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Margaret Walker Center presented Evicted: An Exhibition June 28-October 3, 2021 in Jackson State University's Johnson Hall Art Gallery. Supported by The Mississippi Humanities Council, the exhibition revealed the devastating impact of evictions on America.

Experts engaged in ongoing conversations regarding housing and economic inse-

curity, COVID-19 and eviction, the impact of eviction on children and families, and citizens' rights within the law. Climaxing these conversations was The Intersection of Policy, Activism and Economic Well-Being Tuesday, September 28.

In their virtual discussion, panelists (like those in previous discussions) had invested interest in the well-being of Mississippi residents. They

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The AKA's breast-cancer-fighting machine targets the MS delta

Local Jackson chapter holds virtual breast cancer Impact Day forum

By Gail H.M. Brown, Ph.D.
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It's not a cannon but fights just as hard. It's not a torpedo but knows its target. What is it?

It is the huge, pink and green, 3D breast-cancer-fighting machine of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

In kicking off October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the sorority has gone full throttle in providing information on the importance of early detection as well as free screening for this disease which impacts more than 2 million Americans annually.

This week, Oct. 4-6, the AKA's 3D mobile mammography unit returned to the Mississippi Delta on another mission of the sorority's Mississippi Health Project (MHP). The project is a part of the organization's international community service program.

In June, International President and CEO Dr. Glenda Glover and a team of local partners focused their Delta mission on COVID-19 vaccination outreach.

On Monday, Oct. 4, its MHP breast cancer awareness three-day event was held from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center in Lexington, Miss. and the Walgreens at 700 W. Park Ave. in Greenwood, Miss.

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, the sorority's MHP event was held at the B.



Dr. Ala Stanford (Chief Medical Director for the Mississippi Health Project II, Pediatric & General Surgeon, Founder & CEO, The Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium) speaks to members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority about COVID-19 vaccination

B. King Museum in Indianola and the Greenville Mall, Greenville, Miss. It culminated Wednesday, Oct. 6 at the Delta Health Center in Mound Bayou, Miss.

The event included a panel discussion, free mammogram screenings, free COVID-19 screenings and vaccinations, flu shots, HIV testing, vital sign screenings, and eye exams. Individuals who received vaccinations and mammograms had the opportunity to enter a drawing for

a flat-screen television.

"Our connection to black residents of the Mississippi Delta goes back to the 1930s and 1940s. Back then, the sorority launched its first Summer School for Rural Teachers, a program created in Lexington to improve the educational skills among black teachers," explains Glover.

"Quickly, the leadership of the sorority recognized the lack of access to quality healthcare for black families in that region of

the country and needed to take priority. This set us on a trajectory to open community health clinics that offered vaccinations and medical care for children and families. The Mississippi Health Project (MHP) was born out of necessity and a call to serve," stated Glover.

While AKA International was in the Mississippi delta, other AKA chapters were kicking off

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Talks around details on language in the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act in Congress ended in late September after a dispute between Republican Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) over what Scott defined as "defunding police." PHOTO: PHILADELPHIA, PA USA - NOVEMBER 24, 2014; A YOUNG PROTESTER AND HIS MOTHER ARE SEEN HOLDING SIGNS AT DILLWORTH PARK AT PHILADELPHIA CITY HALL. [PHOTO BY BAS SLABBERS] / ISTOCKPHOTO / NNPA

Study shows police killings in U.S. have been widely undercounted

By Lauren Victoria Burke
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Police killings in the United States have been massively undercounted according to a study by the University of Washington. The study was published September 27 in the *Lancet*, peer-reviewed medical journal.

Researchers compared data from the National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) federal database alongside with data from three groups tracking deaths in police custody and news reports. The study demonstrated the disproportionate impact of police killings on black people in America.

Last summer, after the May 25, 2020 killing of George Floyd by former Minneapolis Police Officer

Derek Chauvin, there were protests in the streets around the U.S. The moment brought forward even more analysis over police violence.

Over the last five years several high-profile killings of African Americans in the U.S. have been caught on camera and forced legislatures to re-evaluate policing policies.

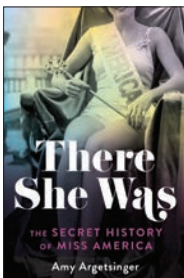
The study, in part, read that "across all races and states in the USA, we estimate 30,800 deaths from police violence between 1980 and 2018; this represents 17,100 more deaths than reported by the NVSS. Over this time period, the age-standardized mortality rate due to police violence was highest in non-Hispanic

black people, followed by Hispanic people of any race. This variation is further affected by the decedent's sex and shows large discrepancies between states."

Talks around details on language in the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act in Congress ended in late September after a dispute between Republican Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) over what Scott defined as "defunding police."

Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) told NNPA on September 30 that he has not given up on the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and is looking for a way to revive the conversa-

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Local organizations support Breast Cancer Awareness

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The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health and other organizations joined forces to Boo Away Breast Cancer. On Monday, October 4, hundreds of items were donated to support the cancer patients and their caregivers at Hope House of Hospitality. Hope House of Hospitality is located at 786 Northside Drive, Jackson, MS.

Hope House of Hospitality is designed to provide a home away from home for people undergoing outpatient cancer treatments. They offer lodging, transportation to medical appointments, meals and laundry facilities at no cost to their guests.

Items donated for Boo Away Breast Cancer included nonperishable food, cleaning supplies, paper goods and gift cards. Lunch was also provided.

This Breast Cancer awareness event was a collaboration between Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Lambda Omega Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Rho Xi Omega Chapter and the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health.



Gloria Salters, president, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Lambda Omega chapters talks to the local media following the donation. Others present were: Chelsea Crittle, vice-president, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Lambda Omega chapter; Dr. Sandra Melvin, CEO, Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health and member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Lambda Omega chapter; Phaedra Stewart Scott, member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Lambda Omega chapter; Keisha Milton, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Zeta Delta chapter and Perry Paige, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Rho Xi Omega chapter.



Dr. Sandra Melvin (back right), CEO, Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health assists her sorority sisters Hope Wells (left) and Bertha Logan (front) as they prepare goodie bags for the Hope House of Hospitality.

Mississippi Book Festival goes virtual



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The Mississippi Book Festival is going virtual. After COVID-19 caused the cancellation of its August event, the festival has been working to create a virtual experience for readers to connect with the many authors who had planned to participate in August.

That virtual experience will go public on the festival's website October 12, 2021, with more than 110 official panelists appearing on 31 panels recorded in the last month.

According to Executive Director Ellen Daniels, "We've got an amazing group of authors and moderators who have rallied to record more than 35 hours of great conversations about books and writing. Honoring these writers and continuing to engage our loyal and growing community of book lovers is what the festival is all about. Perhaps we couldn't have an in-person literary lawn party this year, but we can certainly have a literary log-on party.

Some of the authors featured include Curtis Wilkie, Kiese Laymon, Nic Stone, W. Ralph Eubanks, Jerry Mitchell, Catherine Pierce, Beth Ann Fennelly, Mitch Landrieu, William Ferris, Angie Thomas, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Robert Khayat and Kai Bird.

All panels will be made available online for public viewing on the Book Festival's website beginning Tuesday, October 12. To connect with the virtual festival on October 12, please visit msbookfestival.com. Also connect with the Mississippi Book Festival on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

"Hundreds of people work year-round to make the Mississippi Book Festival a success," said Daniels, "and it would not be possible without the help of generous sponsors and donors from across the state. The Community Foundation for Mississippi is the festival's longtime partner and this year's presenting funder. Trustmark National Bank is the lead sponsor for the virtual experience."



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contended that during the COVID-19 pandemic many are on the brink of homelessness, inadequate education and inadequate funds.

Matthew Campbell, field organizer for the Mississippi NAACP, succinctly stated that the state has one of the highest housing problems compared to the rest of the country. He said, “Over 28,000 Mississippians fear that they will be evicted within the next month. Fifty two percent of those Mississippians have children.”

Backing his claim, Campbell noted that inadequate housing or the lack of housing impacts health and educational outcomes. “Adults and children suffer from health outcomes. Communities of color are more likely to be evicted, and women are more likely [than are men] to be evicted,” he said.

Gwen Bouie-Haynes, executive director of The National Association of Social Workers – Miss. Chapter, noted that underserved communities are greatly impacted. “We’ve seen persons with disabilities. The visually impaired may not have the visual capacity to fill out an application. This is a crisis. It is also a human life crisis and a public health crisis that [is troublesome].”

Bouie-Haynes added that social workers found both strength and stress within communities of color. Many are raising questions such as: “Will I have a place to stay?” “How will I meet the utility bill?”

The state of Mississippi, said Bouie-Haynes, has received funding for rental assistance to insure that people have access to shelter.

“There is a wide wealth gap. Long term consequences of evictions will occur. Mississippi is one of the states with strict eviction laws. People can be judged and removed from their properties on the same date, contributed Diane Standaert, director of Hope Policy Institute. She went on to say that when people are evicted, the blemish remains on their credit report for 7 years. So barriers of eviction interfere with how a person or family rises above the eviction problem.

Campbell maintained that though thousands across Mississippi are hurting, 3 rental programs were allotted \$200 million. Hinds County received \$7 million, and Harrison County received \$6 million. “We’ll continue to identify strategies and ways for communities to receive their funds and move with urgency,” he claimed.

In her assertion Standaert claimed that both tenants and landlords can benefit from the \$200 million as the problem is “not unsolvable.” “We want to make sure people have the ability to exercise their rights in court. We’re thankful to the housing community of Mississippi and available attorneys

for people who face eviction.”

Calling for proactive thinking and strategizing, Campbell argued that a lot of people are in need of relief. He then charged Mississippi with failing to utilize resources that have been granted for the residents. So “this program is a short term fix. Once the money is gone, it’s gone. There is a shortage of 42,000 affordable rental units.”

Bouie-Haynes mentioned great opportunities that the state has for the welfare of the state’s residents: “We do not want one single family to end up in a homeless situation. We want to make sure that people stay in their homes that they consider their safety net.”

Social workers have reached across communities and organizations which further demonstrates resiliency.

Looking at community leaders was a cry that Bouie-Haynes stressed. Having empowerment within their environs carries weight. The executive director specified social workers, legislators and faith-based workers within the leadership sphere.

Campbell and Standaert concurred that the most effective way for allotted dollars to change community is to be in community.

“Make sure people have what they need before a crisis emerges. We want to make sure there are policies in place [to prevent homelessness and loss of income],” Standaert added.

Campbell cautioned panelists to remember that the allotted funds cannot be used for non-profits, and they can only be given to state agencies. The money, however, “will be around until 2025.”

Panelists agreed that what is needed is one voice that speaks on behalf of the citizenry. “These are tax payers’ dollars, and the public has ownership to hold officials accountable,” claimed Standaert.

“It takes collective voices to make sure the money is distributed. We are the voices as organizations within the community who have a commitment and desire to insure that money is properly disbursed across the state,” quipped Bouie-Haynes.

“An organization is a collection of individuals across the state that use their voices as one. As community advocates, we are accountable by reflecting those who have interest in our work,” Campbell concurred.

The program’s moderator was Robby Luckett, director of JSU’s Margaret Walker Center.

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tion and move the legislation forward.

“I am not giving up and I’ve gone over it with my staff and asked: What are our options?,” Booker told NNPA.

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Office of Representative Bennie Thompson presents a Proclamation to Glenda Glover, president and CEO of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority®

the breast cancer awareness month with various observances and activities, including the Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Jackson, Miss. The more than 300-membership chapter held a virtual Breast Cancer Awareness Impact Day forum, Monday, Oct. 4, at 7:08 p.m. CST via zoom.

Panelists included Erika Tanner, MD, obstetrician and gynecologist; Andrienne Russell, RN, patient navigator – Breast Health; and Vinnie Beckley, MSN, PMHNP-BC, psychiatric nurse practitioner.

Eleven-year breast cancer overcomer, Pastor Audrey Lynne Hall, district director, U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division, Jackson, Miss. served as moderator.

“Early detection and prompt treatment saves lives. It certainly did for me,” said Beckley. Beckley is also a survivor who had been diagnosed two different times, each breast respectively. “A diagnosis of breast cancer is not a death sentence. Get a good support system,” she told the virtual audience of roughly 100 participants. “I rallied the prayer warriors. Soror Audrey, you were one of them who sent me scriptures and prayers”

Tanner, a Clinton native, reiterated the importance of early screening and detection. “There are many moving parts to this topic,” she said. Tanner stressed asking patients “appropriate” questions about their family history. She pointed out that it is essential to know whether a patient is high risk based on family history.

Russell concurred and advised that no one should be “scared” to share their family history.



Dr. Glover, president and CEO of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority®, poses with Greenwood Chief of Police Terrance Craft.

Another factor that Tanner stressed was the continual importance of self-breast exams. “They refer to it now as self-breast awareness,” she said.

Russell, who serves at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, shared that, “Not all breast cancer patients have to undergo chemotherapy.” There are a number of determining factors. She also shared that when a patient receives a diagnosis, depending on the nature or the type of breast cancer, the patient may decide to receive a lumpectomy or a mastectomy with the option for reconstructive surgery. She also shared a wealth of other detailed information.

As each speaker presented, the Chat Box was filled with questions and compliments as to what a very informative forum it was.

The three-day event also included an AKA health forum that focused on breast cancer awareness and the continued fight against COVID-19 in the black community and underserved populations.

Healthcare professionals and Walgreens executive management and pharmacist discussed the importance and misinformation regarding the vaccine and why African-American women still die at an alarming rate with breast cancer even as technology has improved.

“It is a good thing we know so much about it now so we can use those things we learn [through research] to guide [breast cancer] treatment,” concluded Russell.



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New club promotes cycling for black Mississippians

By Isabelle Taft
Associated Press

When Moss Point High School teacher Louis Henderson first started bringing his bike into his classroom to keep it safe before after-school rides last year, his students of all races would joke that he was doing “stuff that white people do.”

Then he started showing them videos of his rides and maps of his routes. He told them about Marshall “Major” Taylor, a black man from Indianapolis who won the title of fastest cyclist in the world in 1899.

“Now they’re just like used to me riding,” he said.

Henderson, who bought his first bike at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, is a member of Mississippi’s first Major Taylor Cycling Club, the Jackson-based group Soul City Cycling.

The group officially launched earlier this year and now has 38 members, with several weekly rides around Jackson. They aim to bring more people into the sport and increase visibility for black Mississippians in cycling.

“Soul City Cycling is part of a wave of growth for the organization,” said Bill Gaston, president of the Major Taylor 1899 Association, Inc., a national umbrella group for Major Taylor clubs. Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida now all have clubs. Texas has five.

For Soul City Cycling President Arree Williams, the most inspiring story from Taylor’s life is the Six-Day Race. For six days straight in 1896, Taylor rode his bicycle around a track at New York City’s Madison Square Garden. He was the only black man competing against some of the world’s best cyclists, some of whom called him racial slurs during the competition.

At the time, Williams pointed out, the country was only 30 years past the Emancipation Proclamation. Black Americans’ Reconstruction-era hopes for political representation and equality were fading as southern legislatures restricted voting and legalized segregation.

“This black man, this African American gets into a sport that’s dominated by the white Americans, and he’s able to get past all that adversity and become a champion and gain respect,” he said.

Starting With A Bike
Kendra Patterson of Byram bought a bike in 2019. Then she fell in love.

“It has really changed my life in a way that I almost can’t even explain it,” said Patterson, vice president of Soul City Cycling. “I don’t enjoy the gym. I don’t enjoy running. I love cycling. And I didn’t know that I loved it until I got back on a bike again.”

Every cyclist interviewed for this article had a story like Patterson’s. Most people bought a bike because they were looking for a low-impact way to stay in shape. Five miles became 10, and then 20. Fifty miles seemed intimidating, but soon 100 (also called a century ride) was an attainable goal.

Now, the members of Mississippi’s Major Taylor club are evangelists for cycling. Patterson points out that given the state’s high and rising obesity and diabetes rates, getting more people out on two wheels could save lives.

But they also know what it is like to be one of the few, or even the only, black cyclist on a ride.

At the professional level, there are vanishingly few black racers (though champions like



Members of Soul City Cycling take a group photo before the start of a bike ride in Woolmarket, Miss., Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021. The group officially launched earlier this year and now has 38 members, with several weekly rides around Jackson. They aim to bring more people into the sport and increase visibility for black Mississippians in cycling. HANNAH RUHOFF/THE SUN HERALD VIA AP

Los Angeles-based Justin Williams are working to change that).

In recreational cycling, one bike shop owner told Bicycling Magazine last year that the industry “defaults to this lens of a white, cisgender, heterosexual, able-bodied man with class privilege.”

Williams said that when he first started riding in 2010, he attended a regular ride on Tuesdays that drew as many as 70 people. He was one of no more than three black men cycling there on any given week. And, as a beginner, he was usually at the back of the pack.

“I don’t know if people really understand that intimidation factor, when you’re trying to get into something new, and you’re not into it with people that you’re familiar with or that you tend to be more comfortable with,” he said.

Denise Handy of Clinton recalls one ride with a mostly white group. When they stopped for a break, another woman, who isn’t black, said she had run out of water. Handy offered her an unopened bottle, but the woman wouldn’t look at her. Instead, she took a bottle from a white rider, though he had already drank from it.

Handy never rode with the group again.

Getting Together
Williams first encountered a Major Taylor club when he participated in Greenwood’s Bikes, Blues and Bayous ride a few years ago. The contingent from Arkansas, the Rock City Riders, impressed him.

“They were so measured and so exact and in sync and in tune, it was almost like a military team on bikes,” he said. “It was all black cyclists, you know, and that was different to me.”

At the time, though, he didn’t know enough black Mississippians in cycling to think about starting a club here. But gradually, the future members found each other one by one. A friend introduced Williams to one rider, who then brought in two more cyclists, and then more.

“And then Charles knew Doc, and Doc knew Greg, and we knew David, and we just all got together,” Williams said.

Earlier this year they decided to establish themselves as an official Major Taylor Club. This summer, the group traveled to rides in Atlanta and Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they joined the Black Wall Street 100 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre.

Handy, who’s known in the group for her competitive streak, remembers the rush of cycling down a huge hill in Tulsa, at a speed of almost 40 miles per hour.

“There was a little bit of fear in me as well – what if I hit that pavement?” she recalled. “When I get on my bike pretty much, there’s a rush every time.”

At the bottom of the hill, they found themselves overlooking

a beautiful lake. They stopped for a group photograph.

Major Taylor Growth Across The South

Gaston, who lives in Chicago, said there are now about 5,000 Major Taylor club members across 25 to 30 states. The first was founded in Ohio in 1979. Mississippi’s new club is part of a wave of growth for the organization.

“The George Floyd situation, some of those situations have led to kind of this outreach of positivity and cycling,” he said.

The COVID-19 pandemic also led people to seek opportunities for spending time outdoors. And, as Major Taylor clubs grew, more people saw their riders and wanted to learn how to get involved.

When riders stop for a break and curious passers-by want to chat, one of the first questions is usually “What is Major Taylor?” From there, club members share their stories and challenge possible assumptions about black Americans.

It’s particularly powerful to see that “positive image” across the South, he said.

“Through all the adversity that Mississippi is known for, they still ride down there,” he said. “They’re growing a club that is a presence.”

Membership is open to anyone who wants to ride “in the spirit of Major Taylor,” Williams said.

“It’s not about race, it’s not about color,” he said. “It’s about you ride a bike, I ride a bike, we both ride bikes, we love bikes, when are we gonna ride a bike again?”

A Saturday Morning In Woolmarket

Before 7 a.m. on Sept. 25, about 20 cyclists from across the state and Louisiana gathered in the parking lot of the Woolmarket Community Center. The weather had turned cool and crisp just in time for the 60-mile ride Henderson planned, heading up mostly two-lane roads into Stone County.

As riders pulled arm sleeves out of their cars and put on cycling shoes, Chuck Jackson explained members’ nicknames.

Handy is Daring Diva Denise, because she likes to push herself on rides (off the bike, she’s also a licensed hiking guide). Leslie Dunbar is Sparkles, after the light-colored flecks on her black bike. Jackson is Spinner, because when he first started riding, he was always spinning his wheels on a low gear.

“We’re like brothers and sisters,” Jackson said.

For the first time, the Soul City Cycling members were riding in new kits designed by Jackson, Dunbar, Patterson and Handy. The colors – blue, white, yellow and red – were inspired by the new Mississippi state flag.

A few minutes after 7:15, the cyclists rolled out onto Old Woolmarket Road.

“All aboard,” one rider shouted. “This train’s moving.”

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Bass gives Black Press insight on George Floyd Justice in Policing Bill talks

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Congresswoman Karen Bass has served six terms as the representative for California’s 37 Congressional District.

As she winds down her federal service and prepares to run for mayor of Los Angeles, the former Congressional Black Caucus chair didn’t mince words in her mission to set the record straight on the breakdown in talks over the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

A member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, Bass joined Senators Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Tim Scott (R-South Carolina) in leading negotiations on legislation that most believed would transform policing in America – particularly how law enforcement interact with people of color.

Following the failed negotiations, Scott reached into his Trump-like Republican bag of misinformation and fake news by telling national news outlets that talks broke off because Democrats wanted to defund the police.

With receipts in hand, Bass exposed Scott’s rhetoric as disingenuous at best, lies at worst. “At one point, Sen. Scott told Sen. Booker that if he could get the police on board, we would have an agreement on [the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act],” Bass said.

The congresswoman spoke exclusively to a large group of publishers and journalists from the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), representing the Black Press of America.

“Sen. Booker negotiated a deal with the Fraternal Order of Police [the world’s largest organizations of sworn law en-



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forcement officers], and when he brought that deal to Sen. Scott, it somehow leaked to the press,” Bass explained.

She noted that when the deal leaked, the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States, unfairly attacked Booker.

Bass then produced a NAPO-issued news release that featured claims that Booker sought to make law enforcement more dangerous and difficult for officers.

In the release, NAPO claimed Sen. Booker’s deal would “exacerbate the already dire recruitment and retention issues facing state and local agencies.”

NAPO’s objections aside, Booker had completed the task asked by Scott, who reneged on his promise of guaranteeing the 10 Senate Republican votes needed to pass the legislation.

“Sen. Scott said he didn’t believe he could take the deal Sen. Booker struck to other police organizations that he was most concerned about in South Carolina,” Bass revealed.

Ultimately, the California Democrat said there wasn’t anywhere else to take the negotiations.

That’s when Scott decided to

further muddy the waters with misinformation.

“Unfortunately, we saw Sen. Scott go out and say we support defunding the police. The reason he said that was that we were conditioning grants to the police on reforms which is standard for grants,” Bass explained.

“This was done in Trump’s executive order, and even proposed by Sen. Scott,” she declared, reminding everyone that Scott proposed the same thing in 2020.

During a PBS interview in June 2020, shortly after the murder of George Floyd, Scott offered a proposal.

He said the nation’s police departments would have to follow basic federal standards on some practices, like banning chokeholds and no-knock warrants, or they would lose federal funding.

“My legislation gets us to the position where, if you are in a law enforcement department that does not already have a ban on chokeholds, you do not have access to the federal funding,” Scott said during the PBS interview.

“I thought we had momentum,” Bass insisted. “I thought there was an opportunity where we might reach a compromise. It’s very important that we not allow the narrative that’s out there.”

Bass concluded:

“Defund the police is like critical race theory – systemic racism and transforming police to defunding the police. We must expose this to our people. I worry about the three black people responsible for the negotiations promised folks when we asked them for their vote. We promised them police reform, voting rights and a social safety net in terms of reconciliation. I worry in terms of what we’ve delivered.”

State History, Civil Rights Museums honored birthday of Fannie Lou Hamer with free admission

Mississippi Link Newswire

Civil rights icon Fannie Lou Hamer was born October 6, 1917. In honor of Hamer’s birthday, admission to the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum was free Wednesday, October 6. Admission included the PBS FRONTLINE special exhibit Un(re)solved: A Multiplatform Investigation. Museum staff highlighted Hamer’s life and legacy through guided tours from 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

“Tenacity, inspiration and ‘never give up’ are words and phrases that Fannie Lou Hamer lived by. Her fortitude and strength brought about change for all mankind,” said Pamela D.C. Junior, director of the Two Mississippi Museums.

More about the life of this woman who not only changed Mississippi but changed the world:

Born in 1917 in Montgomery County, Hamer worked for most of her life as a sharecropper. In 1962, she joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and encouraged Af-



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rican Americans to register to vote. Hamer was a founding member of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), which challenged the seating of the regular party’s all-white delegation.

Hamer’s powerful testimony to the credentials committee during the 1964 Democratic National Convention is featured in the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. The MFDP challenge forced the Democratic Party to eventually embrace diversity and

forever changed American politics.

On Thursday, October 7, at 6 p.m., the Museum of Mississippi History and Mississippi Civil Rights Museum will present a sneak peek of the PBS FRONTLINE documentary American Reckoning featuring a conversation with co-directors Brad Lichtenstein and Yoruba Richen. Ronnie Agnew of Mississippi Public Broadcasting will moderate the discussion.

Visit the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum Facebook page for more information about the event.

Safety precautions at the museums included requiring all visitors to wear masks and observe social distancing guidelines. Masks were available on-site.

Regular museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the museums is free on Sundays.

The museums are located at 222 North Street in Jackson.

For more information email info@mdah.ms.gov

Equal pay efforts reviving in Mississippi in 2022

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Mississippi is the only state without a law requiring equal pay for equal work by women and men, after Alabama enacted one in 2019.

Efforts have fallen short in Mississippi in recent years, but Senate Labor Committee Chairman John Hohn, a Democrat from Jackson, promises to make another push for equal pay legislation in 2022.

Opponents have said there’s no need for a Mississippi law because of two federal laws – the Equal Pay Act of 1963 signed by President John F. Kennedy and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 signed by President Barack Obama.

Some also say they don’t want the state to put new regulations on businesses.

A 2017 report by the Mississippi University Research Center showed women earned 27% less than men for fulltime work in Mississippi, compared to a 19% wage gap nationwide. The study said some of the gap could be explained by factors such as types of jobs women and men were working, but the unexplained wage gap remained about 18% in Mississippi and about 15% nationwide.

The report said a portion of the unexplained gap in Mississippi “may be due to discrimination,” but other factors such as the choice of college majors or decisions about work-life balance may be in play.

“If women are willing to take lower pay so that they can work hours more suitable to their family’s needs, then discrimi-

nation is not at play,” the report said. “However, if employers assume all women are willing to take lower pay for more flexible hours and therefore do not offer women other options, discrimination could exist.”

Cassandra Welchlin, executive director of the Mississippi Black Women’s Roundtable, told the Senate Labor Committee Wednesday that women comprise 49% of the Mississippi workforce but 67% of the minimum-wage workers. She said that over a 40-year career, a black woman in Mississippi stands to lose more than \$849,000 because of the wage gap.

“It’s time for Mississippi women to share in the protection that women in other states experience,” Welchlin said.

Welchlin said Mississippi needs an equal pay law that does not require people applying for jobs to disclose their salary history because such disclosure often ensures that women remain on track for lower earnings.

Senators on Wednesday also heard from Ledbetter, whose legal battle over equal pay went to the U.S. Supreme Court. Ledbetter worked 19 years at a Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. in Gadsden, Alabama, and sued in 1998 after learning she had been paid significantly less than male colleagues in the same job. A jury awarded her \$3.8 million, but the Supreme Court reversed the decision in 2007. Justices said she waited too long to sue, and did not rule on whether discrimination occurred.

Speaking to Mississippi lawmakers by videoconference, Ledbetter said earning less money for equal work affects the type of houses people live in, the kind of food they eat and the kind of retirement they will have.

“I know what it’s like to dig and scratch out a living,” Ledbetter said, noting that many in Alabama and Mississippi are in the same position. “And it’s time that women can stand up with dignity for their education and their training and earn a good living.”

Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch, the first woman elected to that job, is among supporters of equal pay legislation. A deputy attorney general, Whitney Lipscomb, spoke to the Labor Committee on behalf of Republican Fitch, saying it’s a bipartisan issue that affects everyone.

“Equal pay is an opportunity for the state to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty and strengthen our economy,” Lipscomb said.

She said a law should require equal pay for “equal work in the same job that requires equal skills, effort, education, experience, responsibilities and performance under similar working conditions.”

She also said it should provide exceptions based on seniority systems or merit systems that are based on quantity or quality of production or differentials based on factors other than sex.

“Passing a state equal pay law will not impose any new obligations on employers,” Lipscomb said.

Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp suffer outages after whistleblower goes public

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Just one day after a whistleblower claimed that Facebook is aware of how its used to spread hate, violence and misinformation, Facebook suffered major outages Monday, October 4.

Instagram and WhatsApp – both owned by Facebook – also were shuttered.

“We’re aware that some people are having trouble accessing our apps and products,” Facebook officials wrote on Twitter.

“We’re working to get things back to normal as quickly as possible, and we apologize for any inconvenience.”

The tracking site, Down Detector, reported “tens of thousands of reports for each of the services.



Mark Zuckerberg, President and CEO of Facebook

While Facebook would load Monday; Instagram and WhatsApp were only accessible for viewing. Users couldn’t load content or send messages.

The problems surfaced – coincidentally, or not – after Facebook whistleblower Frances

Haugen made her claims on “60 Minutes.”

She said Facebook worked to hide evidence that individuals and entities used the site to spread hate, push violence and misinformation. Facebook has denied those claims

JPS recognizes top summer readers

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson Public Schools’ top summer readers read more than 300 books during the summer months. While all JPS scholars are required to read at least three books as part of the district’s summer reading program, four exceptional scholars far exceeded the minimum standard and earned the title of Top Reader for their grade level.

The 2021 Top Readers are:

- De’Niylah Parker, 3rd grade, Obama Magnet Elementary – 200 books
- Alaina Hatcher, 2nd grade, Casey Elementary – 62 books
- De’Nahjae Trimble, 8th grade, Cardozo Middle – 26 books
- Asia Ramsey, 10th grade, Jim Hill High – 31 books

Each top reader received a trophy, a medal, and a Sam-



JPS Superintendent Dr. Errick L. Greene (right) presents awards to Summer Reading Top Readers and Top Schools. JPS assistant superintendents (from left) Laketia Marshall Thomas, Dr. Marvin Grayer, and Dr. Kathleen Grigsby accept awards for Jim Hill High, Northwest Jackson Middle, and Obama Elementary, respectively, while Principal Anthony Moore accepts the award for Casey. Receiving their Districtwide Top Reader awards are De’Niylah Parker of Obama Magnet, Alaina Hatcher of Casey, and De’Nahjae Trimble of Cardozo.

sung Galaxy tablet.

The schools with the most readers for the 2021 school year are as follows:

- Obama Magnet Elementary – 1,747 books
- Casey Elementary – 870

books

- Northwest Jackson Middle – 421 books
- Jim Hill High – 290 books

Additionally, school-level high-volume readers will be recognized at their schools.

They will receive high-reader medals and other prizes.

Elementary scholars who read 20 or more books will receive passes to the Mississippi Children’s Museum. Middle and high school students who

read 10 or more books will receive JPS All Sports Season passes for free admission to all regular season games for any sport throughout the year.

Each year, the Read On Jackson Summer Reading initiative

encourages all JPS scholars to participate in our citywide reading movement during the summer months.

JPS scholars are required to read at least three books and complete a reading log for each. One title is required for their grade level and academic program, and two of the titles are the reader’s choice.

Giving students a chance to read about subjects that interest them helps them develop an appreciation for books.

Studies have shown that scholars who read throughout the summer continue to grow academically, develop a life-long love of reading and maintain reading skills gained during the school year.

Our goal is to create a culture of reading among our scholars.



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Smile! You could live longer

By Vince Faust
Tips to be Fit

If it seems like you're the one that's always smiling in photos you could out live everyone that's not smiling in those pictures. Researchers from Wayne State University in Detroit used the photographs of Major League Baseball players that started playing before 1950 found that players that had the most intense smiles lived longer. The study lasted until June of 2009.

The researchers found that nonsmilers lived about 72.9 years, partial smilers lived on average for 75 years and big smilers lived for 79.9 years. The opposite is true of angry people. Researchers, being angry had an increase in the risk of dying earlier than people that were happy. The research provided no information as to whether smiles were spontaneous or a response to the photographer's request to smile.

Researchers at the University of Kansas published findings that smiling helps reduce the body's response to stress, lower heart rate in stress situations, lower blood pressure and leads to longevity. Research points out that people that smile regularly appear more confident, are more likely to be promoted and are more likely to be approached. Smiling also relaxes your body and reduce physical pain.

Physiologically and psychologically when we smile, our bodies release a chemical known as endorphins that act as a natural stress and pain reliever. Smiling also helps to reduce the effects of cortisol. Cortisol, the primary stress hormone, increases sugars (glucose) in the bloodstream, enhances your brain's use of glucose and increases the availability of substances that repair tissues. Cortisol also curbs functions that would be nonessential or harmful in a fight-or-flight situation.

Too much cortisol can cause a lot of changes to our health.



The symptoms include:

- Rapid weight gain mainly in the face, chest and abdomen contrasted with slender arms and legs
- A flushed and round face
- High blood pressure
- Osteoporosis
- Skin changes (bruises and purple stretch marks)
- Muscle weakness
- Mood swings, which show as anxiety, depression or irritability
- Increased thirst and frequency of urination.

Can you fake a smile and make your body think you are happy? According to Dr. Sivan Finkel, a cosmetic dentist at NYC's The Dental Parlour, "Even forcing a fake smile can legitimately reduce stress and lower your heart rate. "A study performed by a group at the University of Cardiff in Wales found that people who could not frown due to Botox injections were happier on average than those who could frown."

Our smile can even help others live longer. Much like yawning, smiling is contagious. According to Dr. Eva Ritzo, a psychiatrist and the co-author of "The Beauty Prescription: The Complete Formula for Looking and Feeling Beautiful,

"This is because we have mirror neurons that fire when we see action. As its name suggests, mirror neurons enable us to copy or reflect the behavior we observe in others and have been linked to the capacity for empathy."

A smile can make you more attractive. In two experiments, researchers in Switzerland examined the relationship between attractiveness and smiling. The researchers found that the stronger the smile, the more attractive a face looked.

A smile can change everything when traveling. It can open doors and soften hearts of other people whose culture you don't know. A smile is an international language that everyone knows. When we see a smile, we want to smile back. If we look in the mirror, it will trigger our mirror neurons, which can also help us calm down and re-center if we're feeling low or anxious.

Online health information company "Encompass Health" recommends a few ways to get the most from smiling:

- Practice gratitude daily – count your blessings, keep a gratitude journal, send a quick note to let someone know you appreciate them. Do something every day that

reminds you of the positive aspects of your life.

- Picture your best self – regularly visualize a future in which you have achieved your goals and are living the life you dream.

- Be mindful of others – at least once a day, consciously think about the people who are important to you and acknowledge the important role they play in your life.

- Skip the news – many of today's world topics can take the steam out of anyone's smile. Turn off the chatter and tune into the positive with good music or people you love.

- Be with happy people – smiling is contagious. So, find a friend with a sparkling smile and hang out for a while. Build the momentum by asking others to join, sharing the sunshine and peak serotonin levels.

Watch something funny. Finding the right movie comedy or blooper video may be all you need to tickle your funny bone. Remember, laughter is the best medicine – and now you know why.

It takes 46 muscles to frown and only 17 to smile. Using those seventeen muscles can add years to our lives as well.

Vaccination linked to the reduction of 5,600 COVID-19 cases, 1,800 hospitalizations, and 600 deaths among seniors in Mississippi

Mississippi Link Newswire

A new report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shows that COVID-19 vaccinations may have helped prevent roughly 5,600 new COVID-19 infections and 600 deaths among seniors in Mississippi during the first five months of 2021.

The study, which was conducted by researchers with HHS's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), also found that nationally, vaccinations were linked to a reduction of approximately 265,000 COVID-19 infections, 107,000 hospitalizations, and 39,000 deaths among Medicare beneficiaries between January and May 2021.

"This report reaffirms what we hear routinely from states: COVID-19 vaccines save lives, prevent hospitalizations and reduce infection," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "The Biden-Harris Administration has prioritized getting vaccines quickly to pharmacies, nursing homes, doctors' offices and even provided increased reimbursement rates for at-home COVID-19 vaccinations, so that seniors and others can easily get vaccinated."

Today's report reflects the devastating effect COVID-19 has had on our vulnerable seniors and demonstrates that efforts to prioritize and vaccinate this group directly correlate to saving lives. More than 352,000 lives were lost during the first nine months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to the availability of vaccines, nearly 80 percent of these deaths were among people 65 and older who were also Medicare eligible.

For the period of January to May 2021, when vaccination grew from one percent to 47 percent among adults 18 to 64 and from one percent to 80 percent among seniors, the study found an 11-12 percent decrease in weekly COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths among Medicare beneficiaries for every 10 percent increase in county vaccination rates.

All racial and ethnic groups and all 48 states analyzed experienced reduced numbers of COVID-19 deaths, hospitalizations, and infections, linked to vaccination rate increases. Texas and Hawaii were excluded from this analysis due to data reporting limitations. American Indian and Alaska Native Medicare beneficiaries saw the largest vaccination-related percentage decrease in SARS-CoV-2 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths.

The study also found that vaccines were linked to a reduction of about 5,600 deaths among nursing home Medicare beneficiaries, a group that was disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Today's report further underscores why it's critically important to get all eligible individuals living in the United States vaccinated against COVID-19. The study found that high vaccination rates for all adults were even more protective for Medicare beneficiaries than just a high elderly vaccination rate on its own. The COVID-19 vaccines protect communities by reducing infections, deaths, and hospitalizations.

Recently, Secretary Becerra issued a directive, effective September 25, authorizing all CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program providers to make available and administer Pfizer-BioNTech booster doses to all people who are eligible. This includes seniors over age 65. The science has demonstrated this authorized booster can provide added protection to seniors.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services also issued a reminder to Medicare beneficiaries that all COVID-19 vaccines, including the authorized booster will be covered without cost-sharing.

To find the ASPE report, visit: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/covid-19-vaccination-rates-outcomes>

HHS issues final regulation aimed at ensuring access to equitable, affordable, client-centered, quality family planning services

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a final rule on Oct. 4 to strengthen the Title X family planning program, fulfilling the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to restore access to equitable, affordable, client-centered, quality family planning services.

For more than half a century, Title X family planning clinics have played a critical role in ensuring access to a broad range of family planning and preventive health services including breast and cervical cancer screening and STI/HIV testing for more than 190 million low-income or uninsured individuals. Title X is the only federal grant program dedicated solely to providing individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services.

The final rule, "Ensuring Access to Equitable, Affordable, Client-Centered, Quality Family Planning Services-PDF" realigns the nation's family planning program with nationally recognized standards of care, reinforces the program's emphasis on quality, equity and dignity for all individuals who seek Title X services, and modernizes the more than 50-year old program to better reflect the current healthcare system.

This new rule replaces the 2019 Title X Rule, reversing the Trump administration's changes to the program.

"This rule is a step forward for family planning care as it aims to strengthen and restore our nation's Title X program," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "Our nation's family planning clinics play a critical role in delivering health care, and today more than ever, we are making clear that access to quality family planning care includes accurate information and referrals – based on a patient's needs and direction."

The final rule becomes effective November 8, 2021, 30-days from publication in the Federal Register, and completes the federal action which began the week following inauguration when President Biden issued a memorandum directing HHS to review rules that impose undue restrictions on women's access to complete medical information. In the spring, HHS issued a proposed rule that received more than 180,000 comments during the 30-day comment period.

"Advancing equity for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, is a priority for the Ad-

ministration, including the Title X program and the Department," said HHS Assistant Secretary for Health Rachel L. Levine, M.D. "This 2021 regulation will allow for the Title X service network to expand in size and capacity to provide quality family planning services to more clients."

The final rule was issued in advance of a national competition for Title X service delivery grants that is anticipated later in the fall. This rule will also impact actions announced earlier including grants to support telehealth and address the dire need for family planning services following recent events in Texas and across the country to limit access to essential reproductive healthcare.

According to the 2020 Family Planning Annual Report (FPAR), the Title X program experienced a significant decline in the number of clients served in 2020. The report estimates that 63% (or 1.5 million) of the total decrease (2.4 million) in family planning patients between 2018 and 2020 can be attributed to the 2019 Title X Rule. At present, six states have no Title X services and an additional seven states have limited Title X capacity.

"The Biden-Harris Administration's Title X rule focuses on restoring quality, dignity, and respect

for the millions of individuals who rely on the nation's family planning program because the ability to plan if and when to expand our families is fundamental to who we are and who we may choose to become," said Jessica Swafford Marcella, HHS Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs.

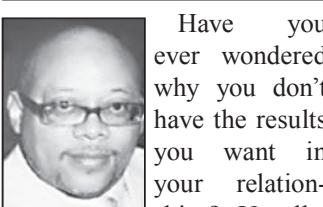
Enacted in 1970 as part of the Public Health Service Act, the Title X family planning program is a critical part of America's public health safety net, serving as a point-of-entry into care for millions and the gold standard for providing high-quality, affordable and confidential voluntary family planning and related preventive health services, with priority given to low-income clients.

Title X services are delivered through a diverse network of clinics including state and local health departments, federally qualified health centers, hospital-based sites, and other private nonprofit and community-based health centers.

The 2021 rule will ensure that the predominantly low-income clients who rely on Title X services as their usual source of medical care, have access to the same quality healthcare, including full medical information and referrals, that higher-income clients and clients with private insurance are able to access.

The christian life is a battleground

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



Have you ever wondered why you don't have the results you want in your relationships? Usually, it's because we don't have the right strategy (God's will and purpose for our lives) or use the right play book (The Bible). We see the importance of following strategy illustrated in all sports but never more so than in the all-American game of football. And in this game, no place is more important for following strategy than the red zone.

In football, the red zone is the field position where the game ball is 20 yards or less from the end zone. Depending on whether you are on the offense or defense, your goal

may be either scoring or preventing a touchdown in the red zone. Both active and retired players agree that the red zone can be a football player's place of greatest triumph or greatest defeat.

In fact, football players quickly learn the importance of knowing how to execute the right strategies at this critical field position. Even if it's only 20% of the football 100-yard football field, most of the key game statistics are made (yards gained or lost, touchdowns, etc.) in the red zone. One miscalculation on the part of a player in the red zone will shift the momentum of the game and sometimes change the winner into a loser.

It's amazing to me how much equipment football players have to put on as part of pre-game preparation before they even take the field. From helmets to shoulder pads to

wrist tape to the mouth and nose guard, each piece of equipment is vital to helping the player feel like he's best prepared to play effectively in the red zone.

Helmets, kneepads and the all-important athletic cup, are just a few of the pieces of equipment that football players wear as part of their preparation for the field. Most players will tell you that even the smallest piece of equipment is vital to them having a successful game and reducing the threat of injuries.

Looking at how important equipment is to football players as we watch early season NFL games reminds me so much of the scripture that talks about how we have to be prepared as Christians. Ephesians 6:14-16 says we should put on the helmet of salvation and the breastplate of righteousness. However, many of

us can't put on those necessary tools because we have our heads covered with unforgiveness, our hearts covered with shame and are walking around in shoes of strife and anger.

Many football players can recount how despite an injury they opted to play beyond the pain. How did they do that? By focusing on effectively executing the strategy and achieving their goal. Following this example of football players, instead of keeping track of how many people hurt us, we should praise God for giving us the grace to successfully overcome those hurts and learn how to forgive and be restored.

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P R E S E R V E D The power of sincere prayer

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



In one of my favorite plays, Hamlet by William Shakespeare, there is a pivotal scene in Act 3 where King Claudius

appears to be praying to heaven for forgiveness of his heinous act of killing his brother and then marrying his brother's wife. As he attempts to pray, he says the words "My words fly up, my thoughts remain below. Words without thoughts never to heaven go."

Even though he is a fictional character, he appears to understand something that we christians seem to have forgotten in order for our prayers to be heard and answered, they must be prayed with sincere faith and with a pure heart. Claudius knew that his prayer was not sincere and would not be answered.

One biblical example of this is the Old Testament's Hannah who after years of earnest prayer and being cruelly taunted by her husband's other wife, she still found herself childless. I Samuel 1 shows Hannah crying out to Go in anguish, "...O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life..." Although struggling with disappointment, she still believes as she prayed for God to allow her to be a mother. Her sincere prayers are ultimately answered.

Though the chapter doesn't mention grace specifically, it appears as though she is a perfect example of how relying on God's grace can give you strength as you wait for unanswered prayers. Her prayers were answered part-

ly because of her sincerity.

Because of disappointments, we may be frustrated (even though we are afraid to admit it) because God hasn't given us what we wanted and when we wanted it. In the end, we become frustrated by those unmet desires.

When we need to rely on grace the most, we seem to be graceless because we've allowed ourselves to become oppressed by disappointment.


Our prayers don't seem to be making an impact primarily because they are prayed with the right words...but with the wrong attitude. We want to have hope but must admit that we no longer have hope that things will change.

Even though many people are thankful, others might be struggling because of unanswered prayers. It is not a season of rejoicing but a season of regret and frustration. We have to be reminded of 2 Corinthian 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness..."

We may also make the mistake of believing that somehow we've not done enough which is why God has not answered our prayer. Our relationship with God is not performance based. Only God knows when it is your prayer will be answered.

God doesn't answer prayers because of what people do or do not do...he answers them simply because of his grace...the foundation on which he does his best work for us.

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Successful black American-owned business leaders unfairly targeted

By Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.
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There is an old African proverb that captures one of the challenges that too many financially successful black-owned business leaders face today in America. That proverb is “Your earned riches may engender envy and jealous criticism but be not dismayed by the foolishness of the envious.”

Across the nation as business owners are attempting to recover from the COVID-19 global pandemic, African-American business leaders who are defying the odds with their financial success are often targeted by

“mainstream media” and others who summarily and unfairly castigate black business leaders’ economic achievements. Is this syndrome racially-motivated? The simple answer is “yes.”

Former Congressman and past leader of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), The Honorable Parren Mitchell (D-MD), 1922-2007, once said in defense of black business leaders, “There is a national systematic campaign to unfairly subjugate and to prevent the financial success of black American businesses.”

It appears that business leaders from communities of color in the United States are being held to a different standard of business practice, ethics and regula-

tion. Such is the case, I believe, with respect to Jack Brown III who was recently targeted for business practice criticisms by the *New York Times* because of what they state are personal financial profits that Brown has earned as result of his business- es providing shelters to New York City’s homeless.

The *Times* emphasized, “Since 2017, as homeless has risen to record levels, the city has awarded more than \$352 million to a nonprofit run by Mr. Brown to operate shelters. The money is meant to help homeless people regain their footing in life, but it has benefited Mr. Brown, too.”

Is the *Times* implying that there is something wrong or un-

ethical for earning a financial profit from ones work and business?

Brown’s CORE Services’ companies, non-profits and for-profits, have worked effectively in New York for over a decade.

Both nonprofits and for-profits have to be run as successful businesses in order to be sustainable.

Jack Brown has been a national leader in multiple black-owned businesses not only in NYC, but also in other cities. He has been effective in providing much need services to the homeless and to people “returning” to society after prison incarceration.

Investigative journalism has its rightful and respected space

in our democracy. But it should always be balanced and non-racially prejudicial. The *Times* piece on Brown was full of unsubstantiated innuendo and one-sided reporting.

Those of us in America’s Black Press are fully aware of the double standards and the racial stereotyping that cast unfair dispersions on black entrepreneurs who dare to strive to own legitimate multi-million dollar businesses.

After the *Times*’ feature on Brown was published, Rudy Giuliani who is well known for his unprincipled attacks on African-American leaders joined in the chorus against Brown.

I conclude with the following tweet that I posted: It is ques-

tionable to see Rudy Giuliani and The *NY Times* aligned. But today the *Times* published an innuendo-filled story targeting successful black-owned business leader Jack Brown who Giuliani then calls a “poverty pimp.”

Sadly, Former President Trump, Giuliani, some in the *NY Times*, and many others take the position that there are limits and ceilings both politically and economically across the nation that are categorically prescribed by race. We do not agree. We will not submit.

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Medicare restrictions on obesity care perpetuate stigmas

By Tammy Boyd
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Congress may soon enact a historic expansion of Medicare benefits to include services like dental, vision and hearing. For millions of seniors, access to these services will be life changing.

But a critical issue is missing from the conversation around Medicare expansion, with serious consequences for millions of Americans’ health. Congress must also prioritize care for obesity, a national epidemic, dire health equity issue, and leading comorbidity for serious cases of COVID-19.

Not only does obesity impact 1-in-3 Americans, it also takes a disproportionate toll on communities of color since almost half of black Americans are living with obesity.

Obesity is also a leading risk factor for COVID-19; 78% of people who were hospitalized, placed on a ventilator or died from the pandemic were overweight or living with obesity. And we know that COVID-19 disproportionately impacts black and Latino communities, who are nearly three times as likely to be hospitalized for severe cases of COVID-19 than whites.

In short, obesity is a life-or-death issue, but Medicare restrictions on obesity care perpetuate outdated, dangerous, and, frankly, discriminatory laws that disenfranchise millions of Americans and block access to safe and effective treatment options.

Many people don’t know that when Medicare Part D was first passed in 2003, the nation wrongly viewed obesity as a chosen lifestyle. In the intervening years, the medical community caught up with the science and in 2013, the American Medical Association took the historic step of designating obesity as a disease requiring treatment and medical attention.



As part of a new nationwide Obesity Care Now campaign, an effort by 25+ obesity care advocacy groups, including the Black Women’s Health Imperative, the YMCA, and others, we are leading the fight to modernize policies and actively working with Congress to provide obesity care, save lives and pass TROA now.

Despite this decision, Medicare rules remain dangerously out of step. Today, obesity care is on a short list of excluded drug categories, including hair loss drugs, erectile dysfunction medication and cold and flu treatments. These categories were meant to exclude cosmetic or traditionally over-the-counter treatments when Part D was passed, yet instead they deny people life-saving obesity care, with far-reaching health implications on black and Latinx communities.

Along with intensive behavioral therapy, studies show that anti-obesity medications lead to clinically meaningful weight loss of up to 15%. Without action from policymakers, patients will not have access to these new therapies, since weight loss medications are rarely prescribed to eligible patients.

As COVID-19 worsens, this lack of access to the full continuum of care for obesity

puts our entire community at increased risk from the pandemic, especially communities of color.

Congress must, and can, take action to right this injustice. Obesity care must be part of the conversation around Medicare expansion, including in the ongoing negotiations around budget reconciliation.

The solution is simple, since legislation already exists to fix this problem: The Treat and Reduce Obesity Act, bipartisan legislation that would provide the full continuum of care and relief for the many seniors living with obesity, making their lives safer and healthier.

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gress to provide obesity care, save lives and pass TROA now.

As lifelong advocates for healthy black communities, this issue is personal. Over the past 18 months, we have seen friends, family and community members impacted by obesity and the pandemic. Now, with the rising Delta variant, the threat is only getting worse. We cannot address all of the pandemic related issues affecting the black community, but we can take action to provide obesity care now to those in need.

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Insurance companies will always have the advantage on us

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



When natural and unexpected disasters come, we want insurance companies to be visible, not invisible.

Like you, I have insurance. In fact, I have several types of insurance. Each type serves a different purpose, and the costs are different.

I am what you would call a legacy insurance holder. My parents had insurance and I learned the importance of having it from them. When I was a child, every Saturday when I was watching cartoons, a man knocked on our door. It was the insurance man.

My mom would give him a few dollars and this routine was standard fare for homes in the East Winston section of Winston-Salem, N.C.

As I grew older and wiser, I learned more about the insurance business. Terms like whole life and beneficiary I had to know in order to make good decisions.

Being educated about insurance is important. If you are not, you will be uninformed about what to get and how much to get.

Many years ago, I purchased renter’s insurance when I lived in Washington, D.C. Fortunately, I never had to use it. I purchased it for peace of mind.

That is one of the reasons we buy insurance is for peace of mind. You believe when you pay the premium on time that you will get the service when you need it on time. Therein lies the challenge. There are too many instances where the theory and the practical application do not line up.

One of the terms we know quite well is deductible. This is the amount you pay before your policy comes into play.

So plainly stated if you have a \$2,000 deductible, you pay \$2,000 up front before any insurance money comes. You are almost guaranteed to have a

higher premium once you use it.

If you live in states where there are constant natural disasters, then dealing with insurance companies will always be a part of your life. That’s just the way it is.

For example, reports say that 85% of homeowners have insurance. The average cost is \$1,445.00 per year.

Recently, Hurricane Ida did major damage in the state of Louisiana. Homes were destroyed and personal property was lost. Everyone remembers Hurricane Katrina, yet Hurricane Ida will be remembered too.

The physical and emotional toll that it took on us was unimaginable. We need prayers for our recovery so that we can get back on track.

This is where insurance companies play a major role. It is my opinion insurance companies can help or hurt. It is that simple.

When a family has lost everything – meaning no house, no clothes and no food, insurance companies must step up and do their jobs.

That is why we the citizens pay our premiums. We want service and not stalling. We want you on the scene and not behind a desk. Answer your phone and don’t put us on hold.

There are good insurance companies and marginal insurance companies. The latter do just enough to stay within professional and legal guidelines.

I believe we must put more pressure on the industry to do what we pay them to do. Until we do, they will drag their feet and continue to increase our costs.

According to S&P Global Market Intelligence, the U.S. insurance industry net premiums written totaled \$1.28 trillion last year. My friends, we are a part of that number.

Insurance companies must serve the people, not themselves.

Let us sound the alarm that when we file a claim, we want results. We do not want avoidance and delays.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4147

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 Nashlie Se-phus has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-3 (General) Commercial District, I-1 (Light) Industrial District, and I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District & to (PUD) Planned Unit Development to create a cohesive Planned Unit Development for properties located at 147 Gallatin St (Parcel 89-34), 164 Gallatin St (Parcel 88-78-1), 176 Gallatin St (Parcel 88-78-2), 182 Gallatin St (Parcel 88-81), 197 Gallatin St (Parcel 89-32) & Parcels 89-31-4 & 88-84-3, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

164 Gallatin St. (88-78-1); 182 Gallatin St. (88-81) and Parcel #88-84-3

Begin at the easternmost corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed by the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company to the City of Jackson, Mississippi, which was acquired by the City of Jackson as additional right-of-way for Gallatin Street and which is described as Parcel No. 1 in the instrument of record in Book 2680 at Page 494, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the first Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description, said easternmost corner being on the north right-of-way line of Amite Street, as said north right-of-way line is now established (May, 1986), and run thence south 89 degrees 03 minutes east and along the said north right-of-way line of Amite Street for a distance of 143.81 feet to a point; ran thence north 03 degrees 35 minutes west for a distance of 279.94 feet to a point; run thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes west for a distance of 164.79 feet to a point on the east right-of-way line of Gallatin street, as said east right-of-way line is now laid out and established; run thence southerly and along said east right-of-way line of Gallatin Street as follows: run thence south 00 degrees 03 minutes west for a distance of 92.22 feet to a point; run thence south 09 degrees 08 minutes west for a distance of 18.99 feet to a point; run thence south 00 degrees 14 minutes west for a distance of 26.12 feet to a point on the north property line of said Parcel No. 1; run thence south 80 degrees 55 minutes east and along the north property line of said Parcel No. 1 for a distance of 13.99 feet to a point; run thence south 00 degrees 44 minutes east for a distance of 105.89 feet to a point; run thence south 22 degrees 10 minutes east for a distance of 19.66 feet to a point; run thence south 59 degrees 03 minutes east for a distance of 22.25 feet to the point of beginning. The above described parcel of land is a part of Lot 1 1 of the Miscellaneous Lots of West Jackson, according to the H.C. Daniel Official Map of the City of Jackson, as made in 1 875: is located in the West Half (W 'A.) of Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 1 East; First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi, and contains 46,336 square feet, more or less. Bearings used in this description refer to the Mississippi Coordinate Systems, West Zone.

147 Gallatin St. (89-34)

A certain parcel of land situated in and being a part of 1.78 Acre Lot 15, West Jackson, according to the H. C. Daniels Official Map of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (1875) and also being situated in the Northeast 'A of the Southeast 'A of Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the North line of Amite Street with the West line of Gallatin Street (as both are now laid out and improved, March, 1983); run thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 52 seconds West along the North line of Amite Street for a distance of 227.28 feet to the Point of Curvature of a 13.0974 degree curve to the right, having a radius of 437.46 feet; run thence along said 13.0974 degree curve for a distance of 56.25 feet (said arc having a chord bearing of North 86 degrees 22 minutes 06 seconds West and a chord distance of 56.21 feet), to a point 10 feet from and at right angles to the centerline of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company's Meridian District main track; run thence North 37 degrees 12 minutes West 10 feet from and parallel with the centerline of said Illinois Central Gulf Railroad track for a distance of 185.0 feet; thence leaving the northerly line of said Illinois Central Gulf Railroad, run North 52 degrees, 48 minutes East for a distance of 30.72 feet to a point 10 feet from and at right angles to the centerline of a certain spur track; said point being on a curve to the left; run thence along the curve to the left 10 feet from and at right angles to the centerline of said spur track to a point 50 feet Northeastly of and at right angles to the centerline of said Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company's Meridian District main track; (said arc having a chord bearing of South 52 degrees 20 minutes 15 seconds East and a chord distance of 35.53 feet); run thence South 37 degrees 12 minutes East along a line 50 feet Northeastly and at right angles to the centerline of said Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company's Meridian district main track for a distance of 24.28 feet; run thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes East for a distance of 326.75 feet to a point on the West line of the aforesaid Gallatin Street; run thence South 00 degrees 32 minutes 13 second along the West line of said Gallatin Street for a distance of 134.51 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 4,750.66 square feet or 1.027 acres, more or less.

176 Gallatin St. (Parcels 88-78-2) and 197 Gallatin St (89-32)

To find the point of beginning, commence at the easternmost corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed by the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company to the City of Jackson, Mississippi, which was acquired by the City of Jackson as additional right-of-way for Gallatin Street and which is described as Parcel No. 1 in the instrument of record in Book 2680 at Page 494 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description, said easternmost corner being on the north right-of-way line of Amite Street, as said north right-of-way line is now established (January, 1986), and run thence south 89 degrees 03 minutes east and along the said north right-of-way line of Amite Street for a distance of 143.81 feet to a point; run thence north 03 degrees 35 minutes west for a distance of 279.94 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land described as follows:

Continue thence north 03 degrees 35 minutes west for a distance of 132.15 feet to an iron pin marking the southeast corner of a parcel of land conveyed to Wesley A. Caldwell et al by instrument recorded in Book 456 at Page 498 in the office of said Chancery Clerk, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description; run thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes west and along the south line of said parcel conveyed to Wesley A. Caldwell et al for a distance of 156.40 feet to a point on the east right-of-way line of Gallatin Street, as said east right-of-way line is now laid out and established; run thence south 00 degrees 03 minutes west and along said east right-of-way line of Gallatin Street for a distance of 132.00 feet to a point; run thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes east for a distance of 164.79 feet to the point of beginning, according to that plat of survey prepared by Lester Engineering Company dated March, 1983, last revised January, 1986.

The above described parcel of land is a part of Lot 11 of the Miscellaneous Lots of West Jackson, according to the H. C. Daniel Official Map of the City of Jackson, as made in 1875: is located in the West Half (W 1/2) of Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi, and contains 21.202 square feet, more or less. Bearings used in this description refer to the Mississippi Coordinate System, West Zone.

AND ALSO

An irregular parcel of land being a part of 3.55 acre Lot 12, West Jackson, according to IT C. Daniels Official Map of the City of Jackson, in the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 1 East of the Choctaw Meridian, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the north line of said Lot 12 with the west line of Gallatin Street (formerly Clark Street) as said street is now located; thence southeasterly along the west line of Gallatin Street forming an interior angle of 106 degrees 24 minutes with said north line of Lot 12 a distance of 73.6 feet; thence southeasterly along said west line of Gallatin Street forming an interior angle of 169 degrees 47 minutes with said last described course a distance of 78.5 feet, more or less, to an iron stake located 11 feet northerly of the center line of the Illinois Central Railroad Company's switching lead north track as now located, measured along said west line of Gallatin Street; thence westerly forming an interior angle of 85 degrees 36 minutes with the last described course a distance of 199 feet, more or less, to an iron stake on the easterly boundary line of a permanent easement conveyed to the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad Company by the Mississippi Cotton Oil Company in Deed Book 197, Page 480; thence northerly along said easterly line of easement forming an angle of 88 degrees 57 minutes with the last described course a distance of 26 feet, more or less, to a point in the northeast corner of said easement; thence northwesterly along a 15 degree 00 minute curve to the right a distance of 134.10 feet (all as measured along the center line of track) parallel with and 34 feet northerly from the center line of said track; thence southerly at a right angle a distance of 14 feet; thence northwesterly parallel with and 20 feet northeasterly from said center line of track a distance of 252.2 feet, more or less, to a point in the aforementioned north line of Lot 12; thence easterly along said north line of Lot 12 forming an interior angle of 23 degrees 36 minutes with the last described course to the point of beginning.

AND ALSO:

From the intersection of the West line of Gallatin Street with the South right-of-way of Y. M. V. R. R.; thence southerly along the West line of Gallatin Street 517.3 feet to a point; thence North 87 degrees 52 minutes West 167.0 feet to the point of beginning. Continue thence North 87 degrees 52 minutes West 180.7 feet; thence North 1 degree 44 minutes East 202.38 feet; thence North 78 degrees 49 minutes East 129.3 feet; thence South 11 degrees 20 minutes East 238.53 feet to the point of beginning.

AND ALSO

A parcel of land located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 1 East of the Choctaw Meridian at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land 40 feet wide, being 20 feet in width on each side of the centerline of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company's Swift Lead Track extending Easterly from a point 6 feet Westerly of the point of switch at VS 5+91 (as measured along said centerline of track) a distance of 75 feet, more or less, to a point opposite a break in Grantor's property line at VS 6+60;

Thence Easterly at a width of 44 feet, said parcel being 10 feet in width on the Southerly side and 34 feet in width on the Northerly side of said centerline of Grantor's lead track extending from said point at VS 6+60 a distance of 134 feet, more or less, to VS 7+94 said point being the Westerly property line of the Ben Lachley Company as it existed in 1928; Thence Easterly at a width of 20 feet, said parcel being 10 feet in width on each side of said centerline of lead track extending from VS 7+94 a distance of 200 feet, more or less, to the Westerly line of Gallatin Street.

AND ALSO:

A certain parcel of land lying and being situated in Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds, to-wit:

Commencing at the intersection of the southern right of way on the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad with the western right of way of North Gallatin Street as both are presently laid out constructed and in use, run thence south 11 degrees 20 minutes east along the western right of way of North Gallatin Street a distance of 235.8 feet to the south line of a fifty foot street and the point of beginning; thence continue south 11 degrees 20 minutes east along the said west right of way a distance of 281.5 feet; thence north 87 degrees 52 minutes west along the south line of the Reed property a distance of 167.0 feet; thence north 11 degrees 20 minutes west along the east line of the Jackson Paper Company property a distance of 245.1 feet; thence north 79 degrees 34 minutes east along the south line of the said fifty foot street a distance of 162.5 feet to the point of beginning, containing 42.752 square feet, more or less.

AND ALSO:

The following described property, together with all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, located in the City of Jackson, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

FIRST PARCEL:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of a one-acre lot sold by Jacob Betterman to John Flessen and running thence North one (1) degree five (5) minutes West on Section line between three (3) and four (4) three (3) chains seventy-six (76) links to a stake; thence North eighty-nine (89) degrees West nine (9) chains thirty-six (37) links to a stake thirty (30) feet East of the center of the Southern Railroad, subsequently known as the Alabama & Vicksburg Railway; thence parallel with said road to the northwest corner of the one-acre lot above mentioned; thence East six (6) chains fifty-seven (57) links to the place of beginning, containing three (3) acres, more or less.

Also, the above mentioned one-acre lot, described as follows:

Beginning in Section Four (4), Township Five (5) North Range One (1) East, and beginning at a stake on the line of the former railroad depot lot, and thirty (30) feet from the center of said railroad; and running thence North eighty-nine (89) degrees East five (5) chains fifty-four (54) links to a stake on the line between Sections Three (3) and Four (4); thence North one (1) degree five (5) minutes West one (1) chain sixty-four (64) links to a stake; then South eighty-nine (89) degrees West six (6) chains fifty-seven (57) links to a stake thirty (30) feet from the center of said railroad; and thence along said railroad to the point of beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less.

The two lots or parcels above described together constituting the lot on Daniel's Map of the City of Jackson, known as George Meeh (or Muh) No. 13, containing, as thereon marked, 4.02 acres.

SECOND PARCEL:

That certain lot, tract and parcel of land lying and being situated in the City of Jackson, in Hinds County, in the State of Mississippi particularly described as follows, to-wit:

That part of what is known as 3.55 acre Lot Twelve (12) West Jackson, according to Daniel's Map, beginning at the Southwest corner of said three and fifty-five hundredths (3.55) acre lot, running thence East two hundred (200) feet, running thence North one hundred (100) feet, running thence West to the property line of the Alabama & Vicksburg Railway Company, running thence in a southerly direction along the Eastern property line of said Railway Company to the point of beginning.

THIRD PARCEL:

That certain parcel of land located in the City of Jackson, County of Hinds, State of Mississippi, and being a portion of three and fifty-five hundredths acre lot Number Twelve (12) West, in said City of Jackson and said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on the West line of Gallatin Street at the Northeast corner of the lot as at August 12, 1920, owned by the Union Seed & Fertilizer Company, and run thence West three hundred eighty-five (385) feet to the Southeast corner of a lot as at August 12, 1920, owned by Ellen Anderson; thence Northwestwardly along the Eastern line of said Ellen Anderson's lot one hundred six (106) feet to the Northeast corner of said Ellen Anderson's lot; thence West two hundred two (202) feet along the North line of said Ellen Anderson's lot to the right of way of the Alabama & Vicksburg Railway, thence Northwesterly along the Eastern line of said right of way one hundred seventy-seven (177) feet; thence East five hundred fifty-five (555) feet to the Northwest corner of a lot formerly owned by the Capital Light and Power Company, and at August 20, 1920, the property of R. L. Benson; thence South along the western line of said R. L. Benson's lot one hundred seventy-four (174) feet to the Southwest corner of said lot; thence East along the South line of said lot two hundred (200) feet to the Western line of North Gallatin Street; thence South along said Western line of North Gallatin Street, seventy-six (76) feet, nine (9) inches to the point of beginning, and containing two and three tenth (2.3) acres, subject, nevertheless to the rights of way for certain alley twelve (12) feet in width, described in certain deed existing. Being part of the premises conveyed to The American Cotton Oil Company by the Union Seed and Fertilizer Company by deed dated August 12, 1920, and recorded in the Chancery Clerk's office of Hinds County, First District, State of Mississippi, on September 28, 1920, in Deed Book No, 130, at Page 268, and in Deed Book, Second District No. 89, at Pages 245-246, on September 30, 1920.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

(a) That property conveyed by the Warranty Deed from Mississippi Cotton Oil Company to City of Jackson, dated July 28, 1927, and recorded in Deed Record Book No. 197, at page 537, et seq., of the records aforesaid; and

(b) That property conveyed in the Warranty Deed from Mississippi Cottonseed Products Company to Jackson Paper Company, dated March 15, 1938, and recorded in Deed Record Book No. 310, at Page 48, of the records aforesaid.

(c) That certain tract of land conveyed by the Union Seed & Fertilizer Company to the Alabama & Vicksburg Railway Company described as follows:

"All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situate in the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Four in Township Five North Range One East (NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 S 4, T 5 N, R 1 E) lying and being on the Northeast side of the right of way of Alabama & Vicksburg Railway Company in what is known as Lot 12 of the "Cohea Survey" at Jackson in the County of Hinds and State of Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the said northeast right of way line of said Railway Company fifty

(50) feet, measured at a right angle, Northeast of the center line of the main tract of said Railway Company, measured from a point therein six hundred and seventy-two and eight tenths (672.8) feet Northeast of Milepost numbered Ninety-six (96) and running thence

(1) North 37 degrees 10' West along said right of way line, parallel with and fifty (50) feet Northeast of the center line of said main tract for a distance of two hundred and twenty-nine (229) feet to the North line of Lot 12 of said "Cohea Survey"; thence

(2) North 88 degrees 30' East on the said North Line of said Lot 12 for a distance of seventy (70) feet to a point which is twenty-five (25) feet, measured on radius of curve, distance from located center line of "Y" tract of said Railway Company; thence

(3) In a Southerly direction, concentric with the twenty-five (25) feet from said center line of said "Y" tract, and running by a curve with a radius of four hundred and ninety-six and seven tenth (496.7) feet, for a distance of one hundred and ninety-seven (197) feet to a point opposite the place of beginning; thence

(4) South 52 degrees 50 minutes West for a distance of fifteen (15) feet to a point or place of beginning.

(5) Parcel of land containing sixteen hundredths (0.16) of an acre, be the same more or less."

AND ALSO:

The aforesaid property, excluding easements referenced in the aforesaid Warranty Deeds, being further described as follows, to-wit:

A parcel of land located partly in George Muh's 4.02 acre Lot 13 and partly in 3.55 acre Lot 12 West Jackson according to H. C. Daniels 1875 map of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the West line of North Gallatin Street, which point is 142.66' measured northerly from the intersection of New Amite Street and North Gallatin Street; run thence S 88° 54' W for a distance of 253.25' to a point; run thence N 7° 28' 40" E for a distance of 13.14' to a point; turn thence to the left and run northwesterly along a curve to the right, having a radius of 202.27' for a distance of 160.00'; run thence N 37° 12' W for a distance of 374.0' to a point; run thence N 52° 48' E for a distance of 4.0' to a point; turn thence to the left and run northwesterly along a curve to the right, having a radius of 496.7' for a distance of 192.93' to a point; run thence N 89° 25' E for a distance 33.0' to a point; run thence S 66° 59' E 343.5' to a point; run thence N 23° 0 01' E for a distance of 10' to a point; turn thence to the right and run southeasterly along a curve to the left, having a radius of 393.06' for a distance of 138.05' to a point; run thence S 0° 24' 40" W for a distance of 1.33' to a point; run thence N 88° 01' E for a distance of 200.0' to a point on the west line of North Gallatin Street; run thence S 0° 24' 40" E along the west line of North Gallatin Street for a distance of 397.05' to the point of beginning.

451 Gallatin St. (89-31-2) and Parcel 89-31-4

Beginning at a point in the westerly line of Gallatin Street, as widened by the acquisition of an 18-foot strip of land, by deed dated June 9, 1925, said point being 280 feet south of the east and west center line of said Section 4 measured along the east line of said Section and 40 feet west thereof, measured at a right angle thereto: thence north 11 degrees 20' east for a distance of 164.6 feet to a point: turn thence north 78 degree 40' east for a distance of 150 feet to the point of beginning.

And being the same property described in Warranty Deed recorded in Book 1696 at Page 347.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A 0.14 acre parcel of land situated in the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, City of Jackson, 1ST Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of said Section and run thence N68 Degrees 43'39"W for 111.90 feet to a ½"rebar set adjacent to and behind an existing back of curb and serving as a witness corner, thence run N11 degreee19'40"W for 181.74feet to the point of beginning: from said point of beginning, run thence S78 degrees 43'11"W for 61.44 feet: thence run N69 degrees 04'30"W for 104.75 feet to a set ½" rebar; thence run N11degrees20'00"W for 47.30 feet to a set ½" rebar on the southerly right-of-way line of Kansas City Southern Railroad right-of-way; thence run S69 degrees 04'30"E for 8.58 feet back to the point of beginning. And being the same property described in that deed recorded in Book 7133 at page 1963.

TRACT 2:

A 1.15 acre parcel of land situated in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, City of Jackson, 1st Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the southeast corner of said Section and run thence N68 degrees 43'38" W for 111.9- feet to a ½" rebar set adjacent to and behind an existing back of curb and serving as a witness corner; thence run S11degrees 20'00"E for 0.57 feet to the point of beginning.

From said point of beginning, run thence S78 degrees 40'21"W for 266.54 feet to a set ½" rebar; thence run N11 degrees 20'00"W for 312.11 feet to a set 1.2" rebar: thence run S69 degrees04'30"E for 137.81 feet to set ½" rebar; thence run S11 degrees 20'00"E for 117.30 feet to a set ½" rebar; thence run N78 degrees 40'00"E for 150.00 feet to a set ½" rebar lying on the west right of way line of Gallatin Street; thence run S11 degrees 20'00"E along said right of way for 121.28 feet back to the point of beginning, said parcel being subject to a thirty (30) foot wide ingress/egress easement described as being a strip of land comprised of the west thirty (30) feet of the above described parcel.

And being the same property described in Special Warranty Deed recorded I Book 7133 at Page 1960.

(the "Property")

The Property is conveyed subject to, and there is excepted from the warranty of this conveyance, those certain recorded oil, gas or mineral leases, royalty reservations or other mineral conveyances, all recorded restrictive covenants, building restrictions, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances or easements affecting the Property.

Ad valorem taxes for the current year, which are not yet due and payable, have been prorated on an estimated basis by the Grantor and the Grantee as of date of this conveyance. If actual taxes differ from the estimate, Grantor and Grantee agree to adjust the pro-ratio and the party owing taxes shall pay such amount to the other party.

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

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT will receive SEALED BIDS VIA REVERSE AUCTION for the purchase of the following:

Bids will be received by an Electronic Reverse Auction Sealed Bidding Process administered by Southern Procurement Services at which time bidding will begin and run until Suppliers have completed entering all bids. Thereafter, bids will be taken under advisement and awarded accordingly.

A complete bid package which contains bid instructions and specification response sheets may be obtained by emailing HYPERLINK "mailto:vaughn@southernprocurement.com" vaughn@southernprocurement.com and requesting a complete bid package. The following must be placed in the Subject Line of the email:

Holmes County Schools – Interactive Camera Systems

Vendors will then receive instructions as to how to register with Southern Procurement to receive a complete bid package. Please include full contact information, including company name, email address, telephone numbers and contact person in your email request. Email requests will be filled within 24 hours of submission or registration. Registration with Southern Procurement and acceptance of the Southern Procurement Platform Agreement is not optional and is required in order to participate in this bidding event. No exceptions will be made.

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event in order to be considered for this bidding opportunity. Bid responses should be delivered to:

Vaughn Blaylock
Southern Procurement
HYPERLINK "mailto:vaughn@southernprocurement.com" vaughn@southernprocurement.com

DO NOT INCLUDE PRICING INFORMATION WITH YOUR SPECIFICATION RESPONSE. BIDS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN ONLINE AT THE APPOINTED TIME AND DATE.

Questions regarding these specifications shall be directed to Vaughn Blaylock, Southern Procurement.

No bid shall be withdrawn after the scheduled date and time of the beginning of the bidding event without the written consent of the Purchasing Entity. Within the limitations of Mississippi State Purchasing Law, the Purchasing Entity reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received, or to accept any bid which is deemed most favorable.

Dr. Furlinda Travis
Director, Federal Programs
Holmes County Consolidated School District

10/7/2021, 10/14/2021

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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 ½ 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.

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WITNESS my signature this 29th day of September 2021.

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

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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

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
FLOYD BEARD, SR., DECEASED
BILLIE B. THOMPSON, PETITIONER

FILED
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BY Stan Pen B.C.
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration, on the Estate of **FLOYD BEARD, SR.**, deceased, having been granted to me this 7th day of September, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, to **BILLIE B. THOMPSON**, as Administratrix of the Estate of **FLOYD BEARD, SR.**, deceased, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claim(s) against said Estate to present such claim(s) to the Clerk for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days of the First Publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

Respectfully submitted,
Billie B. Thompson
Billie B. Thompson, Administratrix
of the Estate of **FLOYD BEARD, SR.**
By: Chester Ray Jones, Esq.
Chester Ray Jones, Esq.
Attorney for the Estate
P. O. Box 5141 – Jackson, MS 39296
(601) 953-6491; chetjones4545@yahoo.com

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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH HOURS OF ALCOHOL SALE BY LICENSEE.

WHEREAS, Section 67-1-37(m) of the Mississippi Code Annotated authorizes the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Mississippi Department of Revenue to designate hours and days when alcoholic beverages may be sold in different localities in the state which permit such sale; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant community within the City of Jackson has expressed interest in extending the hours of sale to increase economic development and tax revenue in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Jackson to expand and establish hours of alcohol sales by a licensee; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities find that Section 10-7 should be added as follows:

Sec. 10-7. Hours of Sale by Licensee.

The hours of sale of beer, light wine and alcoholic beverages as permitted by state agency shall be Monday through Sunday: 6:00 A.M. until 2:00 A.M.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI that Chapter 10 of the Jackson code of ordinances is amended to add Sec. 10-7 as follows:

Sec. 10-7. Hours of Sale by licensee.

The hours of sale for beer, light wine and alcoholic beverages as permitted by state agency shall be Monday through Sunday: 6:00 A.M. until 2:00 A.M.

This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days following its adoption and publication subject to the approval of the Alcohol Beverage Control Division of the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

Council Member Stokes moved adoption; Council Member Banks seconded.

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of 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 Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2019 and recorded in Minute Book "6P, Pg. 584.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 30th day of September, 2021.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

10/7/2021

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT will receive SEALED BIDS for the purchase of PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

The district is requesting for sealed bid proposals in the areas of Instructional Support Services-School Improvement, and Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), to provide extensive coaching to teachers and opportunities for student interventions. The Proposal Due Date is October 26, 2021.

RFP Submission Requirements:
Submit 5 copies of the RFP response in one sealed package with Professional Development for Services for Administrative and Instructional Staff indicated on the outside of the package by 10/26/2021 to the following address:

Shaquita Burke, Financial Advisor
Holmes County Consolidated School District
Post Office Box 630
313 Olive St.
Lexington, MS 39095

A complete bid package which contains bid instructions and general specifications may be obtained by visiting the Holmes County Consolidated School District's website:

<http://holmesccsd.org>. All questions regarding the bid specifications shall be emailed directly to

Dr. Furlinda Travis, Federal Programs Director
furlinda.travis@holmesccsd.org
Holmes County Consolidated School District
(662) 843-2175 (office)
(662) 834-4002 (Fax)

Please include full contact information, including company name, email address, telephone numbers and contact person in your email request. Within the limitations of Mississippi State Purchasing Law, the Purchasing Entity reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received, or to accept any bid which is deemed most favorable.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES RICHARD TREADWELL, DECEASED
GWENDOLYN S. TREADWELL, PETITIONER

FILED
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration, on the Estate of **JAMES RICHARD TREADWELL**, Deceased, having been granted to me this 1st day of September, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, to **GWENDOLYN S. TREADWELL**, as Administratrix of the Estate of **JAMES RICHARD TREADWELL**, Deceased, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claim(s) against said Estate to present such claim(s) to the Clerk for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days of the First Publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwendolyn S. Treadwell
Gwendolyn S. Treadwell, Administratrix of the
Estate of **JAMES RICHARD TREADWELL**

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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
Ten foot (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.

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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

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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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Week of October 3, 2021

100 Black Men of Jackson holds annual banquet

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By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. held its 31st Annual Scholarship/Mentoring Banquet October 2, 2021, 6 p.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex, 105 E. Pascagoula Street.

Guest speakers included current mentee: Tyson Brown, Callaway High School; college student: J'Ceon Marshall, Collegiate 100; and professional: Breland Crudup, MD. The speakers were introduced by Devonte Kendrick of Callaway High School.

Gene Harrion, former mentee and freshman at University of Mississippi, served as Master of Ceremony.

Leroy Walker, founder of the Jackson Chapter, said the banquet was a complete success. "We were very pleased with participation." There were 719

attendees. Walker said, "Initially we were concerned about COVID-19 so we thoroughly prepared ourselves for the event."

He said they checked temperatures coming in and attendees wore masks. Walker said several ladies said it was the first time they had dressed up for an event for almost two years and were excited to do so for the banquet.

He said the children did a great job with their speeches which they had memorized and some of the college and university presidents were shocked at how well they delivered their them.

The theme for the banquet was "What They Will See, Is What They Will Be."

Walker emphasized that adults should spend a little time with children and see their response.

Rickey Jones is president of the 100 Black Men of Jackson.



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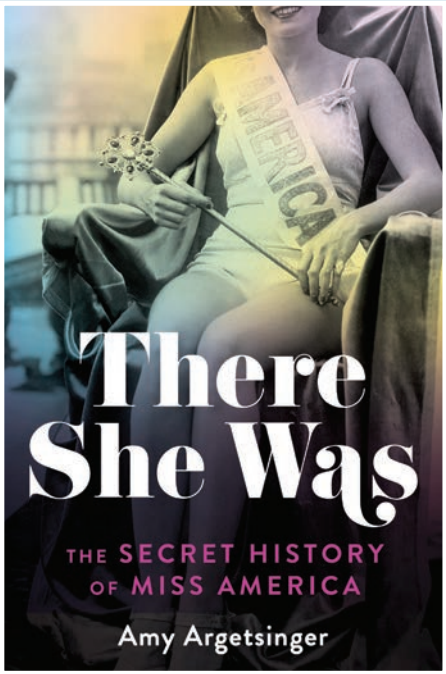
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BOOK REVIEW:
THERE SHE WAS:
THE SECRET HISTORY OF MISS AMERICA
BY AMY ARGETSINGER
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You’ve been doing it since you were a year old.
But now you’d have to re-learn to wave. No more hand-flap or finger-wiggle, no more exuberant arm over the head like a cowpoke on a mechanical bull; no, you have to learn to wave in a lady-like manner when you become a beauty queen.
As you’ll see in “There She Was” by Amy Argetsinger, though, that’s not all you’ll learn. Everything started to change the year the bras went into the

trash can.
They weren’t burned, as popular culture claims, but the young women who tossed their undies away were burning with passion. They were, Argetsinger says, the women who’d marched against the war, and for Civil Rights, and now they were demonstrating against what had become an American institution: the Miss America pageant.
It was the first time in the pageant’s history that it would be “so brazenly challenged,” but it wouldn’t be the last; fans and detractors alike demanded that the

organization keep up with changing American society and culture, hairstyle, make-up and talents. Young Miss America contestants also became outspoken about their beliefs and their politics.
Even the after-reign period changed, which gave Phyllis George the opportunity for a television career that almost ended with what we now call sexual harrasment. It allowed Terry Meeuwsen to publicly choose controversial “exploitation” to further her career. Changes opened the door for a lesbian Miss America, a disabled one, a

hearing-impaired one, and its first Indigenous and Asian-American winners. It also loosened the reins on the press, who seemed eager to find a crack in the usual Miss America armor.
And that was the downfall of the first black Miss America.
Vanessa Williams, argues Argetsinger, was one of the most talented winners in the pageant’s history but with just nine weeks left to reign, she was forced to resign in disgrace for an incident designed to humiliate her. Thirty-one years later, changes were ripe for a triumphant, wildly-success-

ful Williams to return to the fold...
No surprise: despite its subtitle, there are no secrets inside “There She Was.” That’s okay because there are still jaw-droppers, and not one of them is snarkingly gossipy.
That should put your mind at ease when you pick this book up: author Amy Argetsinger’s storytelling isn’t scandalously presented, although she does write about scandals here, and equally about how those things were dealt with by young women who were blazing trails without realizing they were doing so.

This chapter in women’s history is impossible to ignore, and it’s made even better since Argetsinger doesn’t leave their tales incomplete; she spent time with a host of former Miss Americas, catching up so we know where our hometown “girls” are now and what they’ve done with their lives – and the competitors of the last fifty years have done a lot.
In the end, while it might agitate you some, “There She Was” is also quite the feel-good book.
If you’re a feminist, fan or former wanna-be, find it, don’t wave it away.

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Mississippi Valley State stuns NC Central with late TD

Associated Press

Jelani Eason tossed a 2-yard touchdown pass to Caleb Johnson on the final play of the game and Mississippi Valley State stunned North Carolina Central 17-16 as the Delta Devils picked up their first win of the season in nonconference action on Saturday.

NC Central (2-3) appeared to have the game in hand after Davius Richard's 1-yard TD run with 25 seconds left in the game capped a nine-play, 82-yard drive. But Adrian Olivo missed the extra point and the Eagles lead stood at 16-10.

MVSU began its final drive at the Eagles' 46-yard line after a 15-yard facemask penalty was tacked on to the end of Donald Johnson's 25-yard kickoff return. Eason promptly connected with Jacory Rankin for a 44-yard gain, setting up the game-tying TD. Orlando Fernandez kicked the extra point to make winners of the Delta Devils (1-3).

Eason completed 20 of 27 passes for 175 yards for MVSU. Caleb Johnson carried 20 times for 71 yards.

Richard was 14-of-25 passing for NC Central for 198 yards and a TD with one costly interception. The Eagles were leading 10-3 when Volme Swanier picked off a Richard pass on the final play of the first half, returning it 41 yards for a TD and knotting the score at 10.



MVSU stuns NC Central on the final play of the game

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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
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- 2000 Graduate of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBNA)
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- Director of Facility Management/Safety & Security
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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.

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