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THE MISSISSIPPI LINK DEDICATES THIS WEEK'S ISSUE TO THE MEMORY OF DR. MARVIN H

IN MEMORIAM

Marvin Hogan

August 29, 1938-November 6, 2021



Hogan

The birth of Marvin Hogan to Nina Murphy Hogan and Willie Hogan in Waynesboro, Mississippi on August 29, 1938 blessed their lives and stirred the elements of the universe. There was a knowing that a quiet thunder was unfolding that would be a force for fundamental changes in the lives of many people who were yet unborn. The dash between his birth and his transitioning to his eternal home on November 6, 2021 was filled with impactful, relevant moments.

Growing up in a Christian home, faith was central to how he lived his life. He joined Saint Luke Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Mississippi as a young child and remained active until he moved away for college. When he moved to Jackson, Mississippi, he joined Mt. Helm Baptist Church and served as a deacon under the leadership of Dr. T. B. Brown. He later joined Koinonia Baptist Church in Clinton, Mississippi and served as a deacon under the leadership of Reverend Walter Bowie. After the passing of Reverend Bowie, Marvin rejoined Mt. Helm under the leadership of Dr. C.J. Rhodes and remained an active member, connecting virtually during the pandemic until his passing.

As the son of school teacher, education was always an important part of Marvin's personal growth and development. He received his elementary and secondary education in the public schools of Wayne County, Mississippi and earned his high school diploma from Riverview High School. He began his college education at Tougaloo College with the support of a football scholarship and during his first year, the college's football program was discontinued. Without scholarship aid, the cost of college was beyond Marvin's reach and he transferred to Rust College where he completed his undergraduate education. He later studied management at Texas Tech University and completed his graduate education at UCLA's John E. Anderson School of Management.

He began his professional career as a history teacher and head football coach at Rosa Scott under the tutelage of Dr. H.T. Drake who was the principal at the time. After several years, he joined the teaching and coaching staff at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi. It was during this phase of his work that his father summoned him to Jackson, Mississippi to help establish what is now Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc (FCM). He accepted and stepped into history, as he embraced his professional calling. He served as the CEO/ executive director for 53 years before he retired on March 31, 2020, and developed FCM into an award-winning program with unparalleled national recognition.

This was his defining moment as he began his lifelong commitment to obliterating generational poverty through education and compassionate partnerships with families and community. Throughout his career, he used his positional ladder of influence to stimulate growth in minority businesses by opening doors of opportunity for many aspiring entrepreneurs. And in 1994, he established the Self Sufficiency/Empowerment and Micro Enterprise Development Project and assisted in developing nearly 300 small businesses in the 15 counties in which FCM operated. His visionary leadership guided FCM to become a Small Business Administration Non-Profit Micro-Loan Intermediary Leader for the State of Mississippi.

Hogan was a sports enthusiast. After his coaching career ended, he became a football

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Councilman Brian Grizzell holds town hall meeting on crime

By Jackie Hampton Publisher

A 'Let's Talk About Crime' town hall meeting, organized by Ward 4, City Councilman Brian Grizzell, was held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Holy Temple Baptist Church located on Cabaniss Circle in Jackson. It was hosted by Pastor Audrey Hall who, after being introduced by Grizzel, offered prayer.

Mayor Chokwe Lumumba, Police Chief James Davis and Interim Hinds County Sheriff Marshand Crisler were in attendance to provide information.

JPD commanders from Precincts 1, 2, and 3 are in Ward Four and each spoke of issues in their precincts and encouraged citizens to call them if they had problems. Commander Marco Johnson of Precinct 3 gave an example of what citizens are doing to assist.

He stated, "Ms. Johnson calls me and says, well, they've been shooting down at this house five times a week." Johnson said this is the kind of information that gives him the tools to approach that house and let them know he is keeping an eye on them.

Chief Davis said 85% of crimes are taking place inside the homes of individuals in personal relationships. He said, these disputes are hard to predict and hard to prevent and all hands need to be on deck to address crime.

Interim Sheriff Crisler said the sheriff's department and Jackson Police Department must work together to help solve the crime issues. Crisler said those committing crimes in Hinds County



Hall



Davis



will be put in jail. Crisler said the word is out that people are being told not to commit a crime in Rankin County because they will go to jail. He said the same is true in Hinds County, however, when we put them in jail we will give them a skill set so they can be better when they get out and won't find the need to commit crimes. Crisler said they will also be able to earn a GED.

Mayor Lumumba recognized representatives from an organization from Strong Arms of Jackson. This organization seeks out young people that are of high



Grizzell

crime risk to the community and they are building relationships with these young people in order to interrupt that cycle of committing crime. The mayor stated that out of 126 homicides committed this year, 78 have been solved, which is above the national aver-

A young citizen Terun Moore from south Jackson spoke out and said help is needed prior to going to jail. Moore, who spent 20 years in jail for a crime committed at age 17 said, "Why not help young people get a GED prior to going to jail? School is not for everyPHOTOS BY GAIL BROWN

one," he said.

After a passionate plea to get help now for people headed for a life of crime, Moore received a standing ovation. He said we must get together and help one another and be about positive action. Moore said, "Love is ac-

Davis said there are police classes to address broken people as well as conflict resolution classes, which are available to the community. He said these classes, which are conducted by social workers, address anger management and other social issues.

Jackson, Stay Well!

Nearly 200 turned out for a battle cry against COVID-19: 'Get educated, get vaccinated.'

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

Elizabeth Cousin of Jackson was among nearly 200 who braved the relatively chilly but sunny Saturday morning, Nov. 6, for a major community health fair in the fight against COVID-19.

Hosted by W. Montague Cobb/ NMA Health Institute and the Greater Jackson Area Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA), Inc., along with 22 other community partners, the Jackson Stay Well community health fair and vaccine event was a wake-up call to everyone.

Cousin, a 70-year Jackson resident, wrapped in warm clothing, told The Mississippi Link that the presenters "were real informative about all these fake things that I have been hearing about." "They cleared it up for me," she said. Cousin made a point to inform



Keneen Children was in ICU 38 days

this writer that she has taken all her vaccinations. "I just took my booster shot this morning," she added.

Cousin took her booster inside the facilities of the Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center (J-HCHC), located at 3502 West Northside Drive. The health cen-

ter's grounds and parking lot were the strategic battleground for the 10 a.m.-2 p.m. free, public event.

The presenters Cousin referenced were local 'trusted' African-American healthcare professionals in eye-opening panel discussion moderated by Dr. Lynda Jackson Assad, medical director, J-HCHC. Assad told the audience that it is extremely important to "trust the science," which was the focus of the panel of doctors

and nurses. "We must educate before we vaccinate," stressed Assad. And, educate is exactly what the panel on "Trusting the Science" did.

Dr. Edith Smith Rayford (OB/ GYN) said for those who are concerned about getting the CO-VID-19 vaccine while pregnant that it is safe. Rayford is with the W.Montague Cobb/NMA Initia-

She also shared that it is safe to get your dental care after one member of the audience asked a question about some fear going to the dentist because of the pan-

"I was in the dentist chair recently," Rayford said. She pointed out that dental offices have protected screens up, and that dentistry "had the PPE's before medical offices did."

RN and ICU nurse Sheneta Magee also emphasized the importance of continuing one's regular dental care during the pandemic because one would not want to develop endocarditis. "It is an infection from your mouth if you have a tooth that needs to be pulled, and it may set up an absess. You're are swallowing the secretion from the absess," Ma-

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H.T. Drake celebrates 99th birthday at **Tougaloo College**





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H. T. Drake celebrates 99th birthday at Tougaloo College

By Jackie HamptonPublisher

A drive-by birthday celebration was held in honor of H.T. Drake's 99th birthday at Tougaloo College where he continued a long-time tradition of raising funds to benefit the Henry T. and Maggie Burkhead Drake Endowed Scholarship Fund, which was started shortly after his wife's death in 1976.

Drake, now recognized as the oldest active Tougaloo alum, asked scholarship donors to give in denominations with "99" (\$99, 99 cents, etc.). He turned 99 on Saturday, November 6 and was celebrated with a drive-by birthday parade on November 7.

In a brief telephone interview with The Mississippi Link, Drake said of his celebration, "It was just great. There were a lot of my students from Jim Hill and Rosa Scott coming by in cars. I was so happy to see so many family members and friends."

Drake who has three children, Regina, Godfrey and Denise, was asked how many grandchildren he had. "Last I counted I had 9 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren" but while laughing he said, "there might be more now as they are coming so fast." When asked about his secret to the longevity of life he simply said, "I just keep on living and try to do what is right."

Drake's son, Godfrey, attended his dad's celebration and shared how proud he was of his dad who started his career in education started at Hinds County Agricultural High School. At Jim Hill High School, he taught history and coached girls' basketball." He recalled that it was under his dad's coaching that the girls won their first Big 8 championship. After leaving Jim Hill he became principal of Rosa Scott School in Madison, MS, which at the time was grades 1 through 12.

Drake retired as Assistant Director of the Mississippi High School Activities Association, which merged after integration with the Magnolia High School Activities Association where Drake was employed as the executive director.























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Beverly and Marvin Hogan

PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

and basketball referee, with the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) and South Western Athletic Conference (SWAC). This was an advocation he enjoyed for thirty years or more. He approached his role as a referee with a sense of commitment, discipline, accountability, civility and control while on the court. Among his greatest rewards as a referee was the opportunity to bring other individuals into this arena which had not been open historically to African Americans or women.

As much as Hogan loved his vocational and advocational work, he also loved his family and found joy and fulfilment spending at-home time with his immediate family. He was a supportive husband, a hands-on father and loving grandfather. As well, he was an involved and supportive uncle to his nieces and nephews. His professional and personal values were in alignment because he allowed God to order his steps.

Hogan accepted people as they were, allowed them to be what they wanted to be, assisted them in being the best they can be and encour-

aged them to cast aside doubts and accept success and empowerment which were within their reach

On Saturday, November 6, 2021, at 7:03 a.m., surrounded by his beloved family, the country boy from Waynesboro, Mississippi, (as he loved to describe himself) who only wanted to make a difference in the lives of children and families, accepted his highest calling and is now walking around heaven in the presence of our Lord.

His father, mother and three brothers preceded him in death.

Missing his earthly presence and gratefully cherishing the joy of memories they made together are his wife of 50 years, Beverly Wade Hogan, their two sons, Maurice DeShay Hogan and Marcellus Wade Hogan and his wife, Latoya; eight grandchildren, Marsei DeShay Hogan, Emani DeShay Hogan, Liyah Marcella Hogan, Laila Young, Tai Micah Hogan, London Paige Hogan, Messiah Hogan and Maverick Hogan; one great grandson Seimar DeShay Hogan; one brother, Clarence Hogan

and his wife Mary, three additional sisters-inlaw, Shirley Hogan, Effie Wade Washington and Florene Wade; two brothers-in-law, W. D. Wade and Johnny Crisler; one goddaughter, Sylvia Lyna Turner; several nieces and nephews; and legions of friends across the globe

globe.

Final arrangements for homegoing services

for Marvin Hogan are as follows: Friday, November 12, 2021

2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Celebration of Life Memorial Service Kroger Gymnasium/Tougaloo College Saturday, November 13, 2021

12 p.m. Homegoing Services Mt. Helm Missionary Baptist Church, 300 Church Street, Jackson, MS 39213.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Dr. Marvin Hogan Scholarship Fund for Child Development, Office of Institutional Advancement, Tougaloo College, 500 West County Line Road, Tougaloo, MS 39176

Westhaven Funeral Home is in charge.

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gee explained.

According to *mayoclinic.org*: "Endocarditis is a life-threatening inflammation of the inner lining of your heart's chambers and valves (endocardium). Endocarditis is usually caused by an infection. Bacteria, fungi or other germs from another part of your body, such as your mouth, spread through your bloodstream and attach to damaged areas in your heart. If it's not treated quickly, endocarditis can damage or destroy your heart valves. Treatments for endocarditis include medications and, sometimes, surgery."

There were several other questions and concerns posed to the panelists. Dr. Doris Browne of Browe and Associates shared that: "It is safe to get your mammogram. Protect yourself." Of course, the panelists told all audience members to consult their own physicians about every concern.

COVID-related depression was also among those concerns. "I'm treating more and more depression," said Dr. Geraldine Chaney Buie (Pediatrics), Capital City Children and Adolescent Clinic, PLLC.

Browne commented that it is important to see your mental health provider.

One of the partnering exhibitors Fredniki White, clinical director with Mississippi Families for Kids, (a non-profit organization under the department of mental health), also shared with *The Mississippi Link* the importance of maintaining good mental health during COVID and anytime. She said, "My executive director is Dr. Linda West, and our agency



Participants and workers in front of JHCHC building. PHOTOS BY KEVIN BRADLEY AND GAIL BROWN

was excited to partner with this event." "We provide mental health services for children ages 3-21."

"Today, what I realized is that everyone I've spoken with is concerned about their mental health. We are here to help with those who are dealing with anxiety, depressions, and those who have lost love ones," White added.

Speaking of loss of loved ones, local pastor Bruce Landing of New Season Christian Fellowship Church was on hand to do a memorial prayer in memories of lives loss to COVID -19. He also gave words of comfort and strength for the families they loft behind

Landing later said, "Many pastors have lost their lives due to COVID. So, as we've heard today, COVID has no respect of persons." He said that although some people think pastors are the closest to God, they are impacted by COVID too. He

explained that he "can personally say that this has been one of the most stressful times for pastors." He had to pray his wife through and others. Landing said he advocates vaccination. "Please sir; please ma'am, get vacinnated," he said as he spoke into the microphone.

Panel 2 consisted of "Voices of COVID-19," individuals who suffered from the virus. They gave power testimonies of recovery but some at great loss. Keneen Children no longer has his 10 toes as a result of COVID-19-related complications.

"Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has a 113-year history of 'Service to all Mankind," said Candace Holloway, lead coordinator.

Asked how well she thinks the event did in accomplishing their goals, Holloway said, "I think we had a pretty good turnout."

She said more than 70 individuals were vac-



St. Dominic health care professional taking blood pressure.

cinated against COVID, and the majority of those received their boosters (Pfizer, Merdero or Johnson and Johnson). "Everything was completely free; no one had to pay anything," she said.

The event partners included W Montague Cobb/NMA Health Initiative, United Health Care, Voter Registration Setup, Beta Delta Omega, St. Dominic's Mobile Care Van, Kidney Focused Care, UMMC School of Dentistry, MS Shared Health, Speak Out Speech Therapy, Harmony Court, Prevention Access, Total Healthcare, MS Lupus Warriors, Tougaloo College, DREF Research JSU, The Links, Temple Rec Fitness, Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Rho Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and Alpha Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma.



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Dr. Marvin Hogan



It is with deep sadness that Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start informs you of the passing of regional and national Head Start pioneer, Dr. Marvin Hogan.

Dr. Hogan had a lasting commitment to Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc., Head Start/Early Head Start-Flowood Mississippi. Before his retirement in February, 2020, Dr. Hogan served as the Executive Director for 53 years of the award-winning agency, an agency that he assisted to establish.

Dr. Hogan's steadfast leadership has enabled Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc. to thrive ever since the early inceptions of Head Start in Mississippi. Dr. Hogan's decision to join Head Start developed from an ultimatum put in place by his father.

He was a human services champion empowering individuals, families and communities to succeed. He demonstrated an unwavering commitment to changing people's lives and improving communities. He has made an indelible imprint in the Head Start community – not only in Mississippi and Region IV but also across the nation.

Dr. Hogan's visionary leadership placed emphasis on 'Breaking the Cycle of Generational Poverty.' He is a recipient of numerous distinguished awards, certificates and accomplishments as an outstanding advocate for children and families as well as a recipient of an honorary doctorate degree.

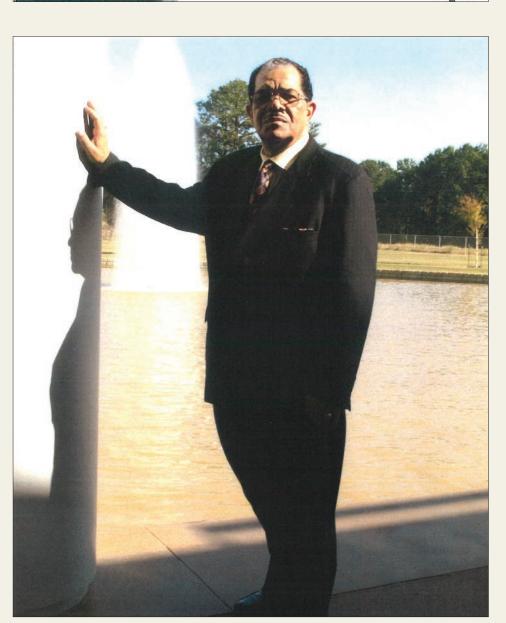
Dr. Hogan is a native Mississippian from Waynesboro, Mississippi who considered himself a country boy from Mississippi who wanted to make a difference in the lives of children and families and that is what he did

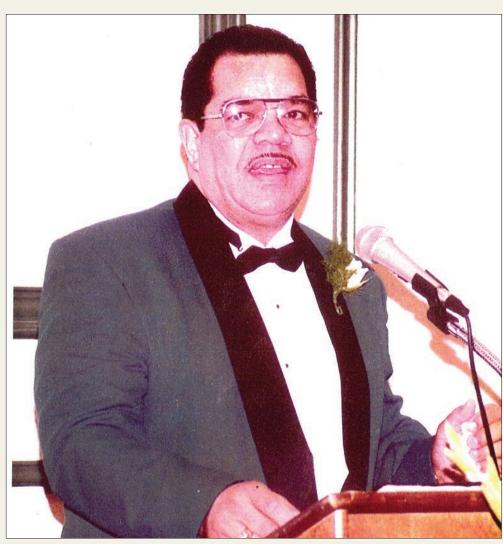
He was also a former teacher, soccer coach, and a phenomenal referee for basketball and soccer games. He touched many lives through his generosity of time, experience and resources

We have suffered the terrible loss of a legend, but his legacy will endure, on the wings of eagles.











Analysis: Mississippi faces big decisions on relief money

By Emily Wagster Pettus Associated Press

Mississippi is running behind many other states in deciding how to spend billions of federal dollars for pandemic

Congress allocated \$1.8 billion for Mississippi through the American Rescue Plan, and the first half of the money arrived in the state treasury in May, weeks after legislators finished their 2021 session.

The federal government says American Rescue Plan money may only be spent on certain expenses. Those include public health, including COVID-19 mitigation; addressing economic harms that the pandemic has caused for businesses; replacing state government revenue that was lost because of the pandemic; providing premium pay for essential workers; and investing in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

Republican Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann said it's imperative that the money go to "transformational projects."

"The legacy for the Legislature this year, and for everybody that's in it or works there,

is how we spend that money," Hosemann said Oct. 28 at Hobnob, a gathering hosted by the state Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Economic Coun-

Cities and counties are also receiving millions of federal dollars for pandemic relief.

Hosemann said spending the money effectively could help businesses prosper today and ensure "children have someplace to come home and work" once they're grown.

"If we do this right, if we're able to match our cities and counties with things that go in the ground, not for one or two years but for one or two generations, we will have a tremendous asset going forward," Hosemann said.

Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley, a Democrat, wrote in a recent newspaper column that Mississippi needs to invest pandemic relief money in projects that could boost people's quality of life, including expansion of broadband access and improvement of water sys-

"Like all programs, there's

some wiggle room on expenditures, but now isn't the time to get cute and cocky with these dollars," Presley wrote.

He said frontline pandemic workers deserve extra pay, and the state should help businesses hurt by a decrease in tourism.

"These funds have a very limited focus and leaders must be extra responsible with them, realizing that they are one-time funds that may never come around again," Presley wrote. "We simply cannot bend over backwards to skirt and stretch guidelines for a wish list of questionable pet projects while ignoring the real intent of the

Hosemann has appointed a Senate subcommittee to lead discussions on spending the pandemic relief money. He named Republican Sen. John Polk of Hattiesburg as chairman. The other members are Republican Sens. Dennis De-Bar of Leakesville, Walter Michel of Ridgeland, Rita Potts Parks of Corinth and Bart Williams of Starkville; and Democratic Sens. Albert Butler of Port Gibson and Hillman Frazier of Jackson.

Senators will work with House members on any spending plans.

Republican House Speaker Philip Gunn has made clear that he also wants the pandemic relief money to go toward projects that provide long-term improvements – not short-term

Even as legislators prepare to spend the federal money, they are starting to work on the state budget for the year that begins next July 1. That brings a complex series of questions about priorities, including promises by many leaders to increase teachers' pay.

Without even taking the federal pandemic relief money into account, Mississippi has had robust state tax collections in recent months. According to the Legislative Budget Office, tax collections exceeded expectations by more than \$258 million for the first three months of the budget year, which began July 1.

Hosemann told the Hobnob audience that the bounce in state tax collections is "awesome." In the next breath, he warned: "It won't last."

Vaccinations have begun for children ages 5-11



The Associated Press

Children ages 5 to 11 in Mississippi began receiving COVID-19 vaccinations at county health departments Monday.

U.S. health officials gave the final signoff last week to Pfizer's kid-size COVID-19 shot doses just a third of the amount given to teens and adults.

Mississippi Department of Health officials said appointments were available beginning Nov. 5 for online booking Vaccinations for all Mississippians five and older can also be found from other providers including primary care providers, community health centers and pharmacies.

The Mississippi State Department of Health has ordered 51,000 doses of vaccine for this age group, officials said.

State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers said Friday that Mississippi health officials are pleased the shots for children five and older have been approved, and that they recommend that all eligible children are vaccinated.

"If you have questions or concerns, we urge you to please talk with your pediatrician or healthcare providers," Byers said in a

press release. Appointments can be made at covidvaccine.umc.edu for all county health departments. Appointments can also be made by calling the COVID-19 hotline at 866-498-4948 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week.

Around 46% of the total population of Mississippi, a state of 3 million people, is fully vaccinated, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health. Around 10,150 people have died of coronavirus in the state since the pandemic began.

HCHRA - Public Meeting Announcement

Special to the Mississippi Link

Hinds County Human Resource Agency will host its next monthly Board of Directors meeting Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 7 p.m. at HCHRA Central Office located at 258 Maddox Road in Jackson, Mississippi. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (601) 923-1838.

Since 1976, HCHRA has built its solid reputation in eradicating poverty by empowering disadvantaged Hinds County citizens to become self-reliant

and realize their full potential. Through Head Start and Early Head Start, rural transportation, home-delivered meals, congregate meals, home energy assistance and case management programs, HCHRA continues to improve the conditions of children, families, single adults, the elderly and citizens with disabilities in our communities.

For more information on HCHRA, its programs and its services, please visit www. hchra.org.

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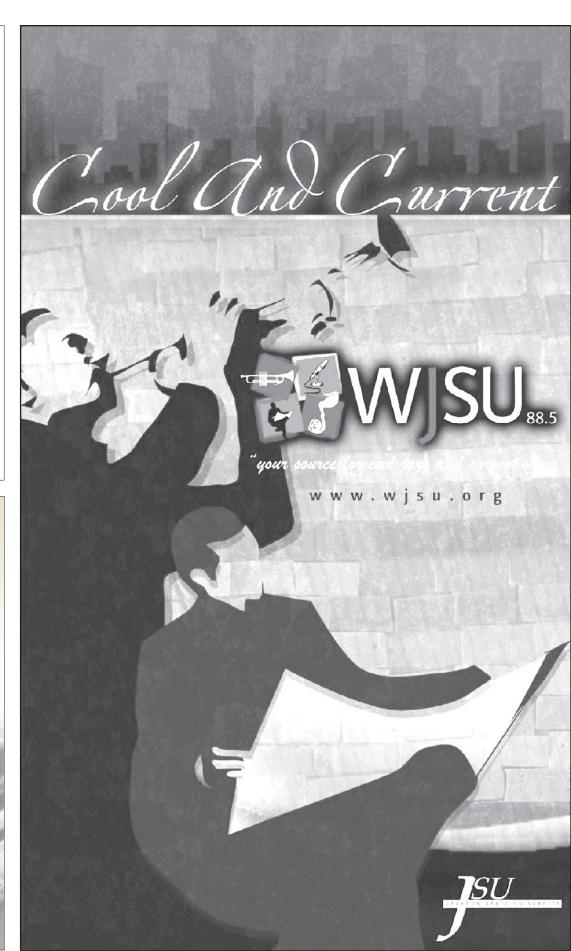


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'Ask for More' recognizes ten JPS teachers as 2021 outstanding educators

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Ask for More Jackson celebrated ten Outstanding Educators from the Jackson Public School District who inspire hope, ignite imagination and instill a love for learning in scholars. A generous anonymous donor through the Outstanding Educator Award Funds for the Community Foundation for Mississippi makes this award possible each year. The awardees may use the funds for professional or personal purposes.

"There are so many outstanding teachers in the district, and we commend them all for their dedication and commitment to educating scholars," said Gwen Gardner of Ask for More Jackson. "We thank and appreciate teachers for planting the seed of knowledge that continues to

Honorees are:

Regina K. Carpenter, a firstgrade teacher at Smith Elementary School, has 21 years of teaching experience. Carpenter holds a master's degree in education. She has been named Teacher of the Year at Galloway and G.N. Smith and Employee of the Month at Watkins, Smith and Galloway. She had perfect attendance at Smith Elementary in 2020. She also volunteers at the local library with all of their educational showcases/ activities. Congratulations to Carpenter and her principal, Stephanie Wilson.

Mautoyia Cooper, a ninthgrade teacher at JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School, has 28 years of teaching experience in education. Cooper holds a master's degree in school leadership and administration. She received Teacher of the Month in 2011 and 2018 and has served as science fair coordinator since 2000. Congratulations to Cooper and her principal, Chinelo Evans.

Christopher Evans, a 9th-10th grade algebra I and foundations to algebra teacher at Callaway High School, has 21 years of teaching experience. Evans holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics education. He received the Metro Jackson Teacher of the Year award in 2018 and the Callaway Teacher of the Year award in 2013, 2018 and 2020. Evans is an Independent Educational Consultant and a NAACP mentor at Tougaloo College. Congratulations to Evans and his principal, Shemeka McClung.

Shelia Gibson, a first-grade at Boyd Elementary School, has 37 years of teaching experience and holds a master's degree in education. She has been selected as Teacher of the Month and Teacher of the Year at Boyd. Gibson is a member of the NAACP and the American Legion Auxiliary. Before the pandemic, she was also a tutor at Friendship Baptist Church. Congratulations to Gibson and her principal, Joseph Collins.

Tisithia Knotts, a secondgrade teacher at Bates Elementary School, has two years of teaching experience and holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction. She serves as a new teacher coach for grades K-2 through the Ignite Initiative which Bates is implementing this school year. Knotts teaches remedial learners as well as learners who are showing academic improvement. Congratulations to Knotts and her principal, Stephen Johnson.

Christopher Little, a 9th-



Regina Carpenter



Mautoyia Cooper



Sheila Gibson



Tisithia Knotts



Christopher Little



Kurtina Maholmes



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Wanda Moses



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12th grade band director at Jim Hill High School, has 17 years of experience in education. Little holds bachelor's and master's degrees of music in education and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in music education. He received the 2014 Holland's Opus Award, the 2015 City with Soul Music Award for "Most Outstanding Marching Band" and many other awards throughout his career. Congratulations to Little and his principal, Bobby D. Brown.

Kurtina Maholmes, a K-5th grade music teacher at Sykes Elementary School, has five years of experience teaching music. She holds a bachelor's degree in vocal performance and is presently pursuing her Master of Music Education degree. She received the Schulwerk Teaching Approach Certification in July of 2021. Maholmes has participated in mission work rebuilding churches and schools through the Kingdom Culture Organization. Congratulations to Maholmes and her principal, Tantaneishia Houston.

Shanita M. McDonald, an interventionist at Galloway Elementary School, has 16 years of teaching experience and holds a specialist degree in education. She is a first-year teacher in the Ask for More Arts Program, has received Teacher of Month and is a JPS mentor teacher. She is a very active member of Multi-Tiered System of Supports team where she is always willing to analyze individual student data to drive instruction. Congratulations to McDonald and her principal, Linda Murray.

Wanda Moses, a fourth-grade teacher at Marshall Elementary School, has 12 years of teach-

ing experience in education. She holds Bachelor of Business Administration degree and completed her 4-8th grade certification through the Master of Arts in Teaching alternate route program at Jackson State University. She received Teacher of the Year in 2015 and was a NEA/MAE Teacher Leadership Fellow in 2019. Congratulations to Moses and her principal, Rachea Williams.

Kandace Taylor, an eighthgrade teacher at Brinkley Middle School, has six years of teaching experience in education. She holds a Master of Arts in Teaching degree and serves as the lead science teacher at Brinkley. She was named Teacher of the Month in 2018 and Mentor of the Month for JPS for August 2021. Congratulations to Taylor and her principal, Jeffrey Mumford.

JPS communications veteran named 2021 **Communicator of the Year**

The Mississippi Link Newswire

After years serving as executive director of Public Engagement for Jackson Public Schools, Sherwin Johnson was named the 2021 Mississippi School Public Relations Association Communicator of the

The MSPRA Communicator of the Year is the top competition in Mississippi recognizing one outstanding professional in school communications. The recipient is someone who is dedicated to school public relations issues and is willing to grow professionally.

According to the contest criteria, the potential applicant pool is far reaching. This contest is open to all public or private schools or districts, including special schools such as vocational-technical institutes, regional or county education service agencies, education agencies and private businesses serving as partners with those organizations.

"An enormous amount of messaging is thrown at him daily for dissemination," said William Merritt, JPS chief of staff. "Sherwin's poised response and measured approach to our frequent, often time-sensitive, requests are exceptional. Besides his exemplary public relations work, I am most proud of Sherwin's commitment to service as a volunteer in the community and a mentor to our scholars."

As executive director, Johnson manages a team of more than 20 members and conducts the internal and external flow of communications to various audiences.

Prior to his promotion to this role in 2014, Johnson was the communications specialist for the department. He became a well-known local journalist while serving as a news videographer for WJTV Channel 12, broadcast news writer/producer for WAPT Channel 16 and WLBT Channel 3, and assistant production manager for WJSU TV 23.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio/TV/Film from the University of South-



Sherwin Johnson

ern Mississippi and is pursuing a master's degree from Jackson State University in mass communications. He actively serves as a member of the board of deacons at Black's Chapel Baptist Church, as a member of the board of directors for Ballet Mississippi, and as a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In addition to the Communicator of the Year, the Public Engagement team won First Place for school website based on a reorganization strategy for teacher pages that seeks to address parent and scholar engagement, a project led by the web manager, Oluwafemi Oloko.

The district was also recognized as a finalist in the Special Publications Category for the Spirit of Excellence, a new annual publication showcasing our amazing scholars and team members released for the first time in the 2021, and for a video entitled "Our Educators, Our Heroes" that was widely shared during a recruitment series produced by Human Resources in collaboration with Insight Communications

The awards were presented during the MSPRA Awards of Excellence luncheon held October 27. The Awards of Excellence recognizes outstanding school communications programs and campaigns. This year's event was MSPRA's first in-person program since 2020 and included two years of accomplishments for school PR teams across the state submitting entries for each award category.

Jackson Public Schools educators awarded classroom grants



Stacey Jules-Dunn



Christopher Little Susan Bender

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi Professional Educators (MPE) has awarded three JPS teachers with classroom grants to enhance their students' instruction and edu-

cational experience. Stacey Jules-Dunn is a kindergarten teacher at Oak Forest Elementary and has been a member of MPE since 2013. Her grant-funded, literacy project entitled "The Library Connection" will equip students with various literacy materials to increase reading comprehension, phonemic awareness, fluency, and vocabulary.

Susan Bender is a 10th-12th grade science teacher at Jim Hill High School and has been a member of MPE since 2014. Her grant-funded, microbiology lab project entitled "Microbiological Masters" will give students the skills necessary to master pathogen identification

techniques, growth requirements, inhibitory practices and classifications of bacteria.

Christopher Little is a music teacher at Jim Hill High School and has been a member of MPE since 2020. His grant-funded, art project entitled "Marching to Our Future" will expose and empower students with the skills necessary to recognize and perform correct intonation on musical instruments.

MPE is a statewide professional association with approximately 13,500 teachers, administrators, and non-certified staff from kindergarten to graduate school. The organization awards up to \$40,000 in classroom grants to MPE members who wish to enhance their instruction and improve their classroom learning environment. We look forward to witnessing the success of their endeavors.

Finding spiritual shelter from mental health struggles

NNPA Newswire

Keith Thompson was alone again with his thoughts, and, as usual, it wasn't good. Recently divorced, drowning in debt and facing a fourth back surgery for chronic pain, the 48-year-old trucker no longer cared whether he lived or died. Such mental and emotional

distress haunts millions. A recent government survey showed a doubling since 2019 in the proportion of Americans reporting anxiety or depressive disorder symptom.

The pandemic increased the number turning to unhealthy coping mechanisms, such as alcohol and substance abuse.

That's what Thompson had tried since his teenage years as he battled depression and self-

Then an unexpected phone call changed everything for the Hebron, Ohio, resident.

Just days before his surgery, Thompson spoke to one of Jehovah's Witnesses, a group known for their public preaching but now pivoting to phone calling and letter writing to share their Bible message during the pandemic. It was a wake-up call for Thompson. "I tried it my way for some 40 years, and look where it got me," he said. "I thought I'd try God's way for a change."

After his surgery, Thompson started studying the Bible in earnest. His instructor became his confidant and mentor, help-



As one of the some 8 million in the United States who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Gloria Acosta knew she needed comfort even if there is no cure. COURTESY JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

ing him use Bible principles to work through his intense negative feelings.

Thompson then began to help others by sharing in the ministry alongside the Wit-

"I got to the point where I felt, 'I want to be alive,'" he said, "like I had done something worthwhile."

Amid the pandemic, he became one of Jehovah's Witnesses and made it his life's work to reach out to comfort others with the Bible's message of hope, love, and forgiveness that helped change his life, even studying the Bible with a man dealing with his own addiction and mental health is-

Thompson's transformation is no isolated phenomenon. Faith and the support of a congregation have helped many others turn the corner in their

"While the Bible does not indicate that spirituality cures medical problems, many have derived comfort and strength from what the Bible teaches and the practical guidance it provides," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. Hope, support, and positive coping skills aid mental health - whether these are built up by professional or faith-based sources, noted Lawrence Onoda, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist based in Mission Hills, California.

Even those with serious mental health conditions may find some aspects of religious participation help them cope with their symptoms, he said.

As one of the some 8 million in the United States who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Gloria Acosta knew she needed comfort even if there is no cure. While an arduous journey towards sobriety through a veterans' program helped her get stabilized and settled in her own apartment in Los Angeles, her journey stopped short of providing peace of mind.

"There was this constant fear," recalled the 68-year-old. "I nailed the windows shut, put extra locks on the door, kept

Saturday, a ray of sunshine knocked at her door.

It was Elizabeth, a 12-yearold in yellow ruffles, whose innocence and boundless enthusiasm for the Bible message she was sharing disarmed Acosta. Acosta started studying the Bible with Elizabeth, accompanied by others in the girl's congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. After years of fighting for her life on the streets, the faith Acosta was gaining, and the warm support of fellow believers gradually had an emotionally healing effect on her.

"I started feeling safe in my own surroundings," said Acosta. "I felt happy, which I had never felt before." In August 2020, she's removed all the extra locks on her doors. Warm sunlight floods through her windows as she sits at her desk to join congregation meetings on a virtual platform since the pandemic started.

While her PTSD still causes sleepless nights, she expressed feeling at peace with God and herself. "I don't have to be all those things that I thought I had to be to survive in life," she said. "I can just be Gloria."

The Hardrick family, of Westland, Michigan, also fought through survival mode for years as they struggled with both homelessness and cancer. They stayed in a claustrophobic hotel room where drug deals and prostitution awaited

the blinds closed." Then one just outside the door.

Leaving his wife, weak from chemotherapy and radiation treatments, there with his son shrouded Willie Hardrick in overwhelming anxiety every day as he headed to work. "I was feeling defeated and useless - like I couldn't do anything for my family," he said.

Taking the advice of his Bible teacher to pray every day would calm him, though. Hardrick kept up with his Bible studies and got baptized during the pandemic. While his family eventually found a place to call their own, their anxieties weren't over. Hardrick soon got his own diagnosis of cancer spreading through his body.

"The congregation has helped me keep my sanity," said Hardrick, recalling the meals, rides to the hospital and other practical assistance he received from fellow worshippers. Even more than that congregation support system, the hope from the Scriptures is what his wife, Angela, said helps her through what can feel like a hopeless situation.

"I remind myself every single day that - no matter how bad things go – I have to look forward to the future: No more sickness, no more homelessness," she said, referring to Bible teachings about a future free from suffering. "And with a brotherhood and their love that is so strong, you can overcome anything."

The fight is not over, keep your guard up

Vaccinations and diligence are key to controlling COVID-19

By Darryl Sellers, M.A.

Special to The Mississippi Link

As the shades of fall become more vibrant, the color of the season is also bringing some good signs that the United States is making progress in the fight against COVID-19. A large part of the reason is due to the Delta variant surge starting to slow down in October, leading to a declining number of new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, which is helping to give America's overwhelmed hospitals some much-needed relief.

Despite the COVID-19 downturn in October, the United States reached a grim milestone in the pandemic, exceeding 750,000 COVID-19-related deaths, which means roughly one in 500 Americans have succumbed to the virus. COVID-19 is now the deadliest pandemic in American history. It's a stark, sad portrait of what has shaken and ravaged our nation in a mere 20 months, and further heightens our country's imperative to get the

pandemic under control.

Though COVID-19 cases are currently declining overall, many communities are still facing barriers to vaccination. A September survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation indicates an uptick in vaccinations for black Americans, with 70% now having received at least one dose. But that increase in COVID-19 vaccinations doesn't tell the whole story. Vaccination rates are still lagging behind in some states in the South, including in Mississippi (which has one of the nation's lowest vaccination rates) and in Louisiana, and Alabama, which both have partial vaccination rates slightly above 50%.

With high infection rates driven by the Delta variant and vaccine hesitancy in some black communities in the South, many health care professionals, including Dr. Michele Benoit-Wilson, a trusted black doctor with WakeMed Health in Raleigh, North Carolina, are stressing the importance of black Americans get-

ting vaccinated.

Another troubling trend is how COVID-19 is negatively impacting children of color. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is shedding some light on these effects, which include higher rates of infection, hospitalization, and death. Studies have also shown children of color are more likely to develop the sometimes deadly multi-system inflammatory syndrome.

A recent report from American Acadethe my of Pediatrics (AAP) cites more data from the CDC regarding how CO-VID-19 is impacting all children in the U.S. The report indicates that children made up around one quarter of all weekly CO-VID-19 cases as of October 21, making it imperative to vaccinate children who are eligible.

Dr. Benoit-Wilson has shared the importance of getting her children vaccinated – it helps to mitigate their higher risk of COVID-19-related infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. She has also reminded adults that they

also have a responsibility to get vaccinated to help keep themselves and everyone else safe and healthy, including children.

Tragic events throughout history, like the Tuskegee Experiment, have fueled mistrust and vaccine hesitancy among black Americans. Benoit-Wilson says a key to building vaccine trust among black Americans is to have candid conversations with your doctor. She said that's the counsel she has daily with her patients, helping to ease their COVID-19 fears and historical concerns.

Echoing Dr. Benoit-Wilson's message about building vaccine trust black communities is Gary Hines, director and producer of the Twin Cities-based inspirational group Sounds of Blackness. While he acknowledges the misgivings some black Americans have about the vaccines and the historical medical malpractices, Hines, who got the vaccine, has a strong call-to-action for

others to do the same.

the United States have been the impetus of distrust that is interwoven into the fabric of many black communities, but there are ways for black Americans to take control to be well informed and proactive to control CO-VID-19.

Knowledge is power. Be sure to get your refrom credible sources, trust science, avoid misinformation, and seek black messengers you trust the most – doctors, faith-based and community organizations and other credible black voices.

Here is some helpful information about CO-VID-19.

The vaccines are safe and effective against the virus, including the Delta variant.

You can resume many activities you did before the pandemic if you're fully vaccinated.

You should practice safety measures, such as wearing a mask indoors, even if you've been fully vaccinated.

Slowing the spread of *Cobb Institute*.

Centuries of racism in COVID-19 is a tough task that isn't going to happen overnight or even in the next few months. But for black Americans, by getting more shots into our arms and being diligent about practicing safety precautions, the number of new COVID-19 hospitalizations, and deaths will continue to trend downward. So, please keep your guard up. This is the way we'll save more lives and get the pandemic under con-

> Remember these insightful words from Nelson Mandela: "It always seems impossible until it's done." And together, "We Can Do This!" Together, "We will Do This!"

Learn more about the Delta variant and COV-ID-19 vaccines.

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Christianity begins in the home

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



ily worship is needful. Parents, you need to share your faith, your trust and your hop in the living God with your children. If you share it with them, they in turn will share it with your grandchildren.

As a Christian parent, you need to realize the awesome importance of rearing your children in the fear of God. It is a challenge to raise children

today. We need all the tools that we can possibly acquiring in rearing them in the fear of the Lord so that they can stand against the opposing powers that work against the church.

There are many enemies of Christianity. Father, if I were to walk into your home and you must act differently than you normally do, then you are a hypocrite. I hate hypocrisy. You should act the same way at home as you do at church.

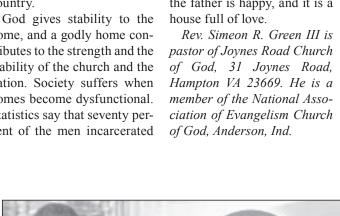
The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 14:7, "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Parents, you are affecting your children either favorably or unfavorably.

his first teacher. A child adopts the attitudes and the thought patterns of the parents. Parents should be careful of their feelings, their thoughts, and their attitudes about the pastor, because they are copied by the children. Parents, you need to watch your attitudes about the church, the work of God, the government, and our

home, and a godly home contributes to the strength and the stability of the church and the nation. Society suffers when homes become dysfunctional. Statistics say that seventy percent of the men incarcerated

classroom, and the parents are in the prison systems of our country had no live-in fathers. We read in Psalm 127:3-5, "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a man that hath his quiver full of them." The Bible standard the father is happy, and it is a

mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the is this: the mother is joyful, house full of love.





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Sounds of silence

By Shewanda Riley Columnist



It was almost like a scene out of a science fiction movie when the machine shows that it has a mind of its own. A few years ago, I had a

strange experience with my one of my favorite cars: a 2003 Volkswagen Beetle. Even though I pressed buttons to adjust my car stereo volume and change the song on the cd, the stereo did exactly the opposite. It shut off and stopped playing; I casually pressed the on switch hoping it would come back on. Nothing happened.

I waited a few seconds all in vain as the stereo didn't even have the courtesy to blink a light to let me know that it was eventually going to respond. Because I was driving while all of this was going on and I was getting both distracted and frustrated, I decided to wait until I'd stopped to figure out what was wrong.

Once I saw that the stereo wasn't going to come back on, I figured, "I guess I could pray." I did...I prayed that God would fix my radio so I wouldn't have to buy another car radio. Honestly, I wondered if I laid hands on the stereo, would God esurrect it. I decided to wait before I purchased a new one...and two months later, I was still waiting.

Even though in the past I had gone sometimes for weeks without listening to my car radio by choice, this, however, wasn't my choice. A part of me thought of this silence as somehow God pun- servedbypurpose@gmail.com or ishing me for listening to too much Twitter @shewanda.

Barry White and not enough worship music in my car. At first, it was intimidating because I heard every creak that my car made.

Strangely, one day just like it stopped working, the stereo started to work again. Coincidentally, this was on the same day that I'd decided to finally fix my stereo. I was actually thinking about which repair shops were closest to my job when the high pitched "beep, beep" startled me. I then noticed that the light on my stereo was on and working like before.

It's funny that the thing that I dreaded most is now what I seek after. Before my stereo "broke," I dreaded the idea of silence. Even though I'd often prayed to hear God's voice with crystal clear clarity, I wondered if I could handle it if I was told to do something that I didn't want to do. I eventually got to a point where I looked forward to the quiet of my car after a long day at work. I also got confirmation on some future personal and professional goals during those times of intimacy with God.

I dare you to try listening to the sounds of silence during the busyness of this holiday season. 1 Kings 19:12 says that God speaks in a still small voice.

I think this Thanksgiving season what I'm most thankful for is that God still speaks in that whisper for me and anyone else who is willing to hear.

Shewanda Riley is the author of "Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email pre-

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Colin Powell gained respect and admiration throughout the world

By James B. Ewers Jr.President Emeritus
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"If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, or walk with kings nor lose the common touch..."

That excerpt is a part of the time-honored poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling. I believe this poem fits the life and times of Colin Powell.

This four-star general passed away from COVID-19 complications October 18 at the age of 84. He was vaccinated.

To say that General Powell lived an enriched and successful life is an understatement. His contributions to this nation will live on forever.

While Secretary Powell was an American hero, he was also a world ambassador.

Integrity, high ideals and standards were more than just lofty words to him. He lived them on an everyday basis.

His homegoing celebration was held last Friday at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington D.C.

His funeral was attended by former presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama. Hillary Clinton, former secretary of state, and President Biden and the first lady were also in attendance.

So family, friends and dignitaries were there to say one last and final farewell to this world leader

Colin Powell's son, Michael, in eulogizing his dad said, "Colin Powell was a great leader because he was a great follower. He knew you could not ask your troops to do anything you were unwilling to do yourself."

He added, "His zest for life was driven by his endless passion for people. He was genuinely interested in everyone he met"

Powell was of Jamaican heritage. I share proudly this Jamaican heritage with him.

His work ethic was undeniable and contagious. It was universally known he made others around him better. It was often said that he went out of his way to make sure that Army privates felt valued and needed.

Powell never let politics get in the way of doing his job. He supported both Democrats and Republicans. He advocated and believed in the power of people and not in the fleeting power of political parties. His vote was not taken for granted by either party.

Over his lifetime, Secretary Powell held many military positions. He was the first African American Secretary of State and also served as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Madeleine Albright, in her eulogy, said, "On policy, the general and I didn't always reach the same conclusions. And in fact, he would later re-

count that one of my comments almost gave him an aneurysm. But over the past quarter century we also became very close friends."

It is my belief Colin Powell was always able to provide rational suggestions and solutions to complex problems. His wise counsel to presidents made for fewer problems and stronger positions for this country in the world.

The history books will remember General Colin Powell as a stateman and a diplomat. These titles were well earned. There are untold numbers of military personnel who see him as a role model. They have made an excellent choice.

In the coming months and years, there will be many commemorations in honor of Colin Luther Powell. Schools, colleges and social justice centers will bear his name. Scholarships and endowments will have his name attached to them. His name will be revered and held in high esteem.

Kipling wrote, "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you; If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, But make allowances for their doubting too."

Our hearts are heavy, yet we are thankful and eternally grateful that Colin L. Powell passed this way. His labor was not in vain.

America will miss him.

The beloved lies about America

By Oscar H. Blayton
Pres. Black Chamber of Commerce



White supremacists love their narratives of America. They spoon feed it to their children and force feed it

to people of color.

When Francis Scott Key penned the lyrics for "The Star-Spangled Banner" in1814, stating that America was the "land of the free and home of the brave," he crafted a stirring image of goodness and virtue. Who wouldn't love and admire such a homeland?

But these high-minded sentiments were written by a racist and proponent of chattel slavery for black Americans. Most disturbingly, the third verse of this song that would become America's national anthem, proposed a particularly horrible fate for the once enslaved African Americans who were then fighting for the British in the War of 1812.

"No refuge could save the hireling and slave

From the terror or flight, or the gloom of the graves."

These words were a clear call to slaughter people of color who dared to challenge the authority of white Americans.

America was never the land of the free. Just ask the descendants of the multitudes of the enslaved who had every manner of inhumane abuses handed to them. Or just ask the families of innocent and unarmed black and brown men and women who have been gunned down in great numbers across America by police in recent years. This is the factual history that is woven into our culture, and this is the reality with which we live every day.

But now, there is a movement afoot by white supremacists to gaslight not only Americans of color, but the entire world that these injustices do not exist, and never did exist.

One particularly blatant example was the political maneuver by Virginia's Republican Gov.-elect Glenn Youngkin when he claimed that he would ban Toni Morrison's book "Beloved" from Virginia's public schools. This attack by Youngkin on a book, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1988 and was written by the 1993 winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, was clearly in-

tended to be a loud dog whistle to the white supremacists whose votes he was courting.

Youngkin's campaign dug up a controversy from more than eight years ago to successfully whip his supporters into a frenzy of grievance politics that would drive them to the polls.

The truth of this matter is

that while the pretext for attacking Toni Morrison's book was its explicit references to sexual activity, it was not the sex that sent white supremacists into a rage, but the agonizingly embarrassing description of how enslaved black people were treated in "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

There are too many currents in "Beloved" to give a full account of the book here. But the core of the story's horror is based upon a true account of the actions of an escaped slave, Margaret Garner. Rather than allow her children to be returned to the abomination of slavery by slave catchers who had tracked them down, Garner attempted to kill them all, but succeeded only in killing her 2-year-old daughter.

All of Garner's children had been fathered by white men, including her owner's brother, who had raped her during her years of enslavement. This revelation in "Beloved" rips the flesh from the mythical America of goodness and virtue.

White fragility cannot abide a book that so unsparingly brings this type of evil to light with such glaring intensity. It pains the worshipers of the false god of white supremacy to see that its feet are made of clay.

Another attempt to keep the fiction of a noble America alive is the 1836 Project in Texas. Described by historians and educators as "propaganda that seeks to erase the role of slavery as a driving factor in the Texas Revolution," the 1836 Project was a reaction to the *New York Times*' 1619 Project, whose introductory essay, written by Nikole Hannah-Jones, garnered the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary.

While the 1619 Project laid bare the provable facts of slavery and racism in America's past, the 1836 Project is a racist construct built of myth and undergirded by fantasy. The ridiculousness of the 1836

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Project is easily exposed by the most cursory reading of the 1836 Constitution of the Republic of Texas. After Sam Houston's army defeated the forces of Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna and halted the northward march of the Mexican army to abolish slavery in Texas, the mostly European-American Texans formed a republic and installed a constitution.

Section 9 of the 1836 constitution of Texas read in part:

"All persons of color who were slaves for life previous to their emigration to Texas, and who are now held in bondage, shall remain in the like state of servitude, provide (sic) the said slave shall be the bona fide property of the person so holding said slave as aforesaid."

"Congress shall pass no laws to prohibit emigrants from the United States of America from bringing their slaves into the Republic with them, and holding them by the same tenure by which such slaves were held in the United States."

"[N]or shall Congress have power to emancipate slaves; nor shall any slave-holder be allowed to emancipate his or her slave or slaves, without the consent of Congress, unless he or she shall send his or her slave or slaves without the limits of the Republic."

"No free person of African descent, either in whole or in part, shall be permitted to reside permanently in the Republic, without the consent of Congress."

All this attention was given to the issue of slavery because Mexico had outlawed slavery in 1829 and the war surrounding the Battle of the Alamo was brought about because Texans refused to free their slaves. These are immutable historical facts, and unless Texas destroys all copies of its 1836 Constitution, the racism of Texas' founding fathers is there for everyone to see.

It is not America that white supremacists love; it is the fiction about this country that is dear to their hearts. And we must never accept their beloved lies as our truths.

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"My Truth" Let's talk about issues

By Cheryl Smith
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Texas Metro News



Public health continues to be a crisis among African Americans and efforts to educate about, find solutions for

and eventually eradicate the disparities have to become top priorities for us all. Realizing that not only every month, but daily, attention has to focus on health; this month, one of the many ills wreaking havoc in our communities has to be the most common type of dementia, Alzheimer's disease.

Which brings me to my truth. Medical experts say this progressive disease usually begins with minor memory loss; however the long-term effects are devastating and eventually deadly. Alzheimer's disease involves parts of the brain that control thought, memory, and language. Also considered a brain disorder with attention that has focused mostly on ages 65 years or older; Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death, and in the older population it ranks third behind heart disease and cancer. Initially,

I couldn't comprehend what I was hearing; that Alzheimer's Disease kills. When my loved one was diagnosed with dementia, I immediately thought of Alzheimer's and I began researching the disease. It was then I

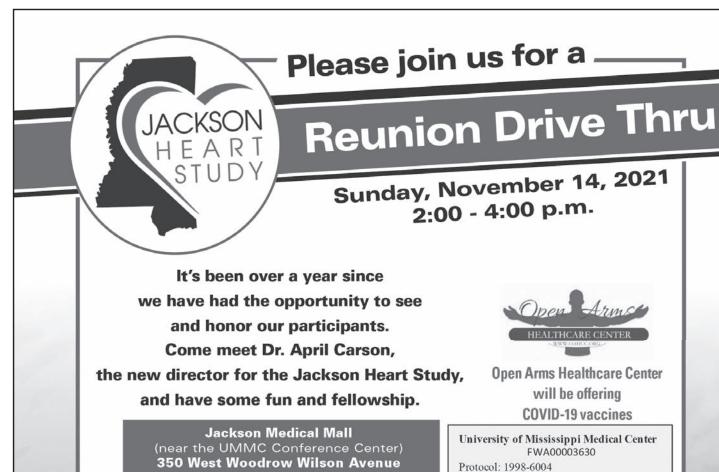
found out that Alzheimer's can possibly lead to an inability to respond to the environment. It also results in the shutting down of a sufferer's body because the brain stops telling the body how and when to function.

More and more cases are being reported of younger sufferers. And interestingly, I hear fewer people joking about memory loss, these days because it's not funny. Then too, I guess it's because more and more information is being shared about this debilitating disease. The National Institute on Aging releases great information about Dementia and Alzheimer's. Check them out at https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/II-mythsabout-alzheimers-disease.

Florida author Dixie Ann Black is a caregiver for her mom, who is living with Alzheimer's. If you get a chance, you should check out her interview from Tuesday, November 2, 2021 on the National Newspaper Publishers Association's Facebook page. She talks about the challenges and factors that contribute to Alzheimer's and what we should be doing to combat the health crisis in our communities. We can start by eliminating sugar.

We can also share information, talk about our journeys and issues. And, since November is also National Family Caregivers Month, it can be a springboard for us all to show more concern for caregivers.

Whatever illness or situation our loved ones may be dealing with, it always helps to have a loving and compassionate caregiver who is focused on their well-being. And, it is equally important to remember that one day, should we live long enough, we may eventually need a caregiver.



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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 Sephus has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, 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 Parcel 88-78-1, 176 (Parcel 88-78-2), 182 (Parcel 88-81) and Parcel 88-84-3 on N. Gallatin St and Parcels 89-31-1, 89-31-4, 89-31-2, 89-32, 89-34., 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 comer 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 south erly 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; rur 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. Daniel's 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 Point of 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 Northeasterly 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 Northeasterly 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 comer 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 rightof-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 the 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

lead 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 dated March 15, 1925 and recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County 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 on 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

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

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.

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 estern 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.

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-seven (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 fiftyseven (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, seventysix (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 run-

(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 ninetysix 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

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 1/2" rebar set adjacent to and behind an existing back of curb and serving as a witness corner, thence run N11 degree19'40"W for 181.74nfeet 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 southernly 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.

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 the northeast quarter 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 1/2" rebar; thence run N11 degrees 20'00"W for 312.11 feet to a set 1.2" rebar: thence run S69 degrees04'30"F for 137.81 feet to set 1/2" rebar: thence run S11 degrees 20'00"E for 117.30 feet to a set 1/2" 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 reservation 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 pro-rated 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-ration and the party owing taxes shall pay such amount to the other party.

Parcel 89-31-1 - 0 N. Gallatin St.

BEG INT N/L AMITE ST & W/L GALLATIN ST N/LY 695 FT W/LY 180 FT NLY 238.53 FT TO POB W 129.3 FT S/LY 202.38 FT W 127.08 FT NWLY 220.64 FT N/LY 714.29 FT NELY 200 FT ELY 637 FT S/LY 164 FT E/LY 150 SLY 186.65 FT WLY 162.5 FT TO POB PT LOT 12 COHEA SY LESS TO MERIDIAN SPEEDWAY

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, November 17, 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 20th day of October 2021. /s/Ester L. Ainsworth

Zoning Administrator City of Jackson, Mississippi

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

ZONING CASE NO. 4149

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 Dianne Nelson d/b/a Right Size Realty Properties has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for a professional (real estate) office within a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 3915 North State St. (Parcel 53-121) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 17 of State Street Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map of plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi in Plat Book 4, at Page 45, thereof, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 17, 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 20th day of October 2021.

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

10/28/2021, 11/11/2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4151

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 New Horizon Ministries, Inc. (Ronnie Crudup, Jr.) has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a drive thru restaurant (coffee shop) within an C-2 (Limited) Commercial District on property located at 130 Daniel Lake Blvd. (Parcel 610-4-1), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

0.35 acres situated in the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi as shown on the Plat of the Survey by Davis Land Surveying & Engineering, LLC dated October 15, 2020 and being Job# 20126 (Bearing Base adopted from the North line of the parcel recorded in Deed Book 7235 at Page 5503) and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the chisel mark marking the intersection of the East line of Terry Road with the South line of Daniel Lake Boulevard as per that parcel recorded in the Deed Book 7235 at Page 5503, said mark also marking the POINT OF BEGINNING; run thence along said South line of Daniel Lake Boulevard, South 85 degrees 17 minutes 58 seconds East for 139.65 feet to a set #4 rebar; run thence leaving said South line, South 00 degrees 14 minutes 27 seconds East for 52.35 feet to a set #4 rebar; run thence, South 56 degrees 35 minutes 06 seconds West 65.28 feet to a set #4 rebar; run thence, South 86 degrees 31 minutes 48 seconds West for 110.98 feet to a set #4 rebar; run thence, North 74 degrees 13 minutes 57 seconds West for 24.49 feet to a set #4 rebar being on the East line of Terry Road; run thence along said East line, North 26 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds East for 111.37 feet back to the chisel mark marking 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, November 17, 2021, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING RE-QUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/ VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 10, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 20th day of October 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. 4150

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 Shirley Cleveland has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a commercial child care center in a C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District for property located at 4417 O'Bannon Dr., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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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, November 17, 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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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bids

Bid 3196 JPSD Seeks Vendor to Provide Musical Instruments

Reverse Auction bidding for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) December 07, 2021, at which time Reverse Auction bidding begins electronically. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date Reverse Auction bid opening

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., December 01, 2021) local time to be the given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specification responses will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at HYPERLINK "http://www.centralbidding.com" www.centralbidding.com on December 07, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. ending 12:00 p.m. (Local Prevailing time). Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to participate in the reverse auction. For any questions concerning the reverse auction process or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Platform Agreement is not optional and is required in order to participate in this bidding event. No exceptions will be made.

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

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI **LEGAL PUBLICATIONS FOR 2022**

Pursuant to Section 21-39-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), seeks competitive bids for the City of Jackson's annual contract for legal publications.

Sealed bids will be received in the Department of Municipal Clerk at City Hall in the City of

Jackson, until 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 7, 2021 for the publication of the City of Jackson's proceedings, ordinances, resolutions, and other notices required to be published. All submitted bids should be sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Legal Publications" on the outside of the envelope.

Each bidder is responsible for documenting its bid with the necessary attachments evidencing its qualifications and compliance with all relevant criteria set forth in Section 13-3-31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Each bid must be submitted on the bid form provided by the Department of Municipal Clerk. Bid forms may be obtained from the Department of Municipal Clerk. Each bidder nust quote a per word rate of a one-hundred word advertisement to the nearest one millionth of a dollar, e.g. 0.999999. The quoted per word rate must be for a first, second and third publication. Bidders must also include a flat rate for supplying a proof of publication.

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at: www.centralbidding. com. Electronic bids and/or reverse auction bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding. com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. The determination of the low bidder will be based on a per word rate of a one-hundred-

word advertisement, published three (3) times and a single proof of publication. The successful bidder will be awarded a one-year contract for the term of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

By: Angela Harris, City Clerk

City of Jackson, Mississippi **Bid Specifications for Legal Publications 2022**

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), seeks competitive bids for the City's

annual contract for legal publication. **Bidder Requirements**

Sealed bids will be received in the Department of Municipal Clerk at City Hall in the City of Jackson, until 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Each bidder shall submit an original and two (2) copies of the bid using the bid form supplied by the City of Jackson. Additionally, each bidder must submit documentation that shows its qualifications and compliance with all criteria set forth in Section 13-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. All bids must be sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Publication" on the outside of the envelope.

signed by an authorized representative. Failure to submit the signed bid form and failure to submit documentation that shows qualifications and compliance with all criteria set forth

13-3-31 will result in rejection of the bid.

Bid Price

Bidder shall quote a per word rate of one hundred word advertisement to the nearest one millionth of a dollar, e.g. 0.999999. The quoted per word rate will be for a first, second, and third publication. Bidders shall also include a flat rate for supplying a proof of publication.

All prices quoted shall be firm and fixed for the specified contract period. The bid will be used for a period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

The term of the agreement is for a one-year period: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Publications will be made on an as needed basis. The method of requesting ads shall be by email.

The determination of the low bidder will be used on a "per word" rate, of a one hundred word advertisement, published three (3) times and a single proof of publication. The quoted per word rate will be for a first, second, and third publication, and evaluated to the nearest one millionth of a dollar (e.g., \$0.999999).

Order of Communications

Questions regarding this bid shall be in written format. Written responses to the questions submitted shall be issued. Bidder questions and responses will be made a part of the bid

All questions regarding the Specifications for Legal Publications 2022 should be forwarded, by U.S. mail, to Angela Harris, City Clerk, City of Jackson, P.O. Box 17, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205, or by email to aharris@city.jackson.ms.us

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

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

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



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INTRODUCTION / INVITATION Request For Proposal **Food and Drink Vendors**

The City of Jackson, Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking assistance from companies or individuals desiring to manage and operate concessions at the Pete Brown Golf Facility and/or the Grove Park Municipal Golf Course.

RFP Packet Requests: Packets are available at www.centralbidding.com or by emailing Patrice Bernard at pbernard@jacksonms.gov. If a response is not received with 24 hours, it is the responsibility of the requester to call 601-960-0716, to confirm receipt of the RFP

Hand Delivery Submittal: You are required to send one (1) original and two (2) copies of

the completed, signed, and sealed envelope addressed to: the Office of the City Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201, until: Tuesday, December 14, 2021, Electronic RFP Submittal: This RFP is also posted on the Central Bidding website at: www.centralbidding.com. You may submit your RFP electronically through this provider,

until: Tuesday, December 14, 2021, until 3:30 p.m., CST. 1) You are required to send one (1) original and two (2) copies of all information being submitted, this includes your Proposal Form, completed EBO Application, Acknowledgement of the Covid-19 Second Amended Guidelines Executive Order and any information with

2) The Request For Proposal (RFP) must be signed by any officer of the company, legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship in the name of the proposer. For purposes of this Request For Proposal (RFP), the term "bid" shall mean (RFP).

your RFP (pricing section, research data sheets, booklets, pamphlets, etc.).

3) Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned requirements may result in the Request For Proposal (RFP) being rejected as non-responsive.

4) The City will issue responses to inquiries and any other corrections or amendments it deems necessary in written addenda issued prior to the Request For Proposal (RFP) due date. Submitters should not rely on any representations, statements, or explanations other than those made in this Request for Request For Proposal (RFP) or in any addendum to this Request For Request For Proposal (RFP)

5) The City may reject any and all statements of qualifications, and reserves the right to waive any technicalities, irregularities, or informalities in any Request For Proposal (RFP) or in the proposed procedure.

News Papers: RFP Advertisement Dates: Thursday, November 11, 2021 Mississippi Link, Northside Sun,

Thursday, November 18, 2021 Clarion Ledger, Jackson Advocate & LaNoticia RFP Pre-Bid Conference Date

Friday, December 3, 2021 Date:

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. CST Time:

Department of Parks & Recreation – Large Conference Room 1000 Metro Center Drive, Suite 104

Jackson, MS 39209

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 3:30 p.m. CST

RFP Bid Opening Date:

Location: City Hall 219 South President Street Jackson, MS 39201

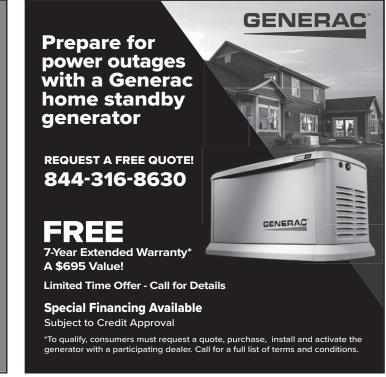
The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive irregularities and informalities in the submittal and evaluation process. This RFP does not obligate the City of Jackson to pay any costs incurred by respondents in the preparation and submission of a proposal. The City reserves the right to negotiate equipment specifications regardless of the proposal design. Furthermore, the RFP does not obligate the City to accept or contract for any expressed or implied services.

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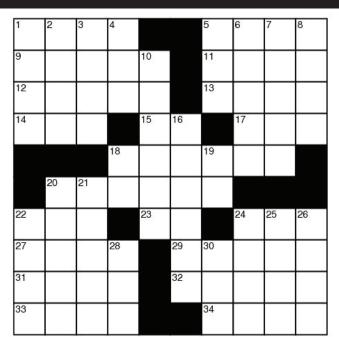
Ison B. Harris, Jr., Director

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Wading bird
- 5. Southwest by west
- 9. Fertilizer component 11. Citizen
- 12. Cactuses
- 13. Gal
- 14. Fire remains 15. Gigabyte
- 17. Compass point
- 18. Inner city slum
- 20. Bleach 22. Ocean
- 23. Street (abbr.)
- 24. Bow
- 27. Type of evergreen 29. South American animal
- 31. Freudian selves
- 32. Written material
- 33 Lash
- 34. Fox holes

DOWN

- 1. Ancient Indian
- 2. Prejudice
- 3. Scratch 4. Adjust
- 5. Short-term memory
- 6. Card game
- 7. Operatic bass 8. All-knowing
- 10. Rectifies
- 16. 4-winged insect
- 18. __joe (tv cartoon) 19. Nashville locale
- 20. Determines how heavy
- 21. National capital
- 22. Gush out
- 24. Elemental
- 25. Asian country 26. Inlets
- 28. Sixth sense
- 30. Hallucinogen

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Cryptogram

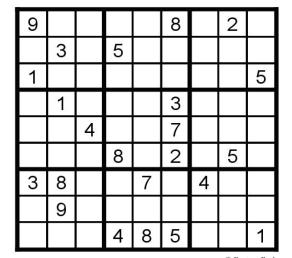
A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started Hint: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





Sudoku

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



Crossword Solution I B I S SWBW N I T E R T H A I C A C T I M I S S A S H G B S S E G H E T T O WHITEN SEASTBOB PINE LLAMA EGOS ESSAY DENS WHIP

Cryptogram Solution

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YOU RELEASE THESE THINGS BDN WGUGIPG SZGPG SZEVRP MORE

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Sudoku Solution 9 5 6 3 1 8 7 2 4 7 3 8 5 2 4 9 1 6 1 4 2 7 6 9 8 3 5 8 1 9 6 5 3 2 4 7 5 2 4 1 9 7 6 8 3 6 7 3 8 4 2 1 5 9 3 8 5 9 7 1 4 6 2 4 9 1 2 3 6 5 7 8 2 6 7 4 8 5 3 9 1

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Week of November 7, 2021

Judge did not change racial makeup of jury in Arbery slaying

By Russ Bynum Associated Press

The judge in the trial of three white men who chased and killed Ahmaud Arbery declined to override decisions in jury selection that left just one black juror on the final panel of 12, though he agreed with prosecutors that "there appears to be intentional discrimination."

Prosecutors had asked Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley to reinstate eight black potential jurors, arguing that defense lawyers struck them from the final jury because of their race. The U.S. Supreme Court has held it's unconstitutional for attorneys during jury selection to strike potential jurors solely based on race or ethnicity.

Walmsley said he was limited in his ability to change the jury's racial makeup because defense attorneys were able to give nonracial reasons for their decisions to strike the potential black jurors from the panel

Race is a central issue in the trial over the 25-year-old black man's death. Greg McMichael and his adult son, Travis McMichael, armed themselves and pursued Arbery in a pick-up truck after they spotted him running in their neighborhood. A neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan," joined the chase in his own truck and took cellphone video of Travis McMichael shooting Arbery three times with a shotgun.

After more than two weeks of jury selection, attorneys on both sides narrowed a panel of 48 potential jurors to a final jury of 12.

Minutes later, p osecutor Linda Dunikoski challenged defense attorneys' decision to strike eight specific black jurors, arguing they were cut from the panel because of their race.

Laura Hogue, an attorney for Greg McMichael, denied that the black panelists' race was considered in decisions to strike them from the jury pool.

"We have a very clear selection process within the defense team, and the issue of race is not one of the factors," Hogue said. "I can give you a race neutral reason for any one of these."

She noted one such juror, identified in court as No. 218, had written on her juror questionnaire that Arbery was shot "due to his color" and told attorneys during questioning that she felt the defendants were guilty.

Dunikoski noted that many p ospective jurors questioned in open court expressed strong opinions about the case, but all who remained in the pool from which the 12 jurors emerged said they could be impartial and base a verdict solely on the trial evidence.

"The defense has not made a case as to why this juror and her opinions are any different than anyone else, black or white," Dunikoski said of No. 218. "She said the same thing almost every other juror said. So many had opinions. And they said they could put them aside."

In issuing his decision not to change the makeup of the jury, Walmsley said defense attorneys "have been able to explain to the court why besides race those individuals were struck from the panel."

But, he said, "This court has found there appears to be intentional discrimination in the panel."

The jury, along with four alternates, was seated and sworn in, when opening statements in the trial started.

In Glynn County, where Arbery was killed and the trial is being held, black people account for nearly 27% of the population of 85,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The judge said 25% of the pool from which the final jury was chosen was black.

Arbery's death became part of the broader reckoning on racial injustice in the criminal legal system after a string of fatal encounters between black people and police – George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Rayshard Brooks, among others

No one was charged in Arbery's death until more than two months later, when the video of the shooting leaked online. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation took over the case from local police and soon arrested all three men on

charges of murder and other crimes.

Before a final jury is seated, attorneys in a criminal case get to take turns eliminating a significant number of prospective jurors from the final pool, for virtually any reason. The final process of elimination consisted of a bailiff passing a list of the potential jurors back and forth between the prosecutors and the three defense teams. Lawyers used the list to silently choose people to strike from the jury.

Defense attorneys say the McMichaels and Bryan committed no crimes. They say Arbery had been recorded by security cameras inside a nearby house and they suspected him of stealing. Greg McMichael told police his son opened fire in self-defense after Arbery attacked with his fists and grappled for Travis McMichael's shotgun.

Investigators have said Arbery was unarmed and there's no evidence he had stolen anything.

The slaying dominated news coverage and social media feeds in Glynn County, about 70 miles (110 kilometers) south of Savannah. That caused court officials to take extraordinary steps in hopes of seating an impartial jury.

They mailed 1,000 jury duty notices, and nearly 200 people were questioned by the judge and attorneys at the courthouse during jury selection.

House passes bipartisan infrastructure deal; President Biden immediately moves to sign legislation

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Congress has finally passed the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure deal and President Joe Biden said he would sign the bill with law-makers present at a date he'll determine soon.

Known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the White House called the measure a once-in-a-generation investment in the nation's infrastructure and competitiveness.

"For far too long, Washington policymakers have celebrated 'infrastructure week' without ever agreeing to build infrastructure," The White House said in a statement.

"The president promised to work across the aisle to deliver results and rebuild our crumbling infrastructure. After the president put forward his plan to do exactly that and then negotiated a deal with Members of Congress from both parties, this historic legislation is moving to his desk for signature."

After Congress repeatedly failed to reach a consensus on the president's domestic agenda and following the catastrophic losses in the November election, Democrats were desperate for a win.

The White House said the bipartisan infrastructure deal would rebuild America's roads, bridges and rails, expand access to clean drinking water, ensure every American has access to high-speed internet, tackle the climate crisis, advance environmental justice, and invest in communities that have too often been left behind.

"The legislation will help ease inflationary pressures and strengthen supply chains by making long overdue improvements for our nation's ports, airports, rail and roads," President Biden declared.

"It will drive the creation of goodpaying union jobs and grow the economy sustainably and equitably so that everyone gets ahead for decades to come. Combined with the President's Build Back Framework, it will add on average 1.5 million jobs per year for the next 10 years."

The president proclaimed that the bill would make historic investments in environmental clean-up and remediation, "and build up our resilience for the next superstorms, droughts, wildfires and hurricanes that cost us billions of dollars in damage each year."

"I'm also proud that a rule was voted on that will allow for passage of my Build Back Better Act in the House of Representatives the week of November 15," President Biden continued. The Build Back Better Act will be a once-in-a-generation investment in our people, the White House stated.

"It will lower bills for healthcare, childcare, elder care, prescription drugs, and preschool. And middle-class families get a tax cut," President Biden demanded.

"This bill is also fiscally responsible, fully paid for, and doesn't raise the deficit. It does so by making sure the wealthiest Americans and biggest corporations begin to pay their fair share and doesn't raise taxes a single cent on anyone making less than \$400,000 per year."

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CIA Rookie of the Month Recognition



From left to right: Elizabeth Foster, instructional specialist; Ashli Coggins, Rookie of the Month; Sandra Kyles, curriculum director

For the month of September, the Rookie of the Month is Ashli Coggins of Utica Elementary/Middle School.

Coggins, a native of West Point, obtained her bachelor's degree from Jackson State University and her master's degree from Louisiana State University. Before teaching for HCSD, she worked as a news producer for WJTV12. Coggins says, "I want to make learning fun for students, especially in a subject like English when more children are straying away from reading." She also likes to share the connections between literature and real-world interests.

Coggins has learned as much from her students as her students have learned from her. The biggest lesson has been that building strong relationships with her students makes a huge impact on their willingness to learn and their success in the classroom.

Utica Elementary/Middle School Highlights





Raymond Elementary School Highlights







Carver Middle School Football Championship Highlights













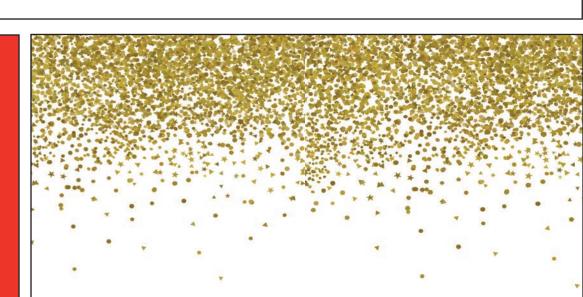
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My family and I are thankful for your prayers, support and votes, on Nov. 2nd. However, the job isn't finished. We've got more work to do.



I'm asking you to return to the polls Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Let's finish the job. I'd be honored if you cast your vote for Tyree Jones as your next Sheriff of Hinds County.

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Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely using a dark pen, and do not make any marks outside of oval. Do not use a red pen, felt tip pen or any type of pencil.

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Five Point Operational Plan

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1.Recruitment and Retention - To address high turn over and vacancies

- Competitive salaries for officers both detention and sworn
- Career plan and advancement opportunities
- Physical fitness and continued education pay incentives

2.Increased Visibility Across Hinds County - We are in this together

- We want to ensure that you not only see us; but you also feel safe by our
 presence
- Increased presence leads to decrease in crimes

3.Community Policing - HCSD Ambassadors throughout Hinds County

- Open lines of communication between the office of the Sheriff and the citizens
- Transparency at all times with the community
- Relationships/Partnerships to share intelligence from the community through local churches, media and non-profit organizations
- Outreach programs to bridge the gap between the community and law enforcement

4.Detention Services - Compliance with the DOJ to address and fulfill the requirements of the consent decree

- Working relationship with the HCBOS to address the issues of the jails and other budgetary items
- Create online tool to keep citizens informed on the progress being made at the Detention Centers

5.Partnerships - Because we are in this together and we cannot do it alone

- Build on strong partnerships with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to reduce violent crimes
- Fulfill all current vacancies for federal task force officers
- Share intelligence and information County wide
- Prosecute perpetrators on the federal level through partnerships with the US Atty's Office.

"IF Hinds County is going to be safe, secure and successful, there has to be shared governance from the HCSO and the COMMUNITY!"

END OF VOTING