4 on Nov. 9 will be hosting a Crime Summit at Holy Temple Missionary Baptist Church, 5077 Cabaniss Circle. “Chief Davis asked that I host this meeting. He and other city leaders will be going to each ward to discuss crime with residents. We will look at the numbers and the actions... We will address misinformation. We will have meaningful conversation about what’s happening and what we need to do as a city to help curve crime. I have invited city, county and state officials...”

The Mississippi Link also asked Grizzell what does he thinks is at the root of the crime problem in the state’s capital city? He replied: “Poverty, mismanaged and unmanaged mental and emotional health, and unchecked subversive behaviors are roots to the crime problem in the state’s capital city. But, with so many jobs available can we continue to put poverty at the top of the list? I don’t think we can. Over the past decade, we’ve grown to have a culture problem. People are more and more becoming numb to things that just aren’t right. We have to fix this.”

Wright says the influx of guns on the streets concerns him. “I don’t know where they are coming from, but they are too accessible to our young people. I mean military-style weapons. We need to find out where they are coming from,” he said.

However, he applauds the efforts of the county and city law enforcement recent Guns Off the Street program via their various check points, etc.

Despite misinformation and distractions, Biden-Harris accomplishing black agenda

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

The \$4.2 billion received in 2021 by historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) represents the largest single-year federal government funding from any administration in U.S. history. And it’s not even close.“We see more and more misinformation. When you see reports that the Biden administration is cutting funding to HBCUs by \$30 billion, it is patently false,” Cedric Richmond, the senior advisor to the president, told a group of publishers from the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

Richmond, who also serves as the White House Office of Public Engagement director, remarked that the deliberate misinformation published by news outlets and posted on social media is meant to undermine the president and Democrats. Notably, the dubious accounts aim to suppress the black vote further, Richmond declared.

“It’s being pushed around so young African Americans and people who went to HBCUs would get discouraged and say that there’s no difference from President Biden and President Trump, or that Trump did more for HBCUs,” Richmond asserted.

“Funding for HBCUs is usually less than \$1 billion per year,” he noted. “Just this year alone, we’ve given HBCUs \$4.2 billion, and because of that, some HBCUs are financially capable of forgiving student debt right now. A lot of them are making investments in their campuses.

“We still want to double or triple funding over the next ten years to invest in their facilities. We’re going to do that, but there’s been no administration ever to invest in HBCUs more than us.”

The former Congressional Black Caucus Chair spent the bulk of the day Wednesday, October 13, with the Black Press of America. He appeared at 7:30 a.m. on the NNPA’s live breaking news program, “Let It Be Known,” before sitting for an 11:30 a.m. livestream interview with NNPA Chair Karen Carter Richards and NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

Chavis later conducted a one-on-one interview with Richmond inside the White House for his PBS-TV and PBS-World show, “The Chavis Chronicles.”

The Louisiana-native spelled out several of the many initiatives and programs that the Biden-Harris administration has implemented that benefit the black community.

He also noted the various strategies the administration has engaged in protecting voting rights and advancing homeownership in the black community.

He said the President’s Build Back Better plan includes creating jobs and opportunities that have previously escaped the black community.

Richmond also noted the various executive orders that have aided the cause of leveling the

playing field, including the order on advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities through the federal government.

And while Republican-led states have implemented voter oppression laws and lawmakers have failed to enact federal statutes to protect voting rights, the Democratic National Committee has pledged to invest \$25 million in voter outreach and litigation.

“The president has called for reforming the filibuster, and we’re not letting obstruction slow us down,” Richmond declared.

“We don’t know where we are on the [latest] Senate bill until they have a vote, but we will continue to fight on a three-prong approach. We have doubled the size of the Voting Rights Division in the Department of Justice, we are continuing to file lawsuits over the unconstitutional laws that have passed around the country, and we are fighting them in the courts.

“So, we keep pushing, and we keep doing the things needed to get it done. We’re not going to wait and put all of our eggs in one basket.”

The administration has also put in place programs and mechanisms to ensure that individuals remain in their homes during the pandemic, Richmond relayed.

“We signed an executive order tasking HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge to review and analyze all barriers to homeownership and systemic racism in housing in the federal government,” Richmond continued.

“Secretary Fudge has embarked on an extensive review of appraisals and other things that determines the worth of a house.

“The president’s goal is to provide federal down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers, which will specifically help people of color. It’s the best way to attain generational wealth.”

Richmond added that the administration also changed federal rules that punished most black homeowners who didn’t have a clean title to their property because of slavery and systemic racism.

“We don’t have all day to tout all of the things we’ve been able to accomplish over the first [10 months], but we have to show the black community what we’ve done for them,” Richmond insisted.

“Whether it’s promoting black maternal health, the equity we put in the pandemic response, banning private prisons, telling U.S. attorneys to stop with the harshest sentencing recommendations.”

He concluded that “we are investing in community violence and intervention programs using trusted interrupters to resolve disputes for the first time.

“We are investing in re-entry so that those individuals can have a path to success, and when they do, people in the community will see it. All of this is done with being intentional about investing in the African American community.”

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affecting his throwing. Crawley only completed 9 of 26 passes for 117 yards. He did have a touchdown pass. Ezra Gray paced the Hornets running game with 36 yards on 14 carries.

In the third quarter, JSU woke up. Shedeur Sanders connected with Malachi Wideman for a touchdown and Santee Marshall scored on a 4 yard scamper. Shedeur Sanders was 17 of 29 for 201 yards with two touchdown passes. Unlike the previous week, Sanders was also sacked 3 times. Running back Santee Marshall fell 3 yards short of 100 yards on 24 carries. JD Martin provided some punch gaining 43 yards on 5 carries.

Martin’s 21 yard touchdown run early in the 4th quarter would be the final score for Jackson State. Jackson State won the game 28-7 much to

the delight of the historic crowd.

Jackson State improves to 5-1. Bethune Cookman comes to Jackson this weekend. Bethune Cookman is playing their first season as members of the SWAC. They were previously in the MEAC conference. It’s been a rough season for the Wildcats, winless in the SWAC at 0-4 and winless overall at 0-7. Playing a hot JSU squad does not bode well to receive their first win of the season.

Jackson State has won 3 in a row and sits alone in the first place in the East of the SWAC.

Coach Deion Sanders does not want to be the first team to give Bethune Cookman their first win of the season.

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and rededicate ourselves to ensure that the legacy of Colin Powell will live on.”

General Powell had a reputation for generating bipartisan support, being a trusted military adviser, and putting country over party, added Spencer Overton, the president of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

“General Powell was a true leader and a man of many firsts – the first black U.S. Secretary of State and the youngest officer appointed chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” Overton reflected.

“We will remember General Powell’s commitment to public service and black communities. General Powell was a friend of the Joint Center and participated in various events.

“He always remembered where he came from and tried to ensure that opportunities would remain open to others – as evidenced by his support of affirmative action and other programs designed to facilitate economic mobility and the full participation of Americans from all backgrounds.

“His memory will live on as a testament to the importance of working across party lines for black communities. Our thoughts and prayers go out to General Powell’s entire family, including his wife Alma Powell and son Michael K. Powell, a former FCC chair, who served as the initial chair of the Joint Center’s National Advisory Committee of its Media and Technology Institute.”

President Joe Biden remembered Powell as the son of immigrants, born in New York City, raised in Harlem and the South Bronx, and as a graduate of the City College of New York.



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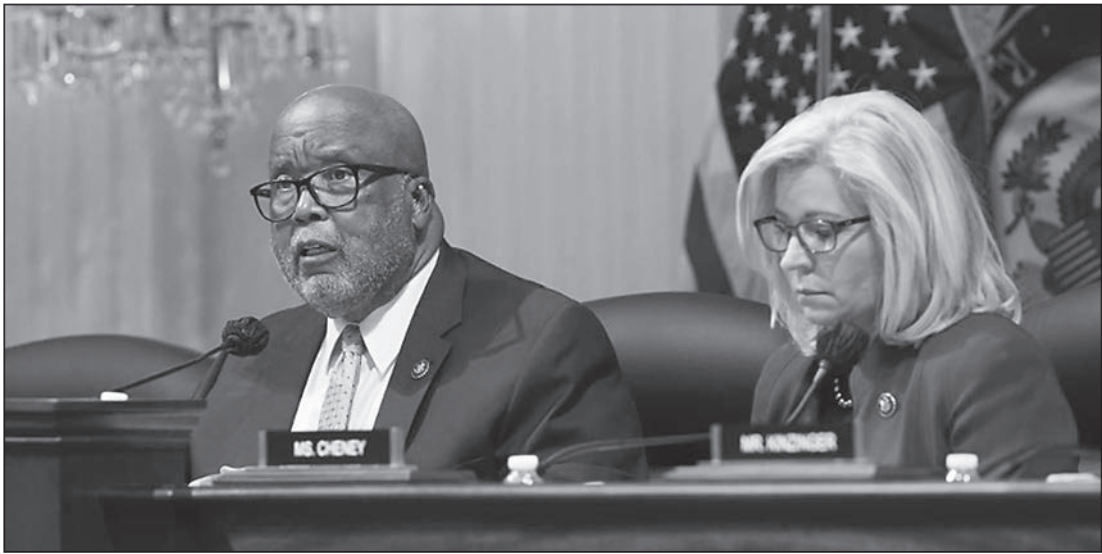
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Jan. 6 panel votes to hold Steve Bannon in contempt



Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss. and Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo.

By Mary Clare Jalonick and Farnoush Amir
Associated Press

A House committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection voted unanimously to hold former White House aide Steve Bannon in contempt of Congress after the longtime ally of former President Donald Trump defied a subpoena for documents and testimony.

Still defending his supporters who broke into the Capitol that day, Trump has aggressively tried to block the committee’s work by directing Bannon and others not to answer questions in the probe. Trump has also filed a lawsuit to try to prevent Congress from obtaining former White House documents.

But lawmakers have made clear they will not back down as they gather facts and testimony about the attack involving Trump’s supporters that left dozens of police officers injured, sent lawmakers running for their lives and interrupted the certification of Joe Biden’s presidential election victory.

The committee’s chairman, Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., said Tuesday that Bannon “stands alone in his complete defiance of our subpoena” and the panel will not take no for an answer.

He said that while Bannon may be “willing to be a martyr to the disgraceful cause of whitewashing what happened on January 6th – of demonstrating his complete loyalty to the former president,” the contempt vote is a warning to other witnesses.

“We won’t be deterred. We won’t be distracted. And we won’t be delayed,” Thompson said.

The Tuesday evening vote sends the contempt resolution to the full House, which is expected to vote on the measure Thursday. House approval would send the matter to the Justice Department, which would then decide whether to pursue criminal charges against Bannon.

The contempt resolution asserts that the former Trump aide and podcast host has no legal standing to rebuff the committee even as Trump’s lawyer has argued that Bannon should not disclose information because it is protected by the privilege of the former presi-

dent’s office. The committee noted that Bannon, fired from his White House job in 2017, was a private citizen when he spoke to Trump ahead of the attack. And Trump has not asserted any such executive privilege claims to the panel itself, lawmakers said.

Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney – one of just two Republicans on the committee, and a rare GOP critic of Trump – said Bannon and Trump’s privilege arguments suggest the former president was “personally involved” in the planning and execution of the day’s events.

“We will get to the bottom of that,” Cheney said.

The committee says it is pursuing Bannon’s testimony because of his reported communications with Trump ahead of the siege, his efforts to get the former president to focus on the congressional certification of the vote Jan. 6 and his comments on Jan. 5 that “all hell is going to break loose” the next day.

Bannon “appears to have had multiple roles relevant to this investigation, including his role in constructing and participating in the ‘stop the steal’ public relations effort that motivated the attack” and “his efforts to plan political and other activity in advance of January 6th,” the committee wrote in the resolution recommending contempt.

The Biden White House has also rejected Bannon’s claims, with Deputy Counsel Jonathan Su writing Bannon’s lawyer this week to say that “at this point we are not aware of any basis for your client’s refusal to appear for a deposition.” Biden’s judgment that executive privilege is not justified, Su wrote, “applies to your client’s deposition testimony and to any documents your client may possess.”

Asked last week if the Justice Department should prosecute those who refuse to testify, Biden said yes. But the Justice Department quickly pushed back, with a spokesman saying the department would make its own decisions.

While Bannon has said he needs a court order before complying with his subpoena, former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows and former White House and Pentagon aide Kashyap Patel have been

negotiating with the committee. The panel has also subpoenaed more than a dozen people who helped plan Trump rallies ahead of the siege, and some of them are already turning over documents and giving testimony.

Maryland Rep. Jamie Raskin said all the other witnesses who were subpoenaed are “either complying or acting in good faith as opposed to just blowing us off,” as Bannon has.

The committee is also conducting voluntary closed-door interviews with other witnesses who have come forward or immediately complied with their requests.

For some of the witnesses, Raskin said, “it’s a privilege and really an opportunity for them to begin to make amends, if they were involved in these events.” Some of them “feel terrible about the role they played,” he said.

Still, there could be more contempt votes to come.

“I won’t go into details in terms of the back and forth, but I’ll just say our patience is not infinite,” said Illinois Rep. Adam Kinzinger, the panel’s other Republican, about some of the witness negotiations.

The vote came a day after Trump sued the committee and the National Archives to fight the release of documents the committee has requested.

Trump’s lawsuit, filed after Biden said he’d allow the documents’ release, claims that the panel’s August request was overly broad and a “vexatious, illegal fishing expedition.”

Trump’s suit seeks to invalidate the entirety of the congressional request, calling it overly broad, unduly burdensome and a challenge to separation of powers. It requests a court injunction to bar the archivist from producing the documents.

The Biden administration, in clearing the documents for release, said the violent siege of the Capitol more than nine months ago was such an extraordinary circumstance that it merited waiving the privilege that usually protects White House communications.

Associated Press writers Jill Colvin, Colleen Long, Zeke Miller, Nomaan Merchant and Eric Tucker contributed to this report.

Fresh look for Mississippi planetarium before 2023 reopening

The Associated Press

A planetarium in Mississippi’s capital city is undergoing renovations and is expected to reopen at the end of 2023 with a fresh look and more extensive exhibits.

This is the first renovation in decades at the Russell C. Davis Planetarium in downtown Jackson, the *Clarion Ledger* reported.

Mike Williams, the planetarium manager, said the city is creating a world-class center for science and technology.

“This is going to be something we can present to the world that is in diametrically opposed to a lot of the negative ideas people may have about our state,” Williams said.

Williams said visitors will see interactive exhibits, including some using augmented and virtual technology. Exhibits will showcase recent space missions and projects by NASA and space travel by private companies, he said.



He said he hopes new and updated exhibits will inspire students to explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics careers.

“It’s a total investment in our kids and the people of our state,” Williams said.

The planetarium closed in April 2018 because of a roof leak and interior damage. After the roof was repaired, the city announced in June 2020 that the planetarium would undergo renovations.

Renovations are expected to cost \$12 million to \$12.5 million, and plans include

establishing a \$2 million operational endowment, said John David Lewis, deputy director of cultural services for the City of Jackson.

The project has received support from local and state government and continues to seek private donations, Lewis said. Since renovation plans were announced, Jackson has allocated about \$4.5 million to the planetarium, Lewis said.

The Jackson City Council voted Tuesday to issue a \$5.5 million bond for renovations.

2 plead not guilty to Mississippi voter raffle charge

The Associated Press

A city council member and a local Democratic leader in Mississippi have pleaded not guilty to a charge accusing them of violating a state law against raffles to encourage voting.

Tupelo City Council Member Nettie Davis and Charles Penson, chairman of the Democratic municipal executive committee, entered the pleas Friday to a misdemeanor indictment alleging they broke a law against raffling anything of value to encourage or discourage voting, the *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal* reported.

Davis asked people at a municipal elections rally to donate money for cash prizes for people who voted and Penson posted on social media that

ministers spoke of financial incentives to vote – but no raffle was ever held, according to the newspaper.

“Quite frankly, I was surprised to hear about this law that supposedly we have violated,” Penson said Friday. “It’s an obscure law. Nobody knew anything about it until it came out in the newspaper. Immediately, when we found that there was such a law and we could conceivably be in violation of it, we shut our operation down.”

Lee County Circuit Court Judge John White released them without bond at their arraignment Friday. A \$5,000 fine is the maximum penalty on the charge, though Davis could be removed from office if convicted.

District Attorney John

Weddle said he believes the indictment is “self-explanatory.”

Asked if his prosecution of two longtime leaders in the black community and the Democratic Party is political, as some have alleged, Weddle said that accusation is not worth commenting on.

Attorney Jim Waide has asked separately for the law to be declared unconstitutional. His request, originally filed in state civil district court, is pending in federal court.

“My original intent ... was to get a ruling by a state court on the unconstitutionality of the statute without there ever being a criminal proceeding,” Waide said. “Unfortunately, that didn’t work out because the district attorney proceeded with the separate case.

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A politician’s shameless bigotry

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



There’s an old saying about bullies: they can dish it out, but they can’t take it. Witness North Carolina Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson. He abuses his position of authority to insult and demean people. But when he gets criticized for making harmful comments, he whines that he’s the real victim.

People For the American Way’s Right Wing Watch recently began reporting on Robinson’s cruel and offensive comments. This summer, Robinson told one audience that Christians must take control of public schools because “there’s no reason anybody anywhere in America should be teaching any child about transgenderism, homosexuality, any of that filth.” In another speech, Robinson mocked transgender people and denounced the transgender rights movements as “demonic” and “full of the spirit of antichrist.”

Fortunately, a lot of people have called Robinson out. North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper called Robinson’s comments “abhorrent.” The White House called them “repugnant and offensive.” Multiple state legislators have called on him to resign.

Robinson should be ashamed of himself. But he’s not. He is puffed up with pride about promoting bigotry. He is promising to “double down.” And that’s dangerous. Robinson’s comments send a message to students and everyone else that trans people are not worthy of being treated with respect or dignity.

Robinson’s comments are part of a long and ugly history of politi-



Robinson

cians smearing LGBTQ people as threats to children. Those smears promote hatred and violence. Deadly violence against transgender people, especially black trans women, has been on the rise in recent years.

Robinson’s attacks are also part of a broader right-wing campaign to demonize public schools for teaching about racism and promoting acceptance of LGBTQ students. Robinson says schools are teaching students “how to hate America” and “how to go to hell.”

He has defended himself by claiming that inappropriate materials are being “forced” on children in classrooms, but his charges don’t hold up to scrutiny. Some of the books that he complains about are reportedly not being taught in classrooms but are available in some high school libraries. More importantly, Robinson claims to oppose “indoctrination” in public schools. But in his remarks to right-wing political activists in September, he said that school shootings would be prevented if public schools taught students, “Jesus Christ is the way and the light, and only through him can you receive salvation.”

In fact, Robinson has a message for the millions of Americans who are not Christians: they don’t belong. At a gathering of religious-right political activists

in September, Robinson declared that the United States is and always will be a Christian nation. He added, “If you don’t like it, I’ll buy your plane, train, or automobile ticket right up out of here. You can go to some place that’s not a Christian nation.”

I am a Christian. I revere the role the black church has played in moving the U.S. toward justice. I am proud to be working side by side with religious leaders who are bringing their moral authority and prophetic voices to the struggle to defend voting rights. I was proud to be arrested alongside these leaders recently as we demonstrated at the White House.

But I don’t want public schools to teach religious doctrine. And I don’t want public officials misusing religion as an excuse for using cruelty to divide us.

Like a lot of politicians, Robinson clearly has a very high opinion of himself. At a political conference in September, he compared himself to Jesus Christ and John the Baptist. He also made it clear that he would like to be North Carolina’s next governor. That’s the last thing the people of North Carolina need.

A politician who uses their office to promote bigotry doesn’t deserve to hold office.

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

Jon Gruden got caught. Who is next in sports?

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



Everyone knows the old expression historians say is attributed to President Abraham Lincoln. It is, “You can fool some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.”

In other words, you can’t hoodwink and bamboozle people forever.

Many of us are too believing and too gullible so at first blush, we often believe the carnival barkers. Our country does have its fair share of them. They are in all walks of life. Just think and if we are honest with ourselves, we know some of them personally when we were children and now as adults.

Upon reflection, I grew up with a few of them.

In my neighborhood in Winston-Salem NC, they sold what we called “wolf tickets.” These were guys who gave you outrageous stories about their exploits and knew everything about every subject. However, at some point, we found out the truth was not in them, and they misrepresented themselves.

A recent carnival barker came to light, and he is from the world of professional sports. He is now exposed for the world to see. It is Jon Gruden, former coach of the Las Vegas Raiders. He resigned from his coaching position on last week.



Gruden

The New York Times reported on a number of inappropriate emails that were written by Gruden during 2010-2018.

He used homophobic, racist, sexist and transphobic language. Some of his targets were NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, NFL Players Association Executive Director DeMaurice Smith and former player Michael Sams who is gay.

If you recall, Jon Gruden was an analyst for ESPN. He served as the coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 2002-2008. He won a Super Bowl with them in 2003.

That team was Tony Dungy’s team. Gruden just inherited them. That is my opinion.

In his statement of resignation, he said, “I’m sorry, I never meant to hurt anyone.”

Gruden said in a press conference that he was not racist. That may well be. I cannot see his heart and I cannot read his mind. However, I can read what he wrote. Jon Gruden and no one else wrote those emails.

Maybe in a strange and sor-did way, he is football’s Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Nonetheless, he is out of his football coaching job with the Las Vegas Raiders.

He had a coveted job in the NFL. Gruden self-destructed. No longer will we see his “Chucky-like” appearance on the sidelines. We won’t have to listen to him any longer as a head coach in the National Football League.

During his stint with the Raiders, he developed a strong bond with his quarterback, Derek Carr.

After Gruden announced his resignation on Monday, Carr said, “If we just started opening up everybody’s private emails and texts, people would start sweating a little bit. Hopefully not too many.”

He added, “But maybe that’s what they should do for all coaches and GMs and owners from now on, is open up. You’ve got to open up everything. See what happens.”

The private emails written by Gruden were uncovered by NFL executives who were conducting an investigation of Bruce Allen, president of the Washington Football Team.

I am an old school guy, so I don’t have 4 cell phones and 7 email addresses. I can barely keep up with what I have. I think the question at the inquiry desk is who will be next?

It is my opinion that someone from the wide world of sports will pop up and provide us with examples of poor judgment and bad decision-making.

Technology does not lend itself to privacy. Hackers and scam artists are busy every day trying to ruin our lives.

We bid Jon Gruden farewell because he couldn’t fool all of the people all of the time.

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We need Christ to guide us

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



So many people have the idea that if one claims to be holy, claims to be godly, claims to live righteously that they are being self-righteous; but friends, the Bible tells us, “Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord.” (Hebrews 12:14).

What they do not understand is it is not within a man’s own personal power to live holy, godly, or righteously in this present world. An individual needs Jesus Christ living and reigning in his or her life for him or her to be triumphant over sin. So many people profess highly but live lowly.

Friends, it is the will of God for us to live what we profess, and to profess a state of holiness, godliness and righteousness which is the will of God.

We need to realize that without Jesus Christ, we can do

nothing at all. It is in Him that we live and move and have our being. “All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made” (1 John 1:3). We are created for His pleasure. He wants to fellowship with us; He wants to walk with us; and He wants to help us. Christ wants us to recognize our dependency on Him.

We read in John 13:36-38, “Simon Peter said unto Him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow Me now; but thou shalt follow Me afterwards. Peter said unto Him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. Jesus answered him, wilt thou lay down thy life for My sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, the cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied Me thrice.”

In our Scripture reading, Simon Peter, one of the disciples, put confidence in himself and what he was going to do. He

boasted and professed highly, and when he found out that Jesus was going to go forth, he wanted to follow Him. Simon Peter said that he would so much as lay down his own life for Jesus’ sake, but Jesus rebuked him and told him that would not be so.

Peter was not wrong in wanting to follow Jesus. He was wrong in making boast in his own strength without seeking the will of God, and Jesus rebuked him for so doing. It is wrong for me or any other one to have confidence in ourselves outside the help or the will of Jesus Christ. What happened to Peter? We all know he failed to carry out his proclamation.

We read from Luke 22:54-62 these words, “Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest’s house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him

as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crow. And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the words of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out and wept bitterly.”

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

P R E S E R V E D Strategies for strength

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“Not a second
Or another min-
ute
Not an hour
Or another day
But at this mo-
ment with my
arms outstretched

I need you to make a way
As you’ve done so many times
before

Through a window or an open
door

I stretch my hands to you
Come rescue me

I need you
Right away.”

These words from the classic gospel song “I Need You Now” by gospel artist Smokie Norful could serve as the unofficial theme song for the month of October.

October is both Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. From the beginning of the month to the end, there will be numerous news stories highlighting the importance of having breast cancer screening exams and escaping domestic violence. Those two life challenges have an untold emotional, physical, financial and spiritual impact on the lives women/men and those who love them.

Like the words of Norful’s song, there is often a cry for immediate help from God. Some of us may not have suffered the devastating effects of a cancer diagnosis or been the victim of domestic violence but we all at some point know the stinging pain of isolation and heartache.

Unfortunately, some women, especially “church women,” may be familiar with Norful’s lyrics but might have the most difficult time applying the words to their lives when responding to overwhelming pain and loss. As a result, many women suffer in silence or adopt unhealthy physical, emotional and relational behaviors. As a consequence, they feel ashamed, guilty and regretful and some even end up depressed.

“The agony of being alone

The fear of doing things on my own

The test and trials that come to make me strong

The feelings of guilt, hurt, shame, and defeat

The way the trials that beat upon me

But to know Lord that in you I’ve got victory” - Norful, “I Need You Now”


Yet, despite these challenges, God’s word provides us with encouraging words and two strategies on how to deal with difficult situations. First, we have to develop the strength to encourage ourselves. I Samuel 30:6 shows how when King David, the man after God’s own heart, felt the stress that came from being rejected and isolated, “David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.” Another translation uses the words, “David found strength in the Lord.” We can’t do it in our own strength; we have to lean on the strength of God.

For over 20 years, Sylvia Dunnavant Hines has done just that with her Sister-to-Sister fitness festival which raises awareness about breast cancer. With this festival she has touched the lives of countless women and their families who have been impacted by breast cancer.

Through her nationally recognized efforts, Sylvia has been the embodiment of 1 Thessalonians 5:11 which says to “encourage each other and build each other up.” Relying on a circle of supportive friends and family is key to battling life’s difficulties. Regardless of our life experiences, we can show Godly compassion to others.

If you have questions about preventing breast cancer, please visit www.celebratinglife.org or preventing/escaping domestic violence, please visit www.family-place.org.

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



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at Mount Helm Baptist Church, the oldest black church in Jackson located at 300 E. Church St., pastored by Dr. C. J. Rhodes. The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Murriel of United Methodist Church in Atlanta, GA.

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SECTION 901

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Terry Road Bridge Replacement Project over Cany Creek
Federal Aid Project Number: STP-7286-00(005)LPA/108071-701000

The City of Jackson, Mississippi will receive bids for the Terry Road Bridge Replacement Project over Cany Creek, Federal Aid Project No. STP-7286-00(005) LPA/108071-701000 no later than 3:30 p.m., local time, Tuesday, November 16, 2021, in the Municipal Clerk's office of Jackson, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City Hall located 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The work shall consist essentially of removing and replacing the Terry Road Bridge over Cany Creek and reconstruction of the approach roadways.

The contract time is 122 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 therein.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are 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, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises 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 2%.

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

- Office of the City Clerk in City Hall, 200 South President St., Jackson, Mississippi 39205
- Volkert, Inc., 111 East Capitol St., Jackson, Mississippi 39201

One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of \$150.00 (by check, made payable to " Volkert, Inc.") at Volkert, Inc., 111 East Capitol St., Jackson, Mississippi 39201. The payment is non-refundable.

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralauctionhouse.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 proposal and 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 special 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

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SECTION 901

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Mill Street Bridge Replacement Project over Town Creek
Federal Aid Project Number: STP-7261-00(002)LPA/108070-701000

The City of Jackson, Mississippi will receive bids for the Mill Street Bridge Replacement Project over Town Creek, Federal Aid Project No. STP-7261-00(002) LPA/108070-701000 no later than 3:30 p.m., local time, Tuesday, November 16, 2021, in the Municipal Clerk's office of Jackson, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City Hall located 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The work shall consist essentially of removing and replacing the Mill Street Bridge over Town Creek and reconstruction of the approach roadways.

The contract time is 87 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 therein.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are 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, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises 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 2%.

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

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ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSON AS ADOPTED ON MAY 29, 1974 AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR AND ESTABLISH MORE EFFECTIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON LAND USES.

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

That Article II, Section 202 of the Zoning Ordinance of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

202.41 Correctional Facility: A facility in which persons are housed primarily for the purpose of punishment, correction, or rehabilitation following conviction of a criminal offense. This does not include pre-release, work-release or probationary programs.

202.137 (a): Recreational Vehicle Park: Any development, site, parcel or tract of land designed, maintained or intended to be used for the purpose of providing short-term accommodation for a period of no more than sixty (60) days during any one hundred twenty (120) day period for the placement of two or more recreational vehicles and shall include all buildings used or maintained for use of the occupants in the recreational vehicle park.

202.158 (a) Small wireless facility(ies): A facility, whether singular or plural, including antenna and accessory equipment that meets the design standards established by the City of Jackson ordinances. A small wireless facility may be attached to an existing or new support structure where permitted.

That Article VI, Section 601.01 for uses permitted in all residential districts is hereby amended to read as follows with no changes to land uses 1-9:

10. Small cell wireless facilities shall be allowed on private property pursuant to review for compliance with Sections 35-66 Design Guidelines, 35-67 Design Standards, and 35-71 Required Submittal Information as detailed in Chapter 35 Article IV for Small Wireless Facilities in the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances. These facilities require site plan review approval and require a building permit. That Article VII-A, Section 701-A for uses permitted in all mixed-use districts is hereby amended to read as follows:

That Article VII, Section 701 for uses permitted in all commercial districts is hereby amended to read as follows with no changes to land uses 1-9:

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Section 701-A.01

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That Article VIII-A, Section 801 for uses permitted in all industrial districts is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 801.01

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That Article VII, Section 702.04.1(a) for Uses Permitted in the C-2 (Limited) Commercial District as a Use Permit is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Any and all Use Permits provided in the C-1 and C-1A Restricted Commercial Districts.
2. Restaurant, Drive Thru
- a) When the restaurant adjoins residentially zoned property, all exterior lighting shall be directed away from adjacent residential properties;
- b) The location for the point of taking food orders shall be buffered from and so located so as to minimize the intrusion upon adjacent properties.
3. Veterinarian clinic when no storage pens or runs are located outdoors.
4. Multi-family dwellings of up to twenty (20) units
5. Automotive service and repair establishments, but excluding major repair work such as motor overhaul, body and fender repairs, spray painting, tire retreading, or other activities which may generate excessive noise or odors which may be incompatible with the character of the district when:
- a) Conducted within a completely enclosed building; and
- b) There is no outdoor storage of automobiles, discarded parts, tires or similar materials.
6. Re-cycling collection point when:
- a) The collection point occupies no more than five hundred (500) square feet;
- b) Has no processing equipment;
- c) Recycling containers are made of durable material and are covered and secured from unauthorized entry; and
- d) Located two-hundred fifty (250) feet from any residentially zoned property.
7. Nightclubs and bars.
8. Service stations.
9. Car wash.
10. Restaurant, General.
11. Liquor Stores, where part of a neighborhood shopping center.
12. Community Recreational Center, where part of a neighborhood shopping center
13. Tobacco Paraphernalia Retail Business
14. Hospitals
15. Vendor Park

That Article VII, Section 702.05.1 for Uses Permitted in the C-3 (General) Commercial District is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. All uses permitted in the C-2 Limited Commercial District
2. Apartments, new construction and when located in renovated, non-residential structures, which exceed 5,000 square feet, in accordance with 701 (9.) of the Zoning Ordinance.
3. Automotive service and repair establishments
4. Automotive and Truck Rental Business
5. Automobile Sales
6. Bowling centers
7. Car Wash
8. Health Club/Fitness Center
9. Hotels, Inns and Motels
10. Ice and roller skating rinks
11. Mini-warehouses
12. Brewpubs
13. Nightclubs and Bars
14. Nurseries/Yard and Garden Centers
15. Parking Garages
16. Produce Stand
17. Restaurants, drive-in and fast food
18. Restaurants, General
19. Retail Stand
20. Second Hand Stores
21. Service Stations
22. Transient Vendors, when located completely indoors, as in shopping centers, hotels, or motels. Outdoor display of merchandise is prohibited.
23. Veterinarian Clinics and Kennels
24. Wholesale Outlet Stores
25. Vendor Park

That Article VII, Section 707.05.1(a) for Uses Permitted in the C-3 (General) Commercial District as Use Permits is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Any and all Use Permits provided in the C-2 (Limited) Commercial District.
2. Amusement Arcades
3. Amusement parks
4. Amusement Rides
5. Automobile and truck wrecker and recovery businesses, when all vehicles are stored in a completely enclosed building.
6. Bail Bonding Business
7. Billboards
8. Bingo Parlors
9. Body Piercing Business
10. Boarding Houses
11. Check Cashing Business
12. Commercial Communication Towers
13. Community Recreational Center
14. Emergency Shelter/Mission
15. Golf Driving Ranges and Pitch-n-putt
16. Gun Shops
17. Liquor Stores
18. Mobile/Manufactured Home Sales
19. Pawn Shops
20. Recreational Vehicle Park
21. Recycling Center
22. Recycling Collection Points
23. Single-room occupancy hotels (SRO)
24. Tattoo Parlor
25. Title Pledge Office - Any such uses lawfully operating prior to March 11, 1998, shall be treated as non-conforming uses under this Ordinance, and shall be subject to the requirements of Article XIII-A of this Ordinance, entitled "Non-conforming Use of Lands and/or Structures."
26. Tobacco Paraphernalia Retail Business
27. Automobile Sales - Used
 - The minimum lot size is twenty-two thousand (22,000) square feet
 - All service doors, buildings, structures, inoperable vehicles, outdoor storage and automobile repair uses shall be screened by a solid wall or opaque fence with a minimum height of six feet and no more than ten feet, in addition to any required landscape buffer yard.
 - Inoperable vehicles, outdoor storage and automobile repair activities shall be located to the rear or side yard and shall not be visible from any public right-of-way.

That Article VII, Section 702.05.2 for Regulations in the C-3 (General) Commercial District is hereby amended to read as follows with no changes to regulations 1-19:

20. Use Permits for a recreational vehicle park shall be issued to the owner of the vendor park and renewed annually. The Use Permit will not run with the land and the subsequent owners of a vendor park at the location must apply for and receive a new Use Permit.

21. Every RV in the RV park must maintain the ability to be pulled or moved at all times.

22. Recreational vehicle parks shall have:

a. Minimum Spacing. A recreational vehicle (RV) park shall provide spaces to accommodate various types of RVs. The minimum buffer area to be provided around each RV space shall be ten (10) feet from side to side, eight (8) feet from side to rear, and six (6) feet from rear to rear or front to rear. A minimum of five (5) feet shall be provided between RV patios and any adjacent RV space. A minimum of six (6) feet shall be provided between the appurtenant structures attached to an RV and any adjacent RV space. No restroom shall be closer than twenty-five (25) feet to, nor further than four hundred (400) feet from, an RV space. Other permanent buildings shall be set back at least ten (10) feet from any RV space.

b. Landscaping/Visual Screening. All RV developments shall provide a minimum twenty-one (21) foot wide planter area, measured from the face of curb, along each street frontage (public sidewalks may be permitted in this planter area) to minimize views of the development from the public right-of-way. All areas not specifically used for driveways, walkways, patios, or similar purposes shall be landscaped in accordance with the City of Jackson Landscaping Ordinance. Landscaping materials shall meet with city standards and shall be planted to provide maximum visual relief and shade. The landscaped areas shall be protected from wheeled traffic by berms, curbing, fencing, posts, or other means where feasible.

c. Recreation Facilities. Recreational facilities include indoor rooms with table games as well as pools, clubhouses, common barbecue/picnic areas, and ball fields and playgrounds with swings, slides, sandboxes, and similar recreational equipment. A variety of recreational facilities shall be provided at a minimum of one hundred (100) square feet per RV space. Perimeter landscaping and landscaping between RV spaces shall not be counted as a recreational amenity.

d. Sound Attenuation Devices. Sound attenuation devices shall be of sufficient height and density to reduce exterior noise levels on the RV park to commercial standards. Sound attenuation devices shall also be required if noise from the RV park may intrude onto an adjacent property. All such sound attenuation devices shall be landscaped and constructed with aesthetically attractive materials. Landscaping berms at least two (2) feet in height shall be provided where sound attenuation devices are visible from the public right-of-way.

That Article VIII, Section 802.01.1 for Uses Permitted in the I-1 (Light) Industrial District is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Light manufacturing industries
2. Uses as permitted in Commercial "C" Districts, including trade and driving schools but excluding public, private, and parochial, elementary, and secondary schools, hospitals, convalescent homes and all residential uses and retail stands which are listed separately in the relevant commercial zoning districts.
3. Truck terminals, warehouses, and storage buildings
4. Wholesale and supply houses, including building material suppliers requiring outdoor storage
5. Bulk storage and wholesale distribution of products and materials with the exception of those products and materials that by their nature are considered explosive or otherwise hazardous to other industrial uses as determined by the Zoning Administrator
6. Recycling centers
7. Correctional facilities
8. Adult arcades, adult bookstores, adult cabarets, adult entertainment establishments, adult motels, and adult motion picture theaters
9. Amusement parks
10. Bingo parlors
11. Body Piercing Business
12. Check Cashing Business
13. Emergency shelter/mission
14. Golf driving ranges and pitch-n-putt
15. Liquor Stores
16. Pawn shops
17. Retail Stand
18. Small Cell Wireless Facility(ies)
19. Single-room occupancy hotels (SRO)
20. Title Pledge Office - Any such uses lawfully operating prior to March 11, 1998, shall be treated as non-conforming uses under this Ordinance, and shall be subject to the requirements of Article XIII-A of this Ordinance, entitled "Non-conforming Use of Lands and/or Structures."
21. Tobacco Paraphernalia Retail Business
22. Automobile Sales--Used
23. Used tire sales
24. Billboards
25. Bail Bonding business
26. Mobile/Manufactured Home Sales
27. Tattoo Parlors
28. Transient Vendors -- Sales from vehicles will be allowed only in the absence of a permanent building. Outdoor display of goods is permitted.
29. Recreational Vehicle Park

That Article XII-A, Section 1108-A for Off-street Parking is hereby amended to read as follows with no changes to regulations 1-41:

42. Recreational Vehicle Park- one (1) guest parking space for every ten (10) RV spaces. One (1) parking space shall be provided for each shift employee and shall be conspicuously labeled as such. One (1) covered parking space will be provided for a caretaker's residence, where applicable.
 43. Residential School -- one and one half (1.5) per student living on campus and for persons living in faculty or personnel housing
 44. Restaurant, nightclub, bar, adult entertainment establishment -- one (1) for each seventy-five (75) square feet of gross floor area.
 45. Retail store -- one (1) for each two hundred fifty (250) square feet of gross floor area.
 46. Single-family or two-family dwelling -- two (2) per dwelling unit.
 - a. For dwelling units containing less than six hundred (600) square feet in a project without any accessory building or use such as, but not limited to, a party house, tennis court, or swimming pool -- one and one-half (1 ½) per dwelling unit.
 47. Skating rink -- one (1) for each one hundred (100) square feet of gross floor area.
 48. Swimming pool -- one (1) for each fifty (50) square feet of water surface; plus, one for each thirty (30) square feet of gross floor area used for spectator seating purposes.
 49. Swimming pool, indoor -- one (1) for each one hundred (100) square feet of water surface; plus, one (1) for each thirty (30) square feet of gross floor area used for spectator seating purposes.
 50. Tennis or racquetball facility -- two (2) per court.
 51. Townhouse and zero lot line -- two (2) per dwelling unit.
 52. Warehousing, truck terminal and supply house -- one (1) per motor vehicle used in the business and based, for operational purposes, upon the premises; plus
 - a. For the first twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of gross floor area, one (1) for each thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area; plus
 - b. For any amount over twenty thousand (20,000) feet of gross floor area but less than one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) square feet, one (1) per each additional five thousand (5,000) square feet of gross floor area; plus,
 - c. for any amount over one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) square feet of gross floor area, one (1) for each additional ten thousand (10,000) square feet of gross floor area.
- That Article XII-A, Section 1203-A for Site Plan Required is hereby amended to read as follows with no changes to land uses 1-20:
21. Recreational Vendor Park
 22. Residential subdivisions or re-subdivisions of property
 23. Restaurants
 24. Commercial Communications Towers
 25. Small Craft Brewery
 26. Service Stations
 27. Retail Stand
 28. Structures in excess of forty-five (45) feet in height
 29. Substantial remodeling or additions that:
 - affect existing off-street parking;
 - change the land use of the building(s) involved; or
 - increase the square footage of existing non-residential structures fifteen (15) percent or more
 30. Any "action" as defined under 706.11-B within the Corridor 80 (C80) District.
 31. Vendor Park

That this Ordinance shall be in force and effect thirty (30) days after passage and after publication of the same by the petitioner.

Council Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Priester seconded.

Yeas -- Banks, Foote, Priestler, Priestler 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 Zoning Council Meeting on September 21, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6R, Pages 649-654".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 11th day of October, 2021.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

The City of Jackson (City) is requesting proposals from qualified Service Providers to provide residential solid waste collection and transportation to a designated transfer station or landfill. Award of a contract for this project is subject to the availability of funding.

It is the City's intent to evaluate the proposals based on technical merit, experience, and price and to choose the Service Provider whose proposal provides the best value to the City. The City reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any and/or all proposals, in whole or in part, when, in the City's opinion, such rejection is in the best interests of the City.

The City will perform an initial blind review of the technical proposals submitted by each Service Provider for qualifications. The City will open and review only the cost proposals of those Service Providers determined to be technically qualified.

Selection of Service Provider for Contract negotiation will be based on an evaluation of the following criteria:

1. Technical Proposal (30%)
 - a. Innovative approach to encourage and maintain a sustainable solid waste system- 10%
 - b. Plan for performing the required services- 20%
2. Service Provider's Presentation/Interview: (25%)
 - a. Experience in providing similar services- 10%
 - b. Qualifications and Key Personnel- 10%
 - c. References- 5%
3. EBO Plan and commitment to exceeding MBE and FBE participation goals (10%)

4. Fee proposal (35%)
 - a. How cost compares to other proposals in this algebraic equation: ((Lowest Priced Proposal divided by Service Provider's Price) multiplied by 35) equals the number of points/percentage assigned.
 - i. Example: If Lowest Price is \$100.00 and it is submitted by Service Provider A, and Service Provider B's Price was \$200.00 then the equation to determine Service Provider B's score would be:
 1. (\$100/\$200) X 35= 17.5
 2. (Service Provider A gets 35 points
 3. Service Provider B gets 17.5 points

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provision of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder, or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1055. Copies of the Executive Order, 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, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and/or conduct business in the City to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

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 afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

Respondent Service Providers shall provide:

- 1) one (1) electronic and (1) bound hard copy of the complete original (non-redacted) version of the proposal including all attachments in a searchable Microsoft Office® format, preferably in Word® or Portable Document Format (PDF®) labeled accordingly and including the required EBO Plan, as well as one unbound signed original EBO Plan.

Section components must be clearly distinguished as follows:

- a. COVER LETTER Transmittal Form Sheet (Attachment A)
- b. COMPONENT 1 - Technical Proposal
- c. COMPONENT 2 – Cost Proposal

- 2) One (1) electronic and five (5) BLIND bound hard copies of COMPONENT 1 – Technical Proposal in a searchable Microsoft Office® format, preferably in Word® or Portable Document Format (PDF®). All Service Provider-identifying information shall be removed from both the electronic and bound hard copies.
 - a. Service Provider-identifying information includes but is not limited to any prior, current and future names or addresses of the vendor, any names of incumbent staff, any prior work or current work with the City of Jackson or staff, any prior, current and future logos, watermarks, and company colors, any information, which identifies the Service Provider as an incumbent, and any other information, which would affect the blind evaluation of technical or cost factors. The "blind" copy shall not include pricing information, or Résumés of Key Staff. This requirement is necessary to help ensure the anonymity of the Respondents from the evaluation team that will review the aforementioned sections and components of your proposal. The "blind" copy should be provided in a searchable Microsoft Office® format, preferably in Word®. Respondents who fail to redact all identifying information MAY be disqualified and not considered for an award.

- 3) If the proposal contains confidential or trade information, one (1) additional confidential or trade electronic copy of the complete proposal including all attachments shall be submitted in a searchable Microsoft Office® format, preferably in Word® or Portable Document Format (PDF), shall be labeled CONFIDENTIAL, and shall redact the confidential or trade information only.

All documents shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box marked "Solid Waste Collection Services". The original and copies of the unredacted and redacted proposals shall be indexed with tabs as requested in Section 2.6 Proposed Contents. The Cost Proposal shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope that will be submitted in the same sealed envelope or box as the Technical Proposal. This sealed envelope shall be clearly labeled "Cost Proposal" and include the name of the proposer on the outside of the envelope.

Electronic proposals MUST be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

All proposals (both electronic and physical hard copies) must be received no later than 3:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time, on November 23, 2021. All physical hard copies shall be submitted to the attention of:

If by hand delivery: City of Jackson
Office of the Municipal Clerk
219 South President Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

If by mail: City of Jackson
Office of the Municipal Clerk
Post Office Box 17
Jackson, MS 39205-0017

Specifications and the Fee Proposal for the project are available for inspection at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Specifications and the Fee Proposal form are available for download through Central Bidding online at www.centralbidding.com and at the City of Jackson website, www.jacksonms.gov/bid-opportunities/. Hard copies are available upon request from the City of Jackson Solid Waste Division, Warren A. Hood Administration Building, 5th Floor, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

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

Marlin King, Director
Department of Public Works

10/21/2021, 10/28/2021

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Vacant Pastor Job Announcement

Mt. Calvary M. B. Church

350 Hillcrest Street

Jackson, MS 39213

Mt. Calvary M. B. Church is now accepting resumes for a Senior Pastor. We are seeking a pastor called by God, who is mature in his faith, with pastoral experience in preparation for delivery of the word of God. He must provide leadership, spiritual guidance, a vision, and work effectively with the congregation. Interested minister should mail a letter of interest, a resume, a current photo and a copy of all ministerial credentials to the following: Mt. Calvary M. B. Church, Attn: Pastoral Search Committee, P. O. Box 322, Tougaloo, MS 39174. Resumes will be accepted starting October 1, 2021 thru November 1, 2021.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

City of Jackson

Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, November 09, 2021 at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

38517-----110921-----24, Month Supply of Foods-- Dairy Products- Group IV

38518-----110921-----24, Month Supply of Foods- Frozen/Chilled- Group IA- (Breads & Desserts)

38542-----110921-----24, Month Supply of Foods--- Frozen/Chilled- Group IC- (Meats/Meat Products)

38596-----110921-----24, Month Supply of Foods-- Frozen/Chilled- Group IB- (Fruits/Veg- etables

39028-----110921-----24, Month Supply of Foods – Fresh Produce- Group V- (Fruits/Veg- etables)

39331-----110921-----24, Month Supply of Foods—Baby Food

39343-----110921-----24, Month Supply of Foods-- Canned/Dry- Group IIA- (Breads, Cere- als, Desserts & Fruit Juices)

39346-----110921-----24, Month Supply of Foods-- Canned/Dry- Group IIB- (Breads, Cere- als, Desserts & Fruit Juices)

39348-----110921-----24, Month Supply of Foods- Condiments- Group III

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT HYPERLINK "http://WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV" WWW. JACKSONMS.GOV

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at HYPERLINK "http:// www.centralbidding.com/bids www.centralbidding.com/bids are also available at HYPERLINK "http://www.centralbidding" www.centralbidding.com or for assist call 225-810-4814

The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of proposal forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, and Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill No 999, 1986 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, and Jackson, Mississippi.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any bid submitted. Bid awards will be made to the lowest and best bidder quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications. The award could be according to the lowest cost per item; or to the lowest total cost for all items; or to accept all or part of any proposal. Delivery time may be considered when evaluating the bid proposal. In those cases where it is known prior to advertising that the City's intention is to award according to the lowest total cost for all items, or in some variation thereof, statements to this effect will be included on the proposal form. Absence of such statement means the City will make that determination during the bid review.

Destiney Williams; Purchasing Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1533 or 1025

10/21/2021, 10/28/2021

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 21 & 22, 2021
City of Jackson, Mississippi
P. O. Box 17
Jackson, MS 39205-0017
601-960-2155

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 9, 2021 the City of Jackson, Mississippi will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnership Program funds under HOME Investment Partnerships Act at title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq., to undertake a project known as the Pearl Senior Living Community for the purpose of supplying the City of Jackson with additional affordable housing units specifically for the elderly. This development will address the need for decent, safe and affordable housing by removing a blighted property and returning it to a productive use. This project will be located at 2649 Highway 80 W, Jackson, MS 39204.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Jackson has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records> and posted on the City's Website at www.jacksonms.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Housing and Community Development via email at ohcd@jacksonms.gov. All comments received by November 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. will be considered by the City of Jackson prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Jackson certifies to HUD that Chokwe A. Lumumba in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Jackson to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Jackson's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Jackson; (b) the City of Jackson has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 100 West Capitol Street, Room 910, Jackson, Mississippi 39269-1096. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

City of Jackson, Mississippi
Mayor, Chokwe A. Lumumba

10/21/2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4146

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Mohammed Alqadhi has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to operate a tobacco paraphernalia retail business within a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District on property located at 5610 Old Canton Rd., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Tract 1
Being situated in the Southeast ¼ of Section 7 and in the Southwest ¼ of Section 8, all in Township 6 North, Range 2 East, City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Commence at the northwest corner of Lot of Block "A" of Imperial Acres, a subdivision, the map or plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 14 at Page 31 of the Chancery Records of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, said northwest corner being the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence North 460 21' 02" East for a distance of 72.22 feet along the southeastern right of way line of Old Canton Road; thence leave southeastern right of way line and run North 890 28' 02" East for a distance of 119.92 feet; thence North 430 32' 53" East for a distance of 79.74 feet; thence North 000 31 ' 58" West for a distance of 67.72 feet; thence South 890 28' 02" West for a distance of 45.25 feet to the said southeastern right of way line of Old Canton Road; thence North 450 26' 45" East for a distance of 192.52 feet along the said southeastern right of way line; thence South 440 20' 58" East for a distance of 8.79 feet along a right of way offset; thence North 450 34' 02" East for a distance of 48.30 feet along the said southeastern right of way line; thence leave said southeastern right of way line of Old Canton Road and run South 480 40' 58" East for a distance of 125.00 feet; thence North 450 34' 02" East for a distance of 125.00 feet to the southwestern right of way line of Parkway Drive; thence South 480 40' 58 East for a distance of 151.68 feet along the said southwestern right of way line; thence run 246.94 feet along the arc of a 985.40 foot curve to the left along the said southwestern right of way line, said arc having a 246.29 foot chord which bears South 550 51 ' 58" East; thence South 620 52' 58" East for a distance of 99.84 feet along the said southwestern right of way line of Parkway Drive to the northern right of way line of Imperial Drive; thence leave said southwestern right of way line of Parkway Drive and run South 400 57' 02" West for a distance of 137.09 feet along the said northern right of way line; thence run 250.58 feet along the arc of a 294.30 foot curve to the right along the said northern right of way line, said arc having a 243.08 foot chord which South 650 20' 32' West; thence South 890 44' 02" West for a distance of 91.89 feet along the said northern right of way line to the southeast corner of Lot 7 of the said Block "A" of Imperial Acres; thence leave said northern right of way line of Imperial Drive and run North 000 27' 46" West for a distance of 150.00 feet along the eastern line of the said Lot 7 to the northeast corner thereof; thence South 890 32' 14" West for a distance of 545.00 feet along the northern line of the said Block "A" of Imperial Acres to POINT OF Beginning, containing 4.9704 acres, more or less.

Tract 2
Being 10 (10') sewer line easement recorded in Book 5706 at Page 782 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/ VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO OCTOBER 20, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 29th day of September 2021.

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

10/7/2021, 10/21/2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4148

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Cedric Hammond has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a commercial childcare center in a C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District on property located at 5495 Robinson Rd., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A 0.50 ACRE PARCEL BEING SITUATED IN THE EAST ¼ OF SECTION 13, T5N-R1W, JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND BEING A PART OF LOT 3 OF SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION PART TWO, A SUBDIVISION ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 5 AT PAGE 33 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK AT JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY,MISSISSIPPI AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 3 OF SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST 105.00 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST 207.68 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF ROBINSON ROAD EXT.; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 50 MINUTES WEST 105.00 FEET ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID ROBINSON ROAD EXT.; TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES WEST 206.63 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/ VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO OCTOBER 20, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 29th day of September 2021.

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

10/7/2021, 10/21/2021

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

SIGN VARIANCE FOR PIX AND PINS DEVELOPMENT LLC

THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR PIX AND PINS DEVELOPMENT LLC. TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 219 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MS, 39201. INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT THE SIGNS & LICENSE DIVISION (601) 960-1154 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

10/21/2021

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4102

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Midtown Christian Academy has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting the removal of the condition that limits the number of students for a commercial day care in a R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential District for the property located at 217 Millsaps Ave. (Parcel: 58-47) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

1757, LOT 11, OAKS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 7238, AT PAGE 0231, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 29th day of September 2021.

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

10/7/2021, 10/21/2021

LEGAL

ORDINANCE GRANTING MIDTOWN PARTNERS/MIDTOWN DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT A REZONING FROM I-1 (LIGHT) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT & I-2 (HEAVY) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO R-4 (LIMITED MULTI-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR A RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED ON 1126 MILL ST. (PARCEL: 65-18), PARCEL 65-17 ON MILL ST, PARCEL 71-4 ON BELL ST., CASE NO. 4117.

WHEREAS, Midtown Partners/Midtown Development & Management has filed a petition to rezone the properties located on 1126 Mill St. (Parcel: 65-18), Parcel 65-17 on Mill St, Parcel 71-4 on Bell St., in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from I-1 (Light) Industrial District and I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District to allow for a residential housing development; 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 and I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District to allow for a residential housing development; 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 Jackson 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 property from I-1 (Light) Industrial District and I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District; and

WHEREAS, the 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 any previous Jackson City Council action.

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:

1126 N. Mill St. (65-18)

LOT 2 & S 1/2 LOTS 3 4 & 5 & LOTS 24 25 26 & 27 BLK B SCHOOL SUBN

9 N. Mill St. (65-17)

1128-1130 Mill Street: 201-203 Taft Street: 205-207 Taft Street: Hinds 1st District: Parcel 65-17

Lot One (1) and the North Half of Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block B, School Subdivision, as shown by a plat of said subdivision of record in the Chancery Clerk's Office of Hinds County, 1st District, Mississippi.

9 E Bell St. (71-4)

Part of Lots 1 and 2, Dreyfus Subdivision, and part of Lots 55, 56 and 57 of Ben Whitfield Survey, according to the map or play of said subdivisions of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi and being more particularly described to wit:

Beginning at a point on the south line of Bell Street 239.8 feet measured Easterly along the South line of Bell Street from its intersection with the East line of Mill Street, as both streets are now laid out in the City of Jackson, Mississippi; run thence Easterly along the South line of Bell Street 258 feet to an iron stake; thence Southerly at right angles 84 feet to a point; thence Westerly at right angles 273.2 feet to a point; thence Northerly at right angles 84 feet to a point on the South line of Bell Street; thence Easterly 15.2 feet to the point of the beginning.

It is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the properties located on 1126 Mill St. (Parcel: 65-18), Parcel 65-17 on Mill St, Parcel 71-4 on Bell St. from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to I-1 (Light) Industrial District and I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District to allow for a residential housing development. However, that before for any structure is erected or use 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 Foote seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lindsay, and Tillman.

Nays – None.

Absent – Lee, 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 Zoning Council Meeting on April 19, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T."

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

SEAL

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

10/21/2021

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

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- "__ Dame"
- Speck
- Brew
- Georgia (abbr.)
- Airport abbr.
- Threaten
- Eat in the open air
- Flop
- Deutschmark (abbr.)
- Lick
- On
- Screamer's throat dangler
- Potter's oven
- Soap operas
- Otherwise
- Bird's home

DOWN

- Gas burner
- Absent without leave
- Location
- Make a mistake
- Affirmative
- Ancient Indian
- Penned
- Dalai __
- Title
- Deep-seated hostility
- Master of ceremonies (abbr.)
- Actinium (abbr.)
- Scholar
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- Toboggan
- Alack's partner
- Went by
- Compass point
- Truck

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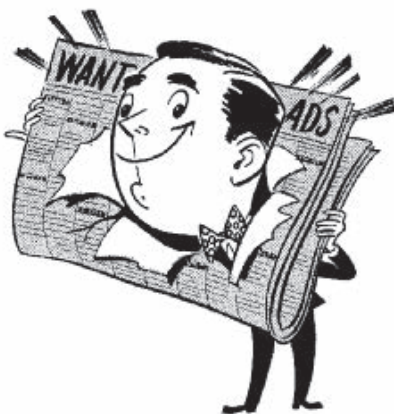
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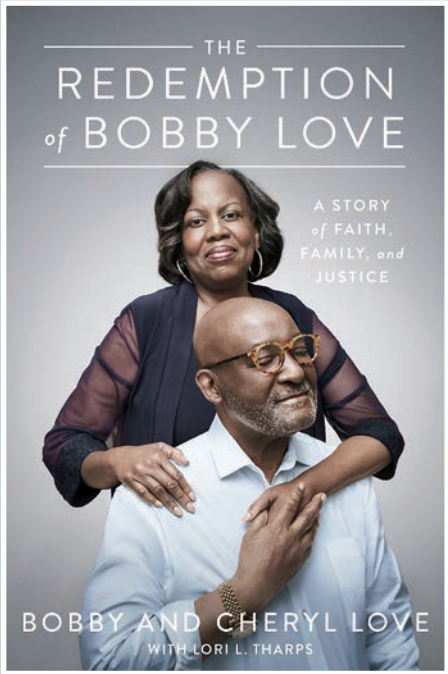
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
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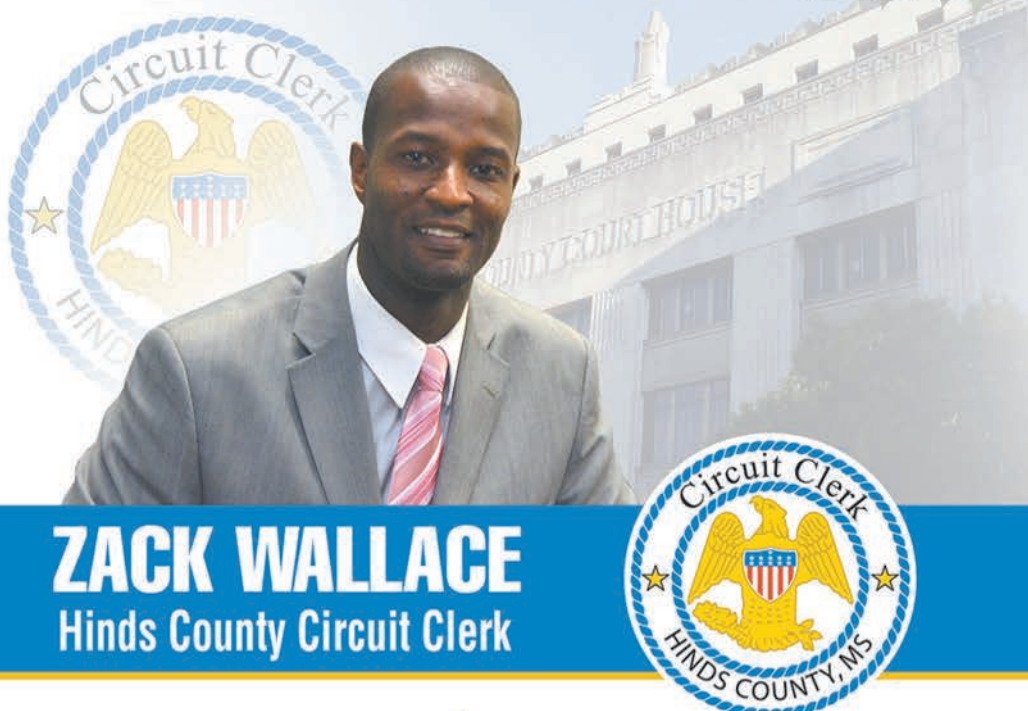
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Don't breathe one word of what you're about to hear, not to anyone living or dead. This is Top Secret information, for your eyes only. Keep it quiet. And in the new book "The Redemption of Bobby Love" by Bobby and Cheryl Love with Lori L. Tharps, hope that everyone else does so, too.
At that time of day, a rap on the door was never good. It was 6:30 a.m. and Cheryl Love was just finishing up her morn-

ing routine, preparing to wake her husband, Bobby, for work, and their son for school.
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Walter Curtis Miller was born in the fall of 1950 in North Carolina, his mother's "lucky number seven" of eight children. The family was poor but young "Buddy" had a good childhood until his father died in 1959 and that changed everything: his mother took any job she could to feed her brood and with little supervision, Buddy started acting out, fighting, stealing.
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Miller went to prison with a twenty-five year sentence.


But Buddy Miller couldn't do that kind of time and he made plans to run when he could. He jumped off the prison bus, changed his name to Bobby Love because it was the first thing that came to mind, and he sneaked off to New York. As Love, he kept mum about his past, settled down, got a job, fell in love and married, volunteered in his community, helped folks, and raised four good kids. His family never knew about Buddy Miller.
Until forty-some years after Miller's "one big heist," and

there was a rap on the door.
Seems like a movie plot, right? Like you'd catch this on your big-screen with some popcorn, but no, "The Redemption of Bobby Love" is a true story and it's incredible.
Part of that is because half of this book belongs to author Cheryl Love, whose tale accompanies Bobby Love's in all its tumultuousness. Together, they make a breathless story, told with no apparent desire to keep it all under wraps anymore – and that'll knock the breath out of you, too.

It has a Catch Me If You Can feel, as you race through this account with an empathetic feeling of doom, the urgency of being one step ahead, and the terror of waiting for that hand on your shoulder. Whew, the grace that eventually comes is sweet relief.
Fans of Humans of New York will recognize this tale, and be glad it's finally fully told. Anyone who wants a good book needs to read "The Redemption of Bobby Love."
Truly, it'll make you shout.



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The National Bar Association holds annual Wiley A. Branton Symposium in Jackson

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The National Bar Association (NBA) held its' 32nd annual Wiley A. Branton Symposium at the Westin Hotel in Jackson from Oct. 14-16. The theme for the occasion was "Black Voters Matter: Why We Must Protect Our Vote." This year's symposium also offered the choice of attending online.

The conference activities included the annual Wiley Branton Awards luncheon which was held at the Westin Friday. Individuals from Mississippi were honored for notable achievements while serving or still serving in various notable positions. Honorees were chosen from six different categories and were presented to the recipients by Attorney Carlos Moore, president of the National Bar Association.

Honorees of the Wiley A. Branton award included Secretary Mike Espy, Attorney Robert McDuff, Attorney Constance Slaughter Harvey, and Congressman Bennie Thompson.

This award is annually bestowed upon members of the legal community whose careers embody a deep and abiding commitment to civil rights and economic justice advocacy.

Wiley Branton started his career in private practice in Arkansas in the 1950's, representing African American criminal defendants in often racially charged prosecutions. He was a leader of federal agencies in Washington DC, and a Dean of the Howard University School of Law.



Att. Constance Slaughter receives Wiley A. Branton Award from Att. Carlos Moore, president of NBA.

Slaughter responded to *The Mississippi Link* regarding what this award meant to her. She said, "I knew Attorney Wiley Branton and his commitment to making this world a better place and it made me think of an award I received from the Magnolia Bar Association in honor of Attorney R. Jess Brown, who like Attorney Branton, was a tireless advocate for civil rights and equal justice." Slaughter said these awards made her feel as though she has made a significant contribution to the legal field and like Branton and Brown she wants to make certain every person has a right to vote and a right to a fair trial regardless of

race and/or background.

Additional categories of Honorees included the Unsung Hero Award which was presented to Attorney Kenneth Mayfield and Attorney Carroll Rhodes; The Black Excellence Award was presented to Dean Patricia Bennett, Attorney Robert Gibbs and Attorney Orlando Richmond; The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Bernice Donald; The Visionary Leadership Award was presented to Mayor Chuck Espy and JSU Athletic Director, Ashley Robinson; The Rising Star Award was presented to Attorney Scott Colom, Senator Derrick Simmons and Judge Latrice Westbrook.



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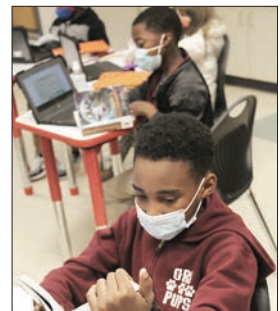
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I am happily married 17 years to the former Lynn Smith, the daughter of Rev. D.D. Smith and Pinkie Smith Amos. We have a beautiful blended family of 4 children, Candice, Jordan, George and Indea. We also have 2 grandchildren, Calvert and Jiana. Our 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

Professional, Education and Certification

- 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

- 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

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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



Constable Leon has been visiting citizens throughout the county, in the church, in homes and community.

We invite you to contact his campaign to learn about his visit to your area.