

Elayne Anthony of JSU appointed incoming president of the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters



Anthony

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Elayne H. Anthony, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at Jackson State University (JSU), has been chosen as the incoming president of the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters. (MAB)

Anthony is the first journalism educator, the first female, and the first black in the state to hold the position. She previously held the position of secretary/treasurer and currently serves as vice president. Her term as president will begin in 2023.

She told *The Mississippi Link*, “I am very humbled and very excited to represent broadcasting for the state of Mississippi.” She stated that she looks forward to traveling to Washington in the future to work with the delegation.

Anthony has been a professor at JSU for several years. She has served as director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Mass Communications and was later appointed head of the department.

Under her leadership, the department received national accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Upon hearing about Anthony’s appointment, Ronnie Agnew, who has served as executive director of Mississippi Public Broadcasting for ten years stated, “MAB has made an outstanding choice.”

Agnew who recently accepted a position to begin Jan. 10, 2023 at Ohio State University, WOSU Public Media, said “I am elated that Elayne has been chosen as

president. She is committed to insuring that journalism thrives at the professional and college levels and brings a wealth of experience to the chair’s position.”

Anthony is well respected by current and former students and associates.

“I was thrilled to learn of Dr. Hayes-Anthony’s appointment as chair of the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters (MAB).,” said Gail H.M. Brown, Ph.D. “As one of her graduate students of the JSU Mass Communication Master’s program and her former administrative assistant in the department, I am so proud and happy for her. This is a well-deserved/earned appointment that speaks volumes as a testament to her historic, outstanding and trailblazing work in broadcasting and in journalism overall. She is the reason why I love the field of mass communication today. You go, Doc!”

Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, KB Turner, Ph.D. at JSU told *The Mississippi Link* he learned about Anthony’s news at a function honoring Journalism and Media Studies students which was held in Jackson December 2 at the Mississippi e-center. He said, “It is a well-deserved honor for Dr. Anthony. I am glad of her long time affiliation with Jackson State University. She has worked tirelessly to ensure student success. Many of her former students have been placed in newsworthy organizations in this country from coast to coast and they have her to thank. I have met many of her former students and they

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Lee Elementary renamed after Dr. Aaron and Ollye Shirley



JPS Superintendent of Schools Dr. Errick Greene

By JPS Newswire

Lee Elementary, named after Confederate General Robert E. Lee, was renamed after health-care and education advocates Dr. Aaron and Ollye Shirley to Shirley Elementary December 6, 2021. In 2017, JPS officials decided that the district would remove the names of Confederate figures from select schools. That included Lee Elementary.

Dr. Aaron Shirley was a Gluckstadt native and graduated from Lanier High School, Tougaloo College and Meharry Medical School. He was the first black resident at the University

of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) and was considered a “Gandhi-like” figure for many across the state of Mississippi. He became a physician and served as an associate professor of pediatrics at the medical center. Shortly after his residency, he helped to establish the Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center. He also established a comprehensive school-based clinic to provide health and counseling services.

Dr. Shirley also founded the Jackson Medical Mall, a once-abandoned shopping mall that was transformed into a modern



Students celebrating at Shirley Elementary School.

medical and retail facility.

Dr. Shirley’s wife, Dr. Ollye Shirley, was an accomplished leader in public television, children’s programming and advocacy, civil rights activism, public education, community service, and more. She was accepted to Tougaloo College at the early age of 15.

Dr. Ollye Shirley was a long-serving member of the JPS Board of Trustees, including serving as president of the board. She assisted in a significant school board referendum that allowed the district to expand and improve its facilities.

Additionally, she was instrumental in expanding Mississippi Educational Television’s programming in this area to include Sesame Street despite initial opposition because of its ethnically diverse cast of adults and children.

Scholars, staff, district administrators, school adopters, and the Shirley family packed the now Shirley auditorium to celebrate the occasion.

“For the school’s name to be changed from a confederate general to the Shirley name of

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TSU President Glenda Glover selected vice chair of President Joe Biden’s Board of Advisors on HBCUs



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Tennessee State University Newswire

Tennessee State University’s Dr. Glenda Glover has been unofficially appointed by President Joe Biden to serve as the vice chair of the President’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The board will advance the goal of the HBCU Initiative, established by the Carter Administration, to increase the capacity of HBCUs to provide the highest-quality education to their students and continue serving as engines of opportunity.

The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to supporting the vital mission of HBCUs. Through the American Rescue Plan and by forgiving capital improvement debt of many of these institutions, the Biden-Harris Administration has already committed more than \$4 billion in support. Re-establishing the White House HBCU Initiative – and placing strong leadership at the head of the Board – will allow the administration to build on that financial commitment with continued institutional support.

Glover serves as the eighth president of Tennessee State University, a position she has held since January

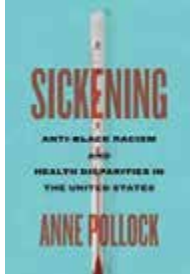
2013.

Prior to becoming president of Tennessee State, Glover was Dean of the College of Business at Jackson State University. While at Jackson State she led the College of Business through the accreditation process, and spearheaded the implementation of the nation’s first Ph.D programs in business at an HBCU.

Under her leadership as the university’s first female president, TSU has experienced a significant increase in alumni and corporate giving, research funding and academic offerings. The university has also received the Carnegie R2 “high research activity” designation with Glover at the helm. In 2020 during the pandemic, TSU set a school record with nearly \$71 million in research funding.

Glover’s commitment and advocacy of HBCUs spans nearly four decades, including the work she has done as international president and CEO of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Through the sorority and as president of TSU, Glover has engaged in groundbreaking work to elevate the stature of HBCUs with historic fund-

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MCADV exec warns virtual audience about ‘Dangerous Love’

Patton gives powerful domestic violence survivor testimony

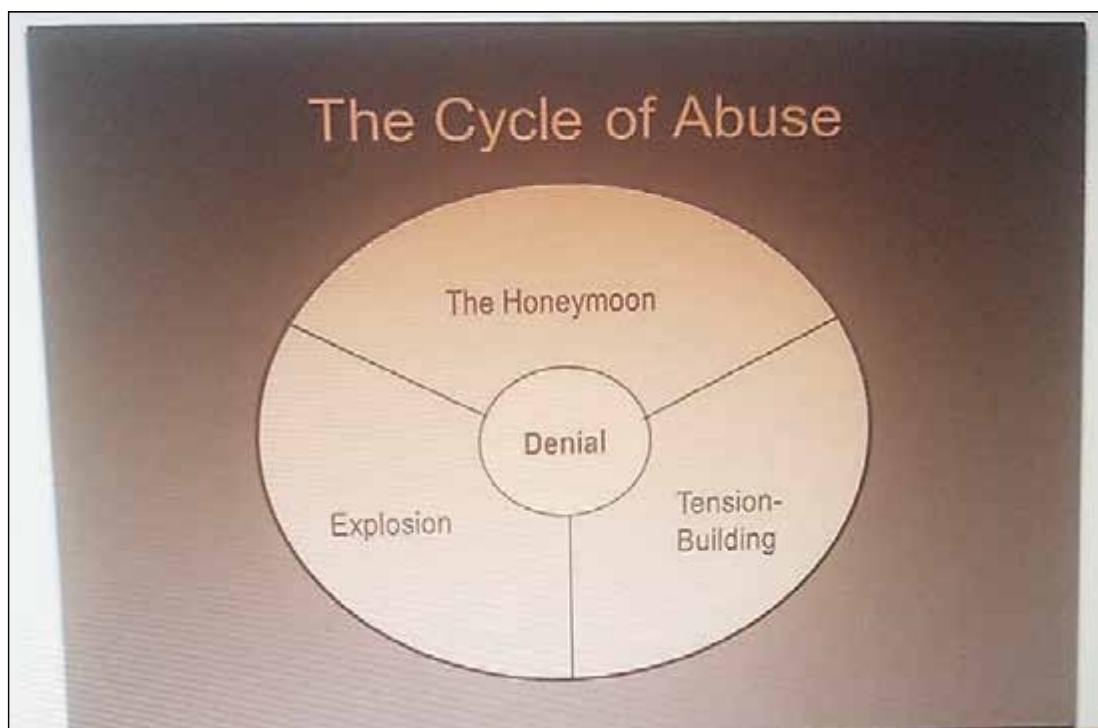
By Charity Smith
Contributing Writer

The Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) Health Optimization and Prevention Education (HOPE) project’s parent and community component hosted a virtual event via zoom titled, “Dangerous Love (Let’s Talk Relationships)” Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. CSLC is located in Lexington, Miss.

The featured presenter was Wendy B. Mahoney, executive director for the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She presented some alarming information about various aspects of dangerous love.

Information discussed and presented included: abuse awareness, relationship expectations, healthy vs. unhealthy friendships and relationship qualities, domestic violence/abuse (including personal examples via video), the definition of domestic violence and the mental state of victims, types of abuse, warning signs and so on.

Mahoney shared statistics indicating that one out of every four females will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. “So, think about the women on this call; one out of four. Then statis-



tics show that one in seven men experience domestic violence,” she said. “Domestic violence is on a continuum from small things to very large things. Many victims suffer in silence,” she said.

Mahoney informed the audience that domestic violence is a real “pandemic” – one that is very common but an unspeakable situation in our society.

She even shared that domestic violence is prevalent in religion and in our churches. HOPE Facilitator Lucretia Holmes posed a scenario of what do people do when they go to the church leadership for help, and they are constantly advised to “just pray” but the abuse continues?

Pastor Joe McCall from the Mississippi Delta who was on the call responded that his pro-

gram works with church pastors on how to identify the signs and deal with DV situations among their congregations. He pointed out that DV is even happening between pastors and first ladies.

He also shared that he has worked with more than 30,000 youth in the Delta teaching them about the importance of healthy adolescent relationships.

“I was so glad to hear him say

that because that’s exactly what we have been doing with the HOPE project in partnership with the Holmes County Consolidated School District,” said HOPE Project Director Gail M. Brown. She was touched by a comment from a young person in the chat box who expressed that too often parents focus on telling their teens not to date but not enough on how to have positive relationships.

McCall also shared that he was once an abuser himself because of a cycle of seeing it in his home. He realized that he needed help, and now he happily reported that he and his wife will celebrate their 39th-year anniversary this Christmas.

DV Survivor Kimberly Patton of Holmes County shared a bit of her personal testimony regarding the physical abuse and personal trauma she suffered for nine years in a marriage to a man that she loved and seemingly gave her everything. “I tried to stay because I loved him. It was all in my mind, until I found myself in a pool of blood for hours (after being attacked by him),” she said.

At the end of the session, there were cash and gift prize raffles for participants donated by gen-

erous donors.

Among some of the positive feedback comments were from Sherri Reeves, a community leader who said, “Great Presentation, very informative;” Takyia Triplett, a Mississippi Delta Community College student who said, “I enjoyed the discussion;” and Kayla Frazier, a Tougaloo College student who commented, “Thanks for the invite, the presentation was fantastic.”

CSLC Executive Director Beulah Greer made closing remarks as she thanked everyone and called for a continuation of raising awareness about DV. “We really appreciate you, Ms. Mahoney, for your presentation,” Greer said.

She told Patton that she needs to let more and more people hear her testimony, especially young people.

This event was an amazing and informative opportunity for participants of all ages, particularly young people, to learn and listen to personal experiences of those who presented such knowledgeable information about domestic violence.

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raising efforts and marketing. Through her work as international president of AKA, she implemented a fundraising campaign to raise \$1 million in one day for HBCUs. She exceeded this goal for four consecutive years raising more than \$1 million in one day, which culminated in \$2.5 million this past September. This massive fundraising effort resulted in the establishment of endowments at each of the 96 four-year HBCUs, including her alma mater, TSU.

Glover’s educational development began as a student at TSU, where she majored in mathematics. After graduating with honors with a Bachelor of Science degree, she pursued the Master of Business Administration from Clark Atlanta University. She then completed her doctorate in business from George Washington University, and later completed her law degree from Georgetown University. She is also a certified public accountant, and is one of only three African-American women to hold the Ph.D-CPA-JD combination in the United States.

Her career also includes serving on boards of publicly traded corporations Pinnacle Financial Partners, The Lenox Group, Citigroup-Student Loan Corporation and First Guaranty Bancshares.

Glover, who served as a member of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority, Board of Commissioners while in Jackson, currently serves as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority.

The Mississippi Link Publisher Jackie Hampton contributed to this article.

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Staff, administrators and membrs of the Shirley family at the celebration.

an amazing African-American couple who fought for equality and justice for everyone is overwhelming,” said Erin Shirley Orey, daughter of Dr. Aaron and Olye Shirley.

“To know that the young scholars here learned about the Shirleys and participated in civic engagement by voting for the Shirley name to be the name of this school is amazing, and that touches us more than anything because you decided to change the name to Shirley Elementary.”

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all have something in common; they all hold her in high regard, and so do I.”

Anthony earned both her bachelor of science and master’s degrees at JSU. She obtained her Ph.D. in organizational communication broadcast law at the University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale.

“Finally, it is critically important to acknowledge that the MAB should feel honored to have a person of Dr. Anthony’s accomplishments at the helm. She brings impeccable credentials to the presidency. I’m elated that she will also represent Jackson State University,” said Turner.



Turner (l) and Anthony (r) at the e-center honoring journalism and media student graduates

PHOTO BY JACKIE HAMPTON

NCBA Estates Vaccine Clinic scheduled for December 18

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The first case of the Omicron variant has been confirmed in Mississippi. Protect yourself and your loved ones this holiday season by getting vaccinated.

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health will host a NCBA Estates Community Vaccine Clinic, Saturday, December 18, 2021, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. NCBA Estates is located at 811 Forest Drive, Jackson, MS.

Individuals can receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, booster shots and/or the flu vaccine. The clinic is open to the public and the vaccines are free of charge. Register at <https://bit.ly/3DGJmwk>.

Sponsored by the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health and Jackson City Councilwoman Angelia Lee, this effort is made possible through a grant from the CDC Foundation with support from Amerigroup Foundation.

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health was established in 2019 to reduce health disparities among disadvantaged and underserved minority populations in the Mississippi through the development of collaborative partnerships with community stakeholders and the implementation of evidence-based public health interventions with a particular focus on health equity.

For more information, contact the Institute at iamh@advancingminorityhealth.org or at 769-572-5263.

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Zoe Nash makes history at College Hill MB Church

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Over 20 family members of Zoe Nash attended College Hill Baptist Church, Sunday, Dec. 12, to witness her baptism, the first to be held in the newly constructed sanctuary, the first to be held since the pandemic and the first baptism by Rev. Chauncy Jordan, who became the 10th pastor of the 110 year old church in July 2021.

"I can't stop smiling" she said to Pastor Jordan, prior to getting dipped. Pastor Jordan responded with a smile and reminded her to still hold her breath when going under water.

Proudly she made the decision to join the College Hill family during the pandemic in November.

Zoe's mother and dad Patrick and Marnika Nash said they were so proud when their daughter made the decision to accept Christ as her Lord and Savior at the church service on November 14, during the time she was singing in the choir with a limited number of members of the children's choir.

Marnika Nash said, "I am overjoyed about her baptism."

Zoe is a 6 grade honor student at Madison Middle school.



Zoe's baptism was officiated by Assoc. Min. Calvin Peoples (left) and Pastor Jordan (right).



Deaconess Bobbie Anderson pins Zoe as Deaconess Jonora Coleman looks on.



Zoe, center (with family) holds her baptism certificate. Family is joined by Pastor Chauncy Jordan and wife Lashanda (far right).

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‘A way we resist’: Quilts honor victims of racial violence

By Leah Willingham

Associated Press/Report for America

Long after he was killed, Myrtle Green-Burton wouldn't let anyone wear her 17-year-old son's high school track team jacket.

James Earl Green, an aspiring Olympic runner, was supposed to receive the green and yellow coat at his graduation in Mississippi half a century ago. It became a symbol of his life – and her loss, said his sister Gloria Green-McCray.

“She just kept it until it dry-rotted because that was all she really had to remember his dream – his vision,” Green-McCray said of her mother.

A cross-stitch portrait of Green wearing his track jacket is now included with 115 others in a quilting project dedicated to memorializing lives lost to racial violence in the U.S. The two quilts are open for public viewing on weekdays through Dec. 17 at Jackson State University's Margaret Walker Center.

James Earl Green and 21-year-old Jackson State student Phillip Lafayette Gibbs were fatally shot on the Jackson State campus during a violent police response to a protest against racial injustice in 1970. Green was not a student at the historically black university, but was walking through the campus on his way home from his grocery store job.

Twelve more people were



Two hand crafted quilts adorned with 116 cross-stitched portraits honoring African Americans who lost their lives to racial violence are photographed while on display at the Margaret Walker Center on the Jackson State University campus, Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, in Jackson, Miss. The quilts, stitched together by 75 artists from the U.S. and beyond, are part of the Stitch Their Name Memorial Project. AP PHOTO/ROGELIO V. SOLIS

injured. No officer ever faced criminal charges.

On a visit to Jackson State's campus last week to see the portrait, Green-McCray, now in her late 60s, recalled her older brother's ambitions of running in college and then in the Olympics. In the weeks leading up to his death, graduating and getting that track jacket were all he could talk about, she said.

“He didn't get the chance to wear it,” she said, reaching out and running her finger across the tiny portrait.

The Stitch Their Names Memorial Project was started by Eugene, Oregon, high school math teacher Holli Johannes in July 2020 as so many around the U.S. reckoned with the country's legacy of systematic racism in the wake of George Floyd's murder at the hands of Minneapolis police. A group of 75 stitchers from across the U.S. and beyond worked together to construct the two quilts and a website containing biographies of each victim.

Johannes said they wanted to create a piece of art that would humanize the lives lost.

Each stitcher took a different,

personalized approach: Some portraits are headshots, some full-body. They include different backdrops and details to inform viewers about the victims' lives.

Elijah McClain, 23, a massage therapist killed by police in Aurora, Colorado, in 2019, is pictured playing the violin next to a tabby cat. McClain loved animals and taught himself how to play the guitar and violin.

John Crawford III, 22, was killed by police inside a Beavercreek, Ohio, Walmart store in 2014. He is depicted with his



Green

two young sons.

Gibbs – killed in Jackson the same night as Green – is wearing a gray suit. He was studying to be a lawyer.

Ebony Lumumba, department chair and associate professor of English at Jackson State, said quilting has long been a powerful form of activism and of reclaiming history – especially for black women in America, whose voices are often overlooked.

“It's a history that sometimes supersedes what can be written down,” said Lumumba, who is also the city of Jackson's first lady. “That's significant for our community because we have been denied the privilege of being documented for so many centuries and so this is one of the ways that we resist that.”

At Jackson State, Green-McCray said she hadn't seen a quilt made since she was a little girl – the ones stitched by the women who raised her. She remembered how quilting was a form of sto-

rytelling for them. Her mother would piece together quilts using pieces of aprons, hats and dresses from her grandmother.

“Each little piece represents something – each piece had a significant meaning,” she said. “It was not just a piece of cloth, but it was a piece of history, a piece of that person.”

Green-McCray said the quilts would evoke memories, even of a time before she was born – a reminder of “the struggle of survival.”

“It's like you re-live it,” she said. “My mother came from a family of sharecroppers, old slaves, and I can remember the history.”

Green-McCray said if people don't learn about history, it repeats itself. When her brother was killed, everyone asked her, “Do you think this will ever happen again?”

“At that time, we were thinking it was going to soon end, and it will never happen again,” she said. “Now today, you see them saying ‘Black Lives Matter,’ and that really grieves my spirit. We've come a long way, but we still got such a long way to go.”

Leah Willingham is a corps member for the Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. Report for America is a nonprofit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on under covered issues.

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JPS scholars in GJAC Program perform at Capital City Lights



Arts Infusion/JPS scholars performing on Capital City Lights mainstage. PHOTO CREDIT: MARK SULLIVAN



Art Infusion Mentor Zuri Williams rehearses with JPS scholars before the show. PHOTO CREDIT: MARK SULLIVAN

JPS Newswire

JPS scholars enrolled in the Greater Jackson Arts Council’s Art Infusion After-School Program performed on this year’s Capital City Lights mainstage in downtown Jackson Friday, December 3, 2021.

Elementary students representing Pecan Park, Clausell, Lake and Raines participated in the song-and-

dance extravaganza.

“Arts Infusion is first and foremost about imagination,” Silbrina Wright, GJAC executive director said. “When we started this program in September, these young people did not envision themselves as performers. But they embraced the idea, they learned the material, they rehearsed and rehearsed and rehearsed, and they took

that main stage like professionals

Percussionist Edward Dorman led the kids through a performance of “Fanga Alafia,” a traditional welcome number that originated in Liberia and Sierra Leone. “I’m so proud of these children, so grateful for the Arts Infusion Teaching Artists who led them to this shining moment, and so thankful for JPSD for making af-

ter-school enrichment a district-wide priority. The positive impact is real,” Wright said.

Capital City Lights is a community kickoff of the holiday season in the City of Jackson, also referred to as the “City with Soul.” The night also served as the launch event of Jackson’s year-long bicentennial celebration.

JSU grad Damian Murray named a Schwarzman Scholar



Murray

By LaToya Hentz-Moore
Jackson State University

Jackson State University (JSU) alumnus Damian Murray has been named to the Schwarzman Scholars Class of 2023. The program funds a one-year master’s degree in global affairs at Tsinghua University. Through Schwarzman Scholars, Murray intends to research how entrepreneurship and investing can create wealth in communities of color and close the wealth gap.

“It’s an honor to be a part of Schwarzman’s seventh cohort of scholars,” Murray said. “My fascination for Asia and China began at Jackson State, while visiting Shanghai through the JSU Global program. I also studied abroad in Bangkok, Thailand during my junior year.”

Murray is a Columbia University HBCU Fellow who recently completed his master’s degree in technology management. In 2019, he received his Bachelor of Business Administration in finance from JSU. Murray is a Venture Capital Fellow in HBCUvc and Black Venture Capital Consortium (BVCC), training to increase the number of people of color check writers in the venture ecosystem.

“The opportunities afforded to me at JSU, assisted with opening so many doors for me,” Murray said. “I’m grateful for the infinite support received from the JSU community. Without Jackson State, I’m not sure I would be where I am today, so I implore students to take advantage of every opportunity my alma mater offers.”

The Schwarzman Scholars program is one of the world’s most prestigious graduate fellowships. This class includes 151 students, selected from more than 3,000 applicants through a rigorous application process designed to identify leadership potential, intellect and strength of character.

The program’s curriculum explores the economic, political and cultural factors that have contributed to China’s increasing importance as a global power.

Actress Amia Edwards partners with JPS to offer after school Performance Arts Program: “3..2..1 Action”

Special to The Mississippi Link

Actress and philanthropist Amia Edwards has partnered with Jackson Public Schools to offer a unique after-school program called 3..2..1..ACTION. This program focuses primarily on theatre and performance arts and is a part of Edwards’ production company Amiable Productions.

While the program is fairly new, Edwards has been making significant progress. A cornerstone of the program are the monthly masterclasses, where Edwards introduces the students to industry professionals on topics such as acting, makeup, and screenwriting. As a result of their learning, some of the district’s middle school students are preparing to perform THE WIZ. High school participants are writing, producing and filming their own short films. These films will be featured at a district-wide film festival.

Edwards and the team at Amiable Productions will also be hosting the Amiable Awards. All participating students and parents will be invited to attend. At the ceremony, students will be awarded for their work and performances.

“I hope to inspire students to explore not only their creativity, but also empower them with knowledge of this industry,” shared Amia Edwards.

Certain artistic opportunities are not readily available to all. This gap is what Edwards is actively filling in the school district. Edwards goes above and beyond to expose children to theatre and performance arts through

the program. Additionally, Amiable Productions hires performing arts majors from Jackson State University to teach the daily classes. This arrangement, according to Edwards, has a dual effect because the college students also get an opportunity to benefit from her masterclasses.

“This after school program has invigorated our scholars to pursue their dreams of becoming professional actors, actresses and etc.,” said Sherwin Johnson, JPS executive director of Public Engagement.” “The students are engaged with the curriculum and encouraged by learning from some of the best in the entertainment business.”

When asked about the experience and feedback of the students, Edwards shared that “The students tell me they wish the after-school sessions were longer all the time. They are so talented. Watching them perform their monologues or asking questions during the masterclass is highly rewarding.”

Amia Edwards has appeared in films such as Every Time a Bell Rings and Card Counter, which was executive produced by Martin Scorsese. She has also written and performed in several award winning short films. Edwards serves as a member of the 2021 Community Advisory Council of the Mississippi Museum of Art’s CAPE (Center for Art and Public Exchange). Having tasted the program’s impact, Edwards and her team are now planning to expand to other school districts in Mississippi.



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COVID toll nears 800,000 deaths, closing out the year

By Heather Hollingsworth
Associated Press

Carolyn Burnett is bracing for her first Christmas without her son Chris, a beloved high school football coach whose outdoor memorial service drew a crowd of hundreds.

The unvaccinated 34-year-old father of four died in September as a result of COVID-19 after nearly two weeks on a ventilator, and his loss has left a gaping hole for his mother, widow and family as the holidays approach.

How, she thought, could they take a holiday photo without Chris? What would Christmas Day football be like without him offering up commentary? How could they play trivia games on Christmas Eve without him beating everyone with his movie expertise?

The U.S. is on the verge of yet another depressing pandemic milestone – 800,000 deaths. It’s a sad coda to a year that held so much promise with the arrival of vaccines but is ending in heartbreak for the many grieving families trying to navigate the holiday season.

For its Christmas card photo, the Burnett family ultimately opted to hold up a football presented as a memorial by the Kansas City Chiefs to represent Chris. Carolyn Burnett also set up a special shelf for the holidays, filling it with a drawing of her son, his bronzed baby shoe, a candle, a poem and an ornament of Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

But nothing feels quite right this year.

“These emotions come and go so quickly,” she said. “You see something. You hear something. His favorite food. You hear the song. There’s just all these little things. And then, bam.”



Carolyn Burnett sorts through mementos to select items to commemorate her son Chris Burnett Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, in Olathe, Kan. Chris Burnett, an unvaccinated 34-year-old father who coached football at Olathe East High School, died in September as a result of COVID-19 after nearly two weeks on a ventilator. AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL

The year began with the COVID-19 death toll at about 350,000 in the U.S., at a time when the country was in the throes of a winter surge so bad that patients were lined up in emergency room hallways waiting for beds.

But vaccines were just getting rolled out, and sports stadiums and fairgrounds were quickly transformed into mass vaccination sites. Case numbers began falling. By spring, nearly all schools had reopened and communities were shedding mask orders. TV newscasters began talking cheerfully about a post-pandemic world. President Joe Biden proclaimed the Fourth of July holiday as a celebration of the nation’s freedom from the virus.

It didn’t last long. DELTA struck just as vaccination rates were stalling amid a wave of

misinformation, devastating poorly immunized portions of the Midwest and South. Hospitals brought back mobile morgues and opened up their pocket books in a desperate bid to attract enough nurses to care for the sick.

“People have no idea,” said Debbie Eaves, a lab worker, who grew weary of the wave of death as she collected swabs from patients at Oakdale Community Hospital in Louisiana amid the surge. “Oh, no. They have no idea what it is to look and see, to see it.”

In Kansas, Carolyn Burnett begged her son, who went by the nickname Coach Cheese because of his love of cheeseburgers, to get vaccinated.

“He was a part of the group that ... just didn’t trust it,” she said, pausing and sighing. “They

didn’t want to be a guinea pig. They didn’t want to be experimented on.”

She thought maybe he was softening. When his dad got his first COVID-19 shot in August, Chris, a diabetic, told his mother he would discuss it with his doctor. But then one of Chris’ children got infected at a family sleepover and soon everyone was sick.

She texted him, “Honey, God’s got you.” His last text to her said: “Mama, I feel him.” He died Sept. 11.

School administrators tweeted heartfelt condolences, praising his passion in coaching running backs at Olathe East High School. Tearful athletes paid tribute in TV interviews. The Kansas City Glory, an all-female football team that Burnett coached, asked fans to contrib-

ute to a GoFundMe fundraiser to help his children. And he was honored with an inspiration award at a ceremony that recognizes the region’s best high school athletes.

“We had so much support that you would think he was a celebrity,” his mom recalled.

Now, as the year ends, the DELTA variant is fueling another wave of hospitalizations, court battles are brewing over vaccine mandates and fresh questions are swirling about the new omicron variant.

Steve Grove has seen his share of coronavirus deaths in his role as a chaplain at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Recently, one dying patient’s family gathered in a conference room. One by one they were taken to the patient’s bedside, while the other relatives watched on Zoom.

“It’s a huge pain in the butt and the connection drops and it’s weird,” he acknowledged. “Here’s what I’m going to say to COVID: ‘Up yours.’ I’m getting a Zoom call going, and there you have it. That’s what’s happening today at least. You’re going to do what you’re going to do and you’re going to kill this person. You get to do that COVID. But what we’re going to do today is this. And I’m going to give them a hug when it’s done.”

“The alternative,” he said, “is that you just, you just give up, and I guess most people in this building have too much faith in humanity.”

He acknowledged that he sometimes gets mad at unvaccinated patients because it “didn’t have to be this way. And now there’s a mess that perhaps was avoidable.”

“I’ll confess to it,” he said.

“And I know I’m not proud of it, and I swallow it down and then I remember as a human being that my compassion reminds me that it’s still somebody’s loved one. It is still death and it still stings.”

Dr. LaTasha Perkins, of Georgetown University Student Health, is getting ready to take a job in January in a clinic that helps underserved residents of the community. She is black and said she felt compelled to make the change after watching the virus devastate her family.

She has lost a great uncle, an aunt and a cousin to COVID-19, and she suspects the virus may have played a role in the death of her grandfather. When it struck her own household last December after she had gotten her first shot but the rest of her family wasn’t yet eligible, she spent sleepless nights watching her toddler breathe and took her husband to the hospital, although he wasn’t admitted. She never got sick and credits the vaccine. Her husband also later got the shot.

Still, maddeningly to her, only three of her six siblings are vaccinated. Some of the hesitation, she said, is rooted in the “horrible things done in the name of medicine to black and brown bodies in this country.” She tells them: “If you’re worried about rich white people not caring about you, they’re lining up getting the vaccine.”

She has been unable, though, to get through to some of her relatives. It’s part of the reason why she started doing hesitancy talks specifically for African Americans in the D.C. area.

“For my own selfish reason, I don’t want to go to any more funerals,” she said, “and I don’t want COVID to come back in my house.”

Women and drinking, A celebration?

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

From Thanksgiving to the Super bowl is the time to eat, drink and be merry. In most cases it’s a little too much. Both drinking and eating too much can cause health problems. Drinking too much can cause more serious health problems.

Women who drink are at an increased health risk that at a lower level of consumption and over fewer years of drinking than men. Fourteen million people in the United States, or 1 in every 13 adults, abuse alcohol. Alcohol problems are highest among young adults ages 18-29 and lowest among adults ages 65 and older.

People who start drinking at an early age greatly increase the chance that they will develop alcohol problems at some point in their lives. Alcohol consumption increases the risk of cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus, liver and colon.

Alcohol can be mentally and physically addicting. Alcohol can affect every organ in your body, but varies between individuals. Alcohol has also been linked to depression, anxiety, weight and body composition, liver damage, memory deficits and developing Alzheimer’s disease.



The biggest reason alcohol hits women faster and harder is the enzyme dehydrogenase. Women have far less of this enzyme. This is important, because this enzyme is responsible for breaking down alcohol and ridding it from your systems before it enters your bloodstream. Because women have less of this enzyme, more alcohol gets through and enters the blood as purer alcohol. This will cause women to get drunk faster and easier.

Moderate alcohol consumption is defined as one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men. According to the CDC in the United States, a standard drink contains 0.6 ounces (14.0 grams or 1.2 table-

spoons) of pure alcohol. Generally, this amount of pure alcohol is found in:

- 12-ounces of beer (5% alcohol content).
- 8-ounces of malt liquor (7% alcohol content).
- 5-ounces of wine (12% alcohol content).
- 1.5-ounces of 80-proof (40% alcohol content) distilled spirits or liquor (e.g., gin, rum, vodka, whiskey).

There is no single treatment for alcohol abuse. Many alcoholism treatment specialists suggest the following steps to help an alcoholic get treatment:

Stop all “cover ups.” Family members often make excuses to others or try to protect the alco-

holic from the results of his or her drinking. It is important to stop covering for the alcoholic so that he or she experiences the full consequences of drinking.

Time your intervention. The best time to talk to the drinker is shortly after an alcohol-related problem has occurred – like a serious family argument or an accident. Choose a time when he or she is sober, both of you are fairly calm, and you have a chance to talk in private.

Be specific. Tell the family member that you are worried about his or her drinking. Use examples of the ways in which the drinking has caused problems, including the most recent incident.

State the results. Explain to the drinker what you will do if he or she doesn’t go for help – not to punish the drinker, but to protect yourself from his or her problems. What you say may range from refusing to go with the person to any social activity where alcohol will be served, to moving out of the house. Do not make any threats you are not prepared to carry out.

Get help. Gather information in advance about treatment options in your community. If the person is willing to get help, call immediately for an appointment with a treatment counselor. Offer to go with the family member on the first visit to a treatment program and/or an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

Call on a friend. If the family member still refuses to get help, ask a friend to talk with him or her using the steps just described. A friend who is a recovering alcoholic may be particularly persuasive, but any person who is caring and nonjudgmental may help. The intervention of more than one person, more than one time, is often necessary to coax an alcoholic to seek help.

Find strength in numbers. With the help of a health care professional, some families join with other relatives and friends to

confront an alcoholic as a group. This approach should only be tried under the guidance of a health care professional that is experienced in this kind of group intervention.

Get support. It is important to remember that you are not alone. Support groups offered in most communities include Al-Anon, which holds regular meetings for spouses and other significant adults in an alcoholic’s life, and Alateen, which is geared to children of alcoholics. These groups help family members understand that they are not responsible for an alcoholic’s drinking and that they need to take steps to take care of themselves, regardless of whether the alcoholic family member chooses to get help.

There are a lot of health risks we have to work around. Drinking alcohol is at least a modifiable risk factor, one that you can control. Talk to your doctor. Maybe even bring along a copy of this article.

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P R E S E R V E D

Prayer for Christmas Blessings

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



For some, Christmas is a time of joyous celebrations with loved ones; for others, it's a challenging time of balancing hope and expectations with God's sovereign will for our lives. Some of us are still dealing with the pain of loss and missing loved ones who are deceased or no longer a part of our lives. Moreover, this year has been especially tricky as we were still managing the uncertainty of living in a deadly pandemic. What has sustained so many of us has been sincere prayer which has led to a stronger connection with God. This prayer encouraged me when I wrote it a few years ago and I wanted to share it to

encourage others during this Christmas season.

"I praise you God for the great things that you have done in every area of my life. I thank you for keeping me focused on your will during this season of hope and expectation. I thank you that during this Christmas season where we celebrate the birth of your son, I will choose to give special gifts of grace and mercy to all that you allow me to encounter.

"It says in Proverbs 18:21 that the power of life and death is in the tongue. I choose to speak life to those physical, spiritual, emotional, relational and financial areas of my life that need resurrection and restoration. I choose to have my words line up with your will and your vision for my life. I will speak life, encouragement and be a vessel of your peace during this holiday season.

"I choose to be a blessing

and not a burden. I choose unity and not division. I choose to be an instrument of joy and not judgment. I choose to be a vessel of peace and not pain. I choose to be a source of light and not darkness. I choose to be an example of righteousness and not false religion. I choose to be a giver of love and not a spreader of lies. I choose to be a promoter of forgiveness and not fear. I choose to be a witness for humility and not haughtiness. As I remain committed to these choices, I will delight in your word, take comfort in your promises as well as seek your presence and grace. I choose to allow my life to reflect the radiance of your love; give me the willingness and compassion to give to others keeping in mind Acts 20:35 which says that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

"I repent and ask for forgiveness of ungodly, unholy,

unhealthy feelings, thoughts, attitudes and behaviors. There is a time and a season for everything, and I thank you that this is my season for breakthroughs and blessings. Remind me that I am never alone, never without your hand of favor and mercy, and never out of the reach of your protective grace. As I enjoy my fellowship with family members, friends and loved ones this Christmas season, let me see your hand in all circumstances and situations. And where I fail to see your hand, let me continue to trust your heart concerning all areas of my life."

Merry Christmas.

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Warning Signs

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



We know what happens to devices when the batteries become weak. They do not operate properly. Our spiritual battery could run down to the point that we cannot be effective for God. This can happen if we neglect to pray and read the Bible as we ought.

Many people do not move forward spiritually because of neglect. The enemy knows that they would not go to a barroom, so he tries to get them to neglect their Christian duties.

Neglect is sending countless people to hell. Hebrews 2:3 reads, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him."

As a child of God, we can only be effective when our spiritual "battery" is charged daily. The Lord has given us all we need to fight this battle. If we become weak spiritually, the fault lies within us. If we neglect our salvation, we are hurting ourselves. It is not the fault of the pastor, your siblings in Christ, the Sunday school teacher, the song leader, or the choir director. We need to


look in the mirror and say, "It is me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer."

My friends, we need to keep our spiritual monitors in good working order. How is your spiritual monitoring system? Is it working properly? God provides ways to monitor our soul's welfare. The enemy is trying to get us to ignore the warning signs to get us to coast along and go with the flow of things in life. He does not want us to get excited about our souls. The true child of God must swim upstream as fast as he can to stay afloat.

Those who become spiritually weak have not done the things they know they need to do to stay close to God. There is power in Jesus Christ. He will give us the power, the strength, the knowledge, the determination and everything else we need. We do not have to go the way of the enemy. We can say no to the enemy and yes to God in every situation. We can go to Him in prayer and say, "Help me; Lord, direct me and show me what I need to do to stay true."

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COVID and Christmas

By Dr. Sandra Melvin
Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health



In 2020, most of the country avoided holiday family gatherings because of the COVID-19 pandemic. For twelve months, we have yearned for outside to “open up” and for things to get back to normal. Although the world will probably never be as it once was, if we are going to have any semblance of what used to be, vaccination is the key. Simply put, vaccines save lives.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, vaccines are one of the greatest success stories in public health. Through use of vaccines, we have eradicated smallpox and nearly eliminated wild polio virus. The number of people who experience the devastating effects of preventable infectious diseases like measles, diphtheria and whooping cough is at an all-time low.

At no other time in this century has vaccination been more important especially for minority communities. COVID-19 has totally changed us and how we live our lives. The concept of vaccine hesitancy is understandable in minority communities given the well-documented history of mistrust due to unethical practices in health care aimed at black and brown communities. However, it is important for us as members of the public health community to point out the injustices when they are present and support efforts when they are in the best interest of the communities that we work with every day.

So here are the facts. Unvaccinated individuals are now at the greatest risk for severe illness and death due to COVID-19. According to data from the MS State Department of Health, 91% of the cases of COVID-19, 79% of those hospitalized with COVID-19, and 73% of the deaths from COVID-19 are among unvaccinated individuals. It is especially disheartening when we understand that the heartache that these communities feel at the loss of a loved one is preventable. The answer? Vaccination.

So, here is my plea. If you have questions about the safety of the vaccine, speak with your healthcare provider or speak to someone that you trust that has had the vaccine. Then ask yourself this question? Am I my brother’s or sister’s keeper? If you are, then isn’t it our responsibility to protect our neighbors, our friends, and even people that we don’t know by doing everything we can to make them safe? The best way to do that is to practice social distancing, wear a mask and yes, take the shot.


- Tips to stay safe during the holidays**
- Wash hands with anti-bacterial soap for 20 seconds
 - Wear a mask in public
 - Stay 6 feet away from others in public
 - Get vaccinated
 - Get boosted
 - Follow local and state guidelines
 - Stay at home if you are feeling sick
 - Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated areas
 - Get tested if you think you have been exposed to COVID
 - Cover coughs and sneezes
 - Air circulation is key. If possible, open windows and doors.
 - Turn on exhaust fans over stove
 - Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces regularly
 - Monitor your health daily.
- Happy Holidays.

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Why Stacey Abrams is important for Georgia and our Democracy

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



You know the old game, two truths and a lie? Here are two truths and a lie about Georgia and Stacey Abrams, who recently announced that she’s running for governor.

Let’s start with the lie. The big lie is that Donald Trump lost Georgia in 2020 because of illegal votes. The big truth is that Stacey Abrams helped achieve not one, not two, but three legal statewide victories in Georgia for President Joe Biden and Senators Raphael Warnock and John Ossoff.

Another truth is that Brian Kemp was Georgia’s vote suppressor-in-chief long before he became the governor. In every cycle, he manages to come up with new strategies that are even more aggressive than ones he used before. Like a comic book villain, Kemp does not grow weary in his evil-doing. He’s always hatching a new plan more dastardly than the last one.

That’s why we cannot take anything for granted, even though Abrams demonstrated last year how effectively she can mobilize voters. She has seen every anti-voting-rights trick in the book. Many of them were used against her when she ran for governor in 2018. Back then, Kemp was secretary of state and used the power of his office to shape election rules in his own favor.

As Abrams said at the time, Kemp “won under the rules of the game, but the game was rigged against the voters of Georgia.”

If we want Georgia to be safe for democracy, two things need to happen in the next 12 months. First, Congress must pass urgently needed voting rights legislation in time to go into effect by next fall.

And second, everybody who showed up and turned out in Georgia in 2020 has to show up and turn out again – every individual and every group.

I’m proud that the organization I lead, People For the American Way, was among those that Abrams credited with helping

to achieve the historic victories of the past year. We’re going to spend the next 11 months fighting to help her get elected. And we’re asking everyone to join us in making the same level of commitment in Georgia that they made in 2020.

Because here’s one more big truth. Stacey Abrams’ campaign is not only important for Georgia, it’s important for our democracy.

It is easy to get discouraged by what’s happening across the country, where politicians are passing laws to discourage voting and protect their own power. Right-wing activists who are angry that Donald Trump lost the election – who refuse to admit that he lost – are being put in positions with authority to oversee next year’s elections. The very basis of our democracy is being undermined.

There’s something profoundly important about Stacey Abrams demonstrating leadership at this moment. Abrams has always been guided by a fundamental faith that people can make the system work. That faith has been

at the heart of her organizing. It inspired her 2018 race and her work to make Georgia’s law fair for all voters.


Many people might be tempted to lose faith in democracy when they see elected officials abusing their power to make it harder for some people to vote – and to limit the ability of their votes to make a difference. Stacey Abrams knows what she is up against. And knowing all that, she still isn’t giving up on our democracy. That’s inspiring.

As governor, she will work tirelessly to make democracy, and Georgia, work for everyone. So let’s get to work for her.

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

HBCUs and their athletic departments are benefiting from former professional players and coaches

By James B. Ewers Jr.
*President Emeritus
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There seems to be an avalanche of support these days for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These schools are getting more press than any time before now.

There is not a day that goes by that you don’t see a story about an HBCU. If you are a supporter of HBCUs, this is welcomed news.

HBCU alumni associations are gaining more leverage and more members, too. People without HBCU ties also want to know about our schools and our traditions.

They are asking what is the attraction? What makes these schools so special?

Why in past months have we seen philanthropist Mackenzie Scott giving billions of dollars to HBCUs? There are probably multiple reasons for her generosity. I am just happy that it is happening.

Many of us graduated from

them and we can spend hours talking about our time in class and on the block. Those memories will be with us forever. Like some of you, I was a student-athlete at an HBCU. Those experiences too, I will always cherish. Being on the road, eating in other college cafeterias and winning championships were all a part of my HBCU experience.

All the coaches at my HBCU were good people. They were solid citizens.

Now because of this popularity surge, HBCU athletic departments are riding a wave of increased visibility.

Former professional athletes are now seeking to coach at these institutions. I believe they have some strong yearning to be a part of this kind of campus life.

Most recently on December 10, Hue Jackson became the football coach at Grambling State University in Louisiana. This past football season, he was the offensive coordinator at Tennessee State University. Eddie George, former professional football player is the coach at TSU. Coach Hue Jackson has over thirty years of football

coaching experience.

In his opening press conference, he talked glowingly about Grambling State Tigers’ James “Shack” Harris and Doug Williams. Both are NFL legends and are in multiple halls of fame.

Maybe this hiring of coach Hue Jackson will return the Tigers to their glory days. We can never forget coach Eddie Robinson and the success he had there. If you are a past or present football player at Grambling State University, you know the name, Eddie Robinson. In a respectful and admirable way, his name and contributions are probably a part of new student orientation.

Hue Jackson may be able to do at Grambling State University what Deion Sanders is doing at Jackson State University. Let us cheer coach Jackson on as he climbs that mountain called success.

While coach Jackson is the latest coach going to an HBCU, there are others as well.

Tyrone Wheatley (Morgan State University), Greg Ellis (Texas College), and Sean Gilbert (Livingstone College) are former NFL players who said

“yes” to HBCUs.

The HBCU football season is winding down now except for the Celebration Bowl and the HBCU Legacy Bowl.

The Celebration Bowl will be in Atlanta December 18, and it pits Jackson State University against South Carolina State University.

The HBCU Legacy Bowl will be held February 19 in New Orleans. It will feature the best players from HBCUs, and the game will be televised on The NFL Network.

Both will be great games so get your tickets right away before they sell out.

HBCU basketball season has started, and former professional basketball players are in the coaching ranks.

Here are just a few of them: Elaine Powell (Langston University), Kenny Anderson (Fisk University), Gawan “Bonzie” Wells (LeMoyne Owen College) and Cynthia Cooper-Dyke (Texas Southern University).

The coaching scene will see more pro athletes going to HBCUs. This is only the beginning and that is good news.

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IN THE MATTER OF
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CAUSE NO. 21-cv-01568

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF
MARY MAGEE, DECEASED

RESPONDENTS

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TO: THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF
MARY MAGEE, DECEASED

You have been made respondents in the suit filed in this Court by Petitioners Michele Purvis Harris and Anita Howell, Individually and on behalf of Mary Magee, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Amended Petition for Determination of Heirship and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed against you in this action on January 26, 2022, at 9 a.m. at the HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURTHOUSE, 316 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Amended Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

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

Hon. Eddie Jean Carr,
Hinds County Chancery Clerk

BY: PW [Signature], D.C.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Proposed ConnectJXN: Transit Plan for JTRAN

The City of Jackson is hosting a 45-day public comment period regarding the proposed draft recommendations to the ConnectJXN: Transit Plan (JTRAN) to gather input from the community. These recommendations are the product of a comprehensive evaluation of JTRAN's bus and paratransit services and were informed by public and stakeholder input gathered throughout the year-long study. The proposed plan can be accessed online anytime by visiting the project's website page www.jtrantransitplan.com. The full report with appendices can be viewed by visiting <https://bit.ly/ConnectJXN-TransitPlan>. An interactive executive summary can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/ConnectJXN-TransitPlan>.

The plan identifies the following recommendations to improve JTRAN:

- A complete redesign of the JTRAN bus network. The New BUS network provides 12 new routes that improve access to jobs, healthcare, groceries, and services.
- Long-term bus network investments to further improve mobility for Jackson residents and visitors. JTRAN's long-term vision plan includes new on-demand transit service, increased frequency, evening service improvements, and new Sunday service.
- Paratransit service strategies to improve the system's long-term financial sustainability, operational efficiency, and customer satisfaction.
- Capital improvements, including bus stop improvement and technology upgrades, to support the delivery of safe, reliable, and efficient bus and paratransit services.

Comments will be accepted from November 24, 2021, to January 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Comments may be submitted using any of the methods listed below.

WAYS TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

- Use the Share Your Comments link provided on the ConnectJXN website page: <https://bit.ly/JTRANComments>
- Mail Written Comments: 1785 Highway 80 West Jackson, MS 39204
- Complete a comment card during the public meeting

An open house style public meeting will be held to discuss the proposed plan with the public on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Union Station (300 West Capitol Street Jackson, MS).

JTRAN officials will review all comments received and will revise the plan based on feedback received and submit the final report to the Jackson City Council for review and adoption.

The City of Jackson's transit system, JTRAN, adheres to the public involvement process outlined in the Jackson MPO's Public Participation Plan. The MPO's Public Participation process satisfies the public participation requirements for FTA's notice.

Visit jtrantransitplan.com to review the proposed ConnectJXN: Transit Plan for JTRAN

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CITY OF JACKSON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi (hereinafter "City"), will receive sealed proposals for the Development, Administration and Management of Testing and Assessment Processes for Promotion to Fire Captain, at the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 219 South President Street in Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0017 or P. O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0017 until 3:30 p.m. central standard time, Tuesday January 4th, 2022.

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form for the Development and Management of Testing and Assessment Processes for Promotion to Fire Captain are on file in the Office of the Director of Human Resources, 1000 Metrocenter, Suite 102, Jackson, Mississippi, 39209, and copies will be provided upon request. All proposals must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk no later than 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 a sealed envelope, addressed as follows:

For Delivery: City of Jackson
Municipal Clerk
City Hall
219 S. President Street
Jackson, MS 39205-0017

For Mailing: City of Jackson
Municipal Clerk
P.O. Box 17
Jackson, MS 39205-0017

All proposals must be delivered or mailed in a sealed envelope (mailed proposals must be contained in a sealed envelope inside the mailing envelope) and labeled in the lower left corner as follows:

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OF TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR PROMOTION
TO FIRE CAPTAIN TO BE RECEIVED AND OPENED AT CITY HALL
3:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 4th, 2022.**

The City reserves the right to reject any and all such proposals.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI SIGN VARIANCE FOR REIMAGINE PREP

THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR REIMAGINE PREP TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 219 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MS, 39201. INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT THE SIGNS & LICENSE DIVISION (601) 960-1154 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Jackson's Office of Housing and Community Development is accepting Contractor Applications for all City of Jackson's federally funded Housing Rehabilitation and Lead Hazard Control Programs, until 5:00 PM, CDT on Friday, December 31, 2021. Applications are available on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov or by emailing an application request to mmanogin@cityjackson.ms.us. The application must be filled out in its entirety and all required documentation must be attached at the time of application submission. The City of Jackson reserves the right to approve and terminate contractors for all Housing Rehabilitation and Lead Hazard Control Programs at any time. Questions should be directed to: Valerie Tucker, 601-960-4238 or email vtucker@cityjackson.ms.us; or Mary Manogin, 601-960-1861 or email mmanogin@cityjackson.ms.us.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed or electronic bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30 p.m. (local time), on the 4th day of January 2022. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time at City Hall, 219 S. President Street, Jackson, MS 39201 for the following:

BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. RFP#2022-01

Contractors have the option of submitting their bids sealed in an envelope or electronically through www.centralbidding.com administered by Central Auction House. If a sealed envelope bid is submitted by mail or hand delivery, the address of City Clerk of The City of Jackson: City Hall 219 S. President Street, Jackson, MS 39201. Sealed bids may be delivered until 3:30 p.m., January 4, 2022.

Sealed bid envelopes shall be marked "SEALED BID FOR CITY OF JACKSON – BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. RFP#2022-01 AT 3:30 PM, Tuesday, January 4, 2022, and if any envelope is not so marked, any bid contained therein will not be considered.

All bid envelopes should contain the bidder's name and mailing address on the face of the envelope. The bid shall also contain the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility number on the outside. The bid envelope, failing which, said bid shall not be opened or considered.

When submitting an electronic bid, the bid must be submitted in "pdf" format and shall contain the same information and forms as required for the paper bids. Electronic bids must be secured with a bid bond. When submitting a bid electronically, the authorized signature may be a hand-written blue ink signature or be an electronic signature. When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope shall be deemed in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Auction House at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids shall be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Auction House at (228) 810-4814.

A Pre-Bid Conference Call will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Please email Marilyn Guice at mguice@jacksonms.gov to receive a Zoom invite no later than Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids not conforming to the intent and purpose of the specifications, and to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time which, however, shall not extend beyond 90 days from the bid opening date.

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

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Week of December 12, 2021

Keechant Sewell named first woman to lead New York’s Police Department

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Nassau County Police Department’s Chief of Detectives Keechant Sewell has beat out top candidates from around the country to land New York City’s head law enforcement job.

Chief Sewell, the first African American in her current role in Nassau County, has earned selection as the first woman police commissioner in the NYPD’s 176-year history. She’s just the third African American appointed as commissioner.

Mayor-elect Eric Adams determined that the seasoned veteran and New York native would better serve the needs of the 55,000-person department that includes more than 35,000 officers.

“I want to let them know that we are absolutely focused on violent crime. Violent crime is the No. 1 priority,” Sewell told the *New York Post*, adding she plans to “hit the ground running” when she takes over.

Sewell has vowed to fully assess what’s happening in the Big Apple before deciding on a strategy to address rising shootings and other crimes. She said more



Keechant Sewell COURTESY OF NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE LAURA CURRAN’S OFFICE

plain-clothes officers would hit the streets under her regime. “They are able to be in places where they are not able to be easily recognized, and if you use a surgical approach, use well-trained officers and know what their objectives are, you can get mea-

surable results,” Sewell insisted.

A 23-year veteran, the chief has held numerous leadership positions, including hostage negotiations. In addition, she created Nassau County’s Professional Standards Bureau, which oversaw internal affairs.

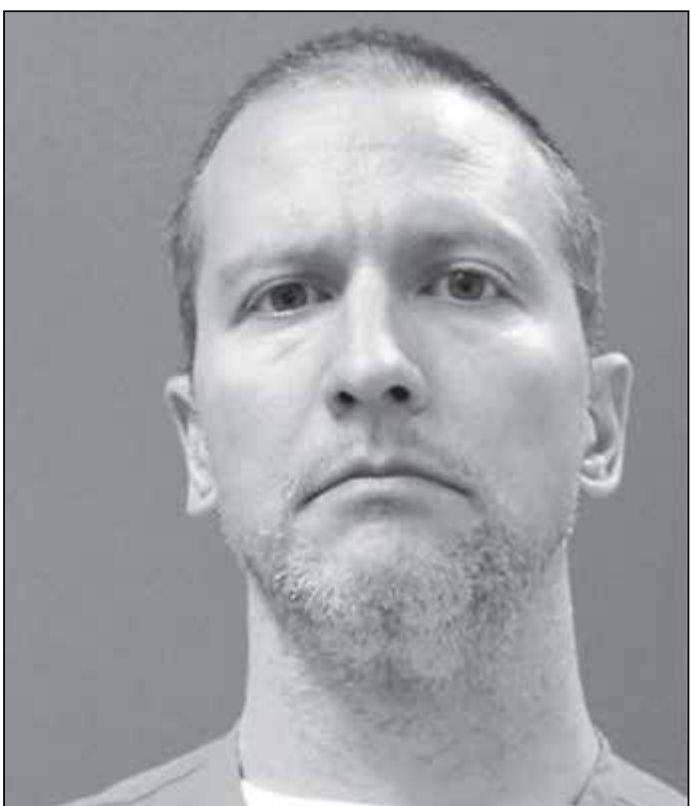
A member of the New York-New Jersey Joint-Terrorism Task Force, Sewell grew up in housing projects in Queens where a formal press conference to announce her hire occurred Wednesday, December 15.

“Keechant Sewell is a proven crime-fighter with the experience and emotional intelligence to deliver both the safety New Yorkers need and the justice they deserve,” Mayor-elect Adams told reporters.

When Sewell takes over as commissioner in January, she’ll have to manage a strained relationship between the department and the unions who reportedly have battled over policing tactics and other issues.

“We welcome Chief Sewell to the second-toughest policing job in America,” Patrick Lynch, the president of the city’s police union, said in a statement.

Former Minneapolis cop Derek Chauvin pleads guilty to violating George Floyd’s civil rights



The disgraced cop who famously knelt on Floyd’s neck for more than nine minutes pleaded guilty Wednesday, December 15, to federal charges of violating the late Floyd’s civil rights.

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer who killed George Floyd, would rather spend 25 years in federal prison than 15 in a state penitentiary.

The disgraced cop who famously knelt on Floyd’s neck for more than nine minutes pleaded guilty Wednesday, December 15, to federal charges of violating the late Floyd’s civil rights.

Federal prosecutors reached a deal with Chauvin, who agreed to serve 25 years in federal prison.

The sentence will run concurrently with the 22-year sentence Chauvin received after being convicted on state charges of murder. Under the state sentence, Chauvin could have qualified for parole after 15 years.

However, there’s no parole for the federal sentence, effectively meaning that the 45-year-old Chauvin choose

the longer sentence to avoid state prison.

Since his conviction earlier this year, Chauvin had remained in solitary confinement.

It’s believed Chauvin chose to plead guilty because federal prisons are viewed as safer, and he most likely would avoid contact with anyone he previously arrested.

Asked by the judge Wednesday how he wanted to plead, Chauvin replied, “At this time, guilty, your honor.”

In entering the guilty plea on the federal charge, Chauvin admitted he violated Floyd’s constitutional rights of being free from unreasonable seizures – precisely excessive force.

Three other former Minneapolis officers, Thomas Lane, Alexander Kueng and Tou Thao, also face federal violations of Floyd’s civil rights. The three men expect to stand trial in January.

Letitia James drops out of New York’s gov. race, seeks Trump prosecution

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

In a political stunner, New York State Attorney General Letitia James has dropped out of the race for governor, upending the campaign and possibly solidifying Gov. Kathy Hochul as the Democratic front-runner.

“I have come to the conclusion that I must continue my work as attorney general,” James, the Howard University School of Law graduate, wrote on Twitter.

“There are a number of important investigations and cases that are underway, and I intend to finish the job,” James, 63, continued. “I am running for re-election to complete the work New Yorkers elected me to do,” she concluded.

That work includes the ongoing investigation into former President Donald Trump.

On Thursday, December 9, reports surfaced that James wants to question Trump under oath in a civil fraud investigation.

James’ office also has partnered with Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance in a



James. OFFICIAL PHOTO

criminal investigation of Trump where the former president could face indictment in the Big Apple.

It’s alleged that the Trump organization engaged in criminal fraud activity by inten-

tionally submitting false property values to potential lenders.

Trump’s lawyers have sought to block any attempts by James and Vance to depose the Republican.

First six of one hundred and seventy-five students on the ladder to leadership

BlackPressUSA

This Fall, six students from four colleges lived at the HBCU National Center on Capitol Hill whilst completing internships for distinguished members of Congress.

The center was established in 2021 to foster experiential learning, mentorship and networking for students attending historically black colleges and universities.

The Foundation awards each participating school at least one \$5,600 housing grant per academic semester to address lack of diversity in the intern population and structural inequity of housing costs by getting next generation leaders to the resource ladder in Washington – and then, getting them up on it. In



Pictured above (left to right): Kyle West, Grambling State University; Nina Jones, Kentucky State University; Anyiah Chambers, Kentucky State University; Dayna Kent, United Negro College Fund; Malik Singleton, Harris-Stowe State University; Deja Mayfield, North Carolina A&T State University; Brionna Greer, Kentucky State University

addition to the housing grant, the center assists in placing

the participating students in an internship and connects

them with a local alumni mentor.

At the Center, the inaugural class of students participated in professional development activities which included a reception for Delegate Briana Sewell, tour with president of the National Press Club and AP, Speaker Series with Rep. Cheri Bustos, and Career Night, among others.

Graduating in the inaugural class are following students:

- Anyiah Chambers, Kentucky State University, interning in the office of Congresswoman Nanette Barragán
- Brionna Greer, Kentucky State University, interning in the office of Congressman Jim McGovern
- Nina Jones, Kentucky State University, interning in the office of Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan

• Deja Mayfield, North Carolina A&T State University, interning in the office of Congresswoman Alma Adams

• Malik Singleton, Harris-Stowe State University, interning in the office of Congresswoman Karen Bass

• Kyle West, Grambling State University, interning in the office of Senator Tom Carper

The Center was founded to provide students from underserved schools with resources that make an internship in Washington, D.C. affordable, access to career development opportunities, and a helping hand to the first step on the ladder.

Six students now return to campus to promote their professional experience to others.

Eight agencies to launch three-week round-up of winter coats for needy

PHOTOS BY KEVIN BRADLEY

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Eight organizations, including five non-profit social service agencies launched a three-week drive on Dec. 14 to collect winter coats for impoverished individuals. The launching took place at the American Medical Response (AMR) headquarters located at 600 Melvin Bender Drive in Jackson.

The project is named, “Skates and Sirens: Coats to the Rescue.”

Organizers encouraged donating any size used coats in good condition, new coats as well as winter hats, gloves and scarves.

This is the third time organizers have implemented this event. The first was in 2015 when the Jackson Roller Derby approached AMR to partner with them in donating coats to the needy.

Jim Pollard, public affairs manager at AMR, said they were happy to partner with Roller Derby in 2015 and they did it again in 2018 and now, three years later they are doing it yet again.

The Jackson Fire Department also partnered with them by agreeing to use their 21 locations as a drop-off point for the donations.

Pollard said, “It has been a transformative alliance for us and AMR and has certainly warmed our hearts and enhanced our relationships with all the organizations that are participating.”

Stewpot Community Services, Good Samaritan Center, Living Independence for Everyone, Deliver Me Senior Support Services and The Salvation



Jim Pollard



Cleotha Sanders

Army will participate in the project as well.

Each person donating a coat can choose which of the five charitable agencies receives the coat. Donors can also request a receipt for a tax deduction.

Jackson Roller Derby member Jessica Cain said, “Hundreds of people of all ages in and near Jackson lack a good winter coat. Some people without coats are homeless and there are also families with homes who simply don’t have the money for adequate coats. From now until spring, they’ll all suffer in the cold. Please help.”

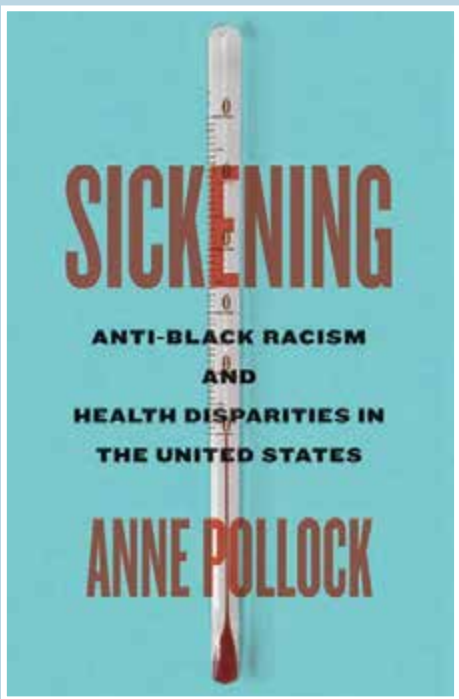
Cleotha Sanders, deputy chief at JFD said, “The holidays are a time of giving. We’re asking the more fortunate among us: Go to your closets, take out good used coats your family no longer wear. Then, bring them to a Jackson fire station between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any day or add a new coat to your shopping and drop it off at any JFD station you pass on your way home.”

The project ends January 5.

Each of Jackson Fire Department’s 21 stations will serve as collection points between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day.

Give coats for the needy.





BOOK REVIEW:

SICKENING:
ANTI-BLACK RACISM AND HEALTH
DISPARITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

BY ANNE POLLOCK

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Something inside isn’t working quite right. Your stomach hurts, your lungs are on fire, you gurgle where you shouldn’t, and there’s a sharp pain where there wasn’t one yesterday. You’ve tried every home remedy there is, but something inside you isn’t right. So, as in the new book “Sickening” by Anne Pollock, will the inside of you be treated based on the color of your outside? On October 21, 2001, Washington D.C. postal workers Thomas Morris and Joseph Cur-

seen died from inhaled anthrax, a poison which authorities presumed had leaked from a package that was sent to a member of the Senate. Morris’ and Curseen’s co-workers believed that their workplace, which was staffed mostly by black employees at that time, was contaminated in several places – and yet, despite the danger, “postal workers were repeatedly told that there was nothing to worry about.” Before they died, both men sought medical help, but their concerns were dismissed. Perhaps because of the prox-

imity to 9/11, most white Americans were unaware of this incident, says Pollock. She sees this as a starting point for discussion about health disparities for black Americans in modern times. Not quite four years after Morris and Curseen died, Hurricane Katrina hit the southern coast of Louisiana, where “the impacts of the storm were most heavily borne by...residents who were black and poor.” This includes those who lost access to or were denied medication, as well as those who were forced to shelter in unsanitary or over-

crowded conditions. Being imprisoned is notoriously bad for one’s health, but release, says Pollock, can likewise be detrimental to one’s well-being. You only need look as far as Flint, Michigan, to see what happens when a utility fails in a largely-black community. Just trying to live in America can come with violence, if you’re young and black; or injustice if you’re pregnant and black. You can do what you can do to stay healthy but, as Pollock quotes a British journal, “being poor in America, and especially being poor and black... is still hazardous to your health.” There’s no doubt about it: “Sickening” is sobering. It’s made even more so by the fact that author Anne Pollock is a professor of global health and social medicine in London, which widens the focus of everything she presents here. Under that microscope is not a good place for America to be. And yet, despite that the anecdotal evidence Pollock uses to prove health disparity for blacks in the U.S. is shocking, it also feels like surface-skimming. These tales are nothing new –

not news-wise, and certainly not to black readers – but their presence in this thin, important book may leave the small, sometimes more impactful, tales to go untold. Readers deserve those tales, too; fortunately, Pollock’s “template for analysis” can help with deeper digging and further learning. Policy-makers would be well-served to read this book, as would students and activists who want a launching-off point. “Sickening” is a good, if not quite thorough, start; all you have to do is look inside...



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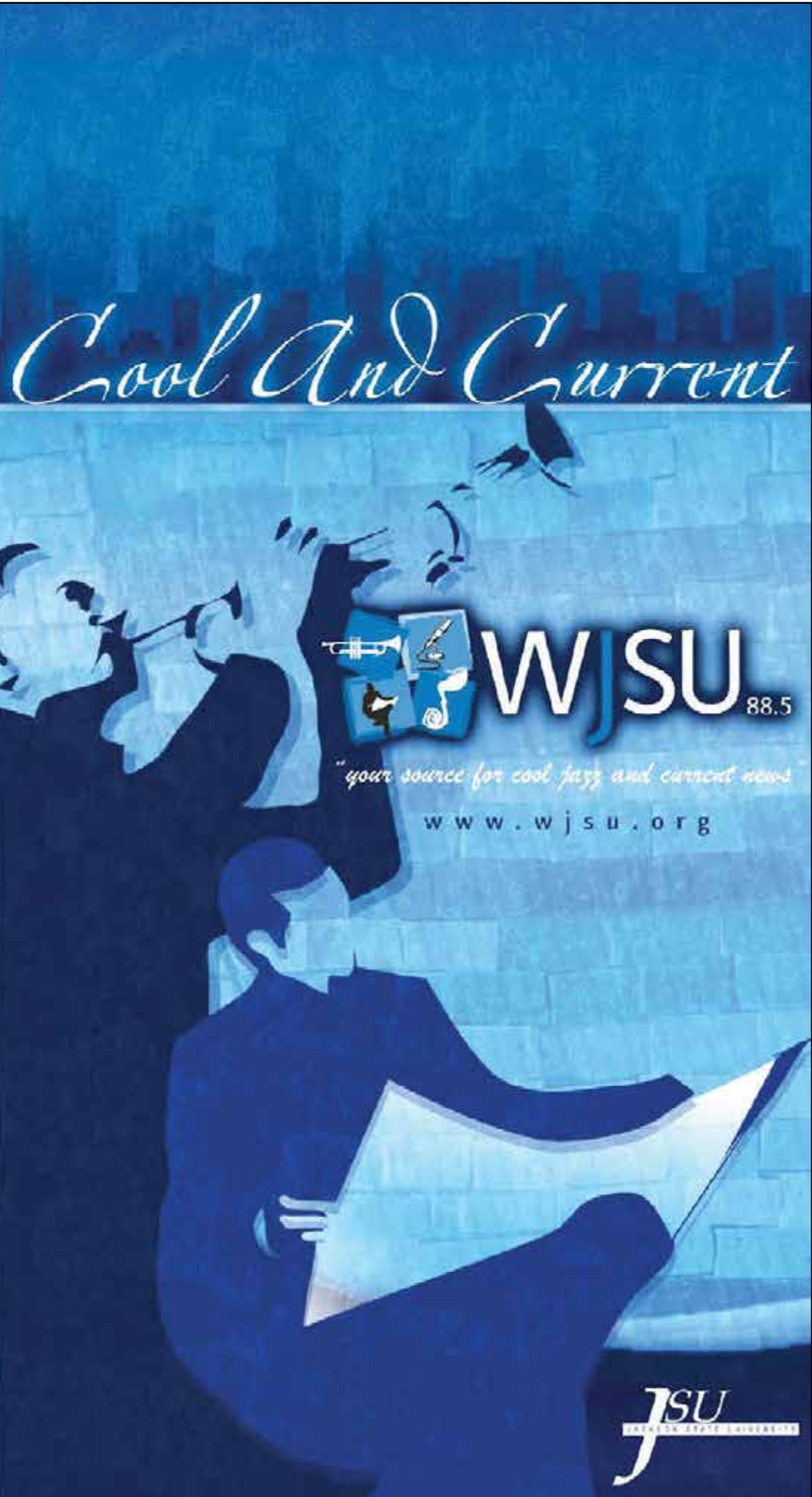
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Terry High School Royal Court

On December 1, Terry High School had its annual Royal and Noble Courts. The Royal Court is selected by the student body to represent each class. The Noble Court are representatives of each club and organization.

This year, the Student Council held a canned food drive in conjunction with the Royal Court festivities where they collected over 700 cans on behalf of the Felicia Newman Foundation.

- Miss THS

Mr. THS

Miss Senior Class

Mr. Senior Class

Miss Junior Class

Mr. Junior Class

Miss Sophomore Class

Mr. Sophomore Class

Miss Freshman Class

Mr. Freshman Class
- Raegan Johnson

Nathan Cooke

Taylah Ross

Laperry Murray

Mya Taylor

Tyler Jones

Lauren Williams

Kiandre Terry

Mackensie Collins

Trenton Montgomery

- Senior Princess and Prince:

Junior Princess and Prince

Sophomore Princess

Freshmen Princess and Prince
- Kyra Gates and John Hunt

Kenydi Pugh and Allan Mitchell

Chloe King

Myiana Hines and Zachary Stamps

- Senior Duchess and Duke

Junior Duchess

Sophomore Duchess

Freshman Duchess
- Kalei Meaders and Caleab Pickens

Amia Lewis

Chelsea Weasley

Kiarra Cole

- NOBEL COURT

Mr. and Miss Band

Mr. and Miss African Am. Studies

Mr. and Miss Leo Club

Mr. and Miss Drama Club

Mr. and Miss JROTC

Mr. and Miss Track and Field

Mr. and Miss Cross Country

Mr. and Miss Student Council
- Justin McNairy and Zia McGee

Davon Shields and Christen Harris

Cedric Hughes and Kristen McCollum

Jason Coleman and Morgan Whitlock

Cadet 1st Lt. Deandre Gorden and Cadet Lt. Markerri Mays

Jer'Myiah Stuckey and Taveri Thomas

Andre Cooper and Keionna Johnson

Jamareon Reed and Madisyn Hull



The Royal Court at the Royal Court breakfast



Mr. and Miss THS with canned food donations



Royal Court breakfast



Members of the Noble Court



Mr. and Miss Student Council Jamareon Reed and Madisyn Hull



Mr. and Miss Terry High with Mr. and Miss Student Council



Mr. and Miss Terry High School



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Miss Terry and Senior Princess



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