

Supreme Court hears arguments re: landmark case challenging Roe V. Wade



The justices began hearing oral arguments Wednesday, December 1, on a Mississippi law that prohibits most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

By Stacy M. Brown
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As the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, a case that may change the constitutional guarantee to legal abortion, black women rallied outside on First Street to demand Reproductive Justice.

“Mississippi’s ban on abortion after 15 weeks is unconstitutional and endangers the lives and restricts the rights of all women and pregnant people. If the high

court uses this case to strike down *Roe v. Wade*, it will make official what’s already in practice in most counties across this country: safe, legal abortion is too often an inaccessible right — most especially for black women and women of color,” In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Agenda Vice President of Communications Racine Tucker-Hamilton, said in a statement.

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Heroic attorney saves life: Audacity amidst adversity

Attorney Yemi L. Kings’ hour of glory

By Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob
Contributing Writer

When Jackson Mississippi Attorney Yemi L. Kings valiantly saved the life of a man tragically shot on Thanksgiving Day 2021 in Jackson, little did the lawyer realize that he was walking straight into fame’s arena.

Fate and circumstance placed Kings in a dire situation where he determined a man’s destiny over survival and death. Kings’ heroic deed spared that person’s life. But what is the story?

On Thanksgiving Day 2021, around 4:30 p.m. or thereabouts, when there was still a glimmer of daylight outside, Kings’ friends and family were eating dinner. During the celebration, they heard about 15 gun shots from what sounded like an assault rifle close to where they gathered. They heard someone yelling, “I have been shot.”

Kings went outside and saw a man laying on the ground in a pool of gushing blood. He was crying, screaming and saying, “Please help me. Don’t let me die.”

After calling 911, Kings asked him where he was shot. The victim replied, “I can’t feel my arm. Help me. I have been shot. I am fading out. I am dying.”

Kings grabbed sweaters and shirts from a car, wrapped them in layers and pressed them on the bullet wound until the bleeding stopped.

“I kept pressure on his wound and continued talking to him, telling him that he was going to live.” Kings said.

Firefighters came and took over. They told every one to step aside as they did their job.

This took place on Thanksgiving Day on Over Street, off Martin Luther King Drive, in Jackson Mississippi.

What motivated Attorney Yemi L. Kings to be so daring in the midst of what seemed like a doomed mess?

The good samaritan who courageously saved the person’s life was Deputy Hinds



Kings

County Attorney Yemi L. Kings.

When asked what motivated him to be so daring in such a dangerous escapade, he said, “One thing that came to mind was that I had to try to help save this man’s life. As a prosecutor, I am always helping people on the other side of tragic situations. I never thought I would ever come that close to a shooting or a shooting victim.”

When asked how he felt, he said, “I am very thankful that he survived. Just knowing that this young man is still alive, and

can still go on with his life and be with his family touches and inspires me.”

He continued, “That gives me comfort and lets me know that I made the right decision. I would not want to spend the rest of my life knowing that I allowed him to die by not trying to help.”

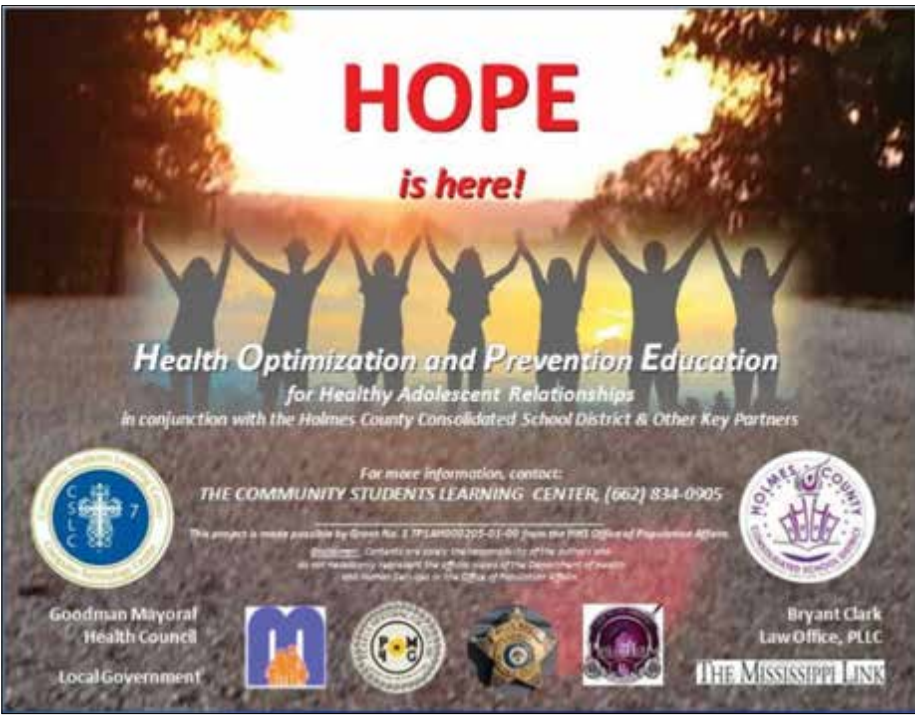
There were lessons learned from this incident.

“You just never know why God places

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CSLC HOPE project holds an informative pre-World AIDS Day virtual observance

Mallory CHC’s chief clinical officer raises HIV/AIDS awareness with valuable info



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While the COVID-19 pandemic is center stage and alarming public health today, it is also important to remember that HIV and AIDS remain a major global public health issue as well.

Dec. 1 has been World AIDS Day since 1987. This year’s theme is “Ending the HIV Epidemic: Equitable Access, Everyone’s Voice.”

It is a day of solidarity, representing an opportunity for people worldwide who are affected by HIV to share their stories and experiences, to remember those lost, and to highlight efforts on every front to end the HIV epidemic (cdc.gov).

In an effort to give more voice to awareness, the Community Students Learning Center’s (CSLC) Health Optimization and Prevention Education (HOPE) project of Lexington, Miss. re-



Jones



Holmes

cently collaborated with Mallory Community Health Center (MCHC) to hold a pre-World AIDS Day virtual informational.

HOPE is federally-funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Population Affairs (OPA) Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) in core partnership with the Holmes County Consolidated School District (HCCSD) and MCHC, and other community partners. The pre-

World AIDS Day activity was a part of HOPE’s parent/community component called “Let’s Talk Relationships.”

“HIV/AIDS awareness plays an integral role in the overall safety and well-being of adults and youth,” said presenter, Mallory’s Chief Clinical Officer Keila Brown-Jones, DNP, AGNP-C. “Increased awareness promotes safer sex practices, encourages individuals to get tested and gain a greater understanding of the virus,” she continued.

Brown-Jones’s presentation included some eye-raising statistics on people living with HIV in Holmes County, Miss. See a five-year data review below:

- 2015: Holmes County ranked 10th for HIV infections in MS with 21.8 percent of the population living with HIV;

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Hinds County Human Resource Agency announces new staff in key roles

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Hinds County Human Resource Agency (HCHRA) is pleased to announce new hires to fill key roles.

Neshay Jackson has been named planning and development officer. Jackson has a wealth of knowledge on agency development, human resources and marketing, and she formerly served as chief fiscal officer for the Mississippi State Board of Contractors. In her role as planning and development officer, she assists with grant writing, the coordination of long-range strategic planning and program development. She oversees programs to ensure compliance with regulations, policies and procedures.

Jackson attended Belhaven University where she earned a bachelor's degree in social services, a master's degree in public administration, and a graduate certificate in human resources.

Filling another key role is Walter McAfee. McAfee serves as transportation director – a position created to manage the demands of the agency's growing transportation program, which serves all of rural Hinds County and families enrolled in HCHRA's Head Start educa-



Jackson

tion program. In addition to coordinating activities related to transporting customers, McAfee ensures the program complies with all agency, state and federal guidelines and regulations.

A graduate of Belhaven University, McAfee is a results-driven professional with more than 20 years of experience in

the United States Army and within the private sector – 13 of which have been spent in the transportation industry.

Also new to the HCHRA team is Dr. Tamara Jackson. As personnel director, Jackson not only develops and administers agency policies, rules and regulations for nearly 400 employees, she also



McAfee

develops and administers training modules to create a more knowledgeable and skilled team. Prior to joining HCHRA, Jackson served as the director of human resources for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. She holds a master's and a doctorate degree in public policy and administration from

Jackson State University, with emphasis in human resources management and program management.

With Jackson's experience and expertise, HCHRA looks forward to greater efficiency, accountability and organizational excellence.

HCHRA is a public nonprofit

Community Action Agency. It is part of a state and national coalition of Community Action Agencies whose goal is to eradicate poverty by systematically identifying community needs and strategically developing solutions that yield high outcomes.

For more information, visit www.hchra.org.



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you at certain places. I say that because all Thanksgiving Day, I had no intention of going to that street. I thank God for putting me there for that reason.”

What is the lesson for the community?

Kings asserts that we have to find a better way to resolve our conflicts.

“I would much rather see these young people be able to talk it out or go into a boxing gym to settle their differences rather than make a decision to end someone’s life with guns.”

Kings has strong ties to the area.

“I was born and raised here is Jackson, Mississippi. This law office here was my grandfather’s and grandmother’s convenience store.”

Kings is the son of Yemi L. Kings and Terri Lyn Smith.

“My great grandfather was Rev. RLT Smith who was a civil rights leader. He collaborated with Dr. King, Mrs. King, and several other leaders who were movers, shakers and leaders.

His cousin, the late former District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith, was also a mentor who taught him to do what you can for the community.

Kings graduated from Lanier High School where he played saxophone in the band. He later graduated from Tougaloo College and Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston, Texas.

Kings’ motivation is his family. He comes from a large family that includes four brothers, two sisters and one son. He wants to continue being there for his loved ones.

“I want my children and grandchildren to benefit from the work that I have done. My philosophy of life is to work hard, be fair, treat others right and the Most High will have favor upon you.”

His future plans include practicing law and becoming a judge one day.

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- 2016: 16.7 percent of population living with HIV;
- 2017 & 2018: 11.3 percent of the population living with HIV; and
- 2019: 23.5 percent of the population living with HIV(www.msdh.gov)

At the mention of the sharp increase between the 2018 and 2019, several audience members were heard mummering in amazement.

CSLC HOPE facilitator Lucretia Holmes and audience participant Laletrice Fletcher both later expressed they were alarmed to see the 2019 increase of people living with HIV in their county. “I was shocked,” said Fletcher.

In terms of prevention and/or intervention, Brown-Jones also later pointed out, “youth and adults should be aware of the current HIV statistics in the area, types of condoms, proper use of condoms and current FDA approved prEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) medications. Proper condom usage and taking prEP has been proven to lower the risk of infection. Individuals living with HIV/AIDS should receive routine medical care and take medications daily to reduce their viral load and minimize transmission.”

Participating parents later acknowledge how appreciative they were for the presentation. “Dr. Brown-Jones was educational, and she highlighted great points about the stigma of what people think about HIV,” said HOPE parent Kadisha Clark.

Clark’s teenage son is among more than a thousand 6th-12th-graders in HCCSD who have been trained (with parental consent) since the fall of 2019 on the importance of developing and maintaining healthy adolescent relationships. She made sure he was on the call.

“A lot of people today are misled because of what the world sees HIV as instead of being truly informed of what it is. Understanding is the best lesson. So, if we are educated more on these type things, we can come together and help make the world a better place instead of judging,” Clark said.

Brown-Jones concurs that, “Working together we will make significant strides in eliminating the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS and raise awareness within the community to aid in the overall reduction of individuals contracting HIV.”

Holmes said “Raising awareness of AIDS, other STD’s and STI reminds us that they still exist, and people are still testing positive. Being aware keeps us from engaging in risky behaviors and to learn what treatments and preventions are available.”

Brown-Jones announced that Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., MCHC will observe World AIDS Day 2021 with a carnival to include health screenings, information, exhibitors, cash prizes and more.

Brown-Jones said she was grateful for the partnership MCHC has with the CSLC Hope program.

“We, too, are grateful to MCHC Executive Director Dr. Chapman and staff, HCCSD superintendents (past and present), school leaders, teachers and all community partners,” said HOPE Administrative Officer Beulah Greer. “Our parents, coupled with our community partners have been a true village, championing the cause for helping our youth develop healthy relationship skills.”

Upcoming Hope Event: “Let’s Talk Relationships: Dangerous Love,” Tuesday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. with featured presenter, Jackson, Miss. native Wendy B. Mahoney, Executive Director, Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Area families and anyone interested may zoom in to be informed. Cash and other prize drawings available. The Meeting ID: 876 0680 2000 Passcode: 975714

The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87606802000?pwd=ZmRTc05RdWtubm53bGZlZ3BzWThvUT09>

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ing oral arguments Wednesday, December 1, on a Mississippi law that prohibits most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. That provision stands in opposition to Roe v. Wade, and it’s among several laws implemented recently in states around the country.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals blocked the law earlier, noting that it violated Roe v. Wade and Supreme Court precedent. Mississippi appealed to the Supreme Court, which agreed to hear the case.

“As black women, we know the barriers to accessing reproductive health care already cause delays in obtaining abortion care or even deny black women access to abortion at all. Every abortion restriction disparately impacts communities of color, who already have less access to health care and suffer poor health outcomes due to racism,” Tucker-Hamilton remarked.

“For nearly five decades under Roe, black women have been fighting to make our right to abortion accessible. But Roe is the floor – not the ceiling. And that floor is about to be pulled out from under us,” she continued. “We cannot settle for the court to just uphold Roe; we demand real justice – the human right to control our own bodily autonomy. We demand reproductive justice.”

Frederick Isasi, the executive director of Families USA, called the Mississippi case – known as Dobbs v. Jackson – unconstitutional and an orchestrated attack on the ability of women to make their own decisions about their health and their reproductive freedom.

“By asking the Supreme Court to gut or even overturn Roe v Wade, it will deny women abortion services and fundamentally jeopardize the lives and health of women in the state,” Isasi asserted.

“As with other abortion cases, this one would disproportionately impact women of color, and low-income women should the court decide to uphold the law – the very same women bearing the brunt of COVID-19’s worst impacts and our nation’s devastating maternal mortality crisis.

This assault on their health and well-being is anti-democratic, anti-American and harkens back to a time when women were not allowed to own their lives and their destinies.” Isasi continued:

“For years, a clear majority of people in this country have supported abortion access. The myopic zealotry by a minority, many of whom are driven by religious beliefs, to impose their will on that majority flies in the face of the bedrock democratic principles of separation of church and state. If the court follows their lead, those justices will erode the rights guaranteed by our Constitution, and the United States will join the ranks of countries where religious orthodoxy masquerades as the democratic rule of law.”

The landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision guaranteed a woman’s right to obtain an abortion nationwide, using a trimester approach.

For the first trimester of pregnancy, the




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court said the abortion decision should be left to the woman and her physician; for the second trimester, a state could regulate the abortion procedure in ways reasonably related to the woman’s health; for the final trimester, after fetal viability, the state could promote its “important and legitimate interest in potential life” and ban abortion except when necessary for the woman’s life or health.


“We call on Congress to uphold the Constitution and pass laws that will protect our right to the full range of reproductive health care, including abortion and birth control,” Tucker-Hamilton insisted.

“We demand an end to funding restrictions for all reproductive health care. We demand that decisions about black women’s health be made by black women – not by politicians, judges, or a racist system that inflicts harm upon our families and us at every turn.

“As black women, we will continue the fight to ensure that every pregnant person has the resources to make decisions about their own body without government interference. We will not stop until Reproductive Justice is the law of the land in every state.”



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Bicentennial Kick-off Celebration of City of Jackson and Visit Jackson

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The City of Jackson and Visit Jackson held its 200th Bicentennial kick-off Monday, Nov. 29 at Thalia Mara Hall, celebrating The City of Soul.

The 3 p.m. kick-off event highlighted the moments in time and the people who have impacted the city of Jackson. The current mayor and two former mayors were at the kick-off celebration.

Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba was joined by former mayor Kane Ditto who served two terms from July 3 1989-July 1997 and former mayor Harvey Johnson, the first African-American mayor for the City of Jackson, elected in 1997, serving two consecutive terms and elected again in 2009 serving a third term.

Mayor Johnson told *The Mississippi Link* that the Bicentennial is such a milestone and that the citizens of Jackson should look forward to participating in events leading up to the 200th birthday. He said Jackson has been such an

important part of the Civil Rights Movement over the years. He spoke of the Civil Rights Driving Tour brochure that was established by Visit Jackson during the time he served as mayor.

The brochure includes 81 key Jackson sites associated with four decades of civil rights activities and a variety of public buildings, businesses, churches and residences associated with the movement.

The celebration theme "Homecoming" and the logo for the Bicentennial was revealed at the kick-off. "Like any city, our future is deeply rooted in our past."

In reference to a variety of homecoming bicentennial themed merchandise located on the bicentennial web site at 200jxn.com, Ricky Thigpen, president and CEO of Visit Jackson said, "This is a brand that represents all Jacksonians and is designed to be adapted and used by you, so that each of us can uniquely celebrate the bicentennial."

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Book grant program helps Mississippi libraries combat racism

By Leah Willingham
Associated Press/Report for America

Sixty years ago, a group of black students was arrested and jailed for peacefully studying at the white-only Jackson Municipal Public Library.

Today, shelves in public libraries in the Jackson-Hinds Library System display books called “We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide,” “How To Be Anti-Racist” and other titles about combating racism and white supremacy.

The “Anti-Racism Reading Shelf” grant program was started by the Mississippi Humanities Council in the wake of George Floyd’s killing in Minneapolis and national conversations about systematic racism, Mississippi Humanities Council Executive Director Stuart Rockoff said.

“We created this program because we believe books and ideas can change lives,” Rockoff said. “We know there is a tremendous need for books and programs about how we can understand and overcome our history of racism.”

More than 150 libraries in Mississippi received a total of 1,900 books spread out across

the state. The Mississippi Humanities Council gave each library system between \$750 and \$1,500 and compiled a suggested reading list of over 120 titles they could choose from that included adult fiction, nonfiction, young adult and children’s books.

Several contemporary Mississippi authors were included on the list. Libraries could get copies of Angie Thomas’s young adult novel “The Hate U Give,” the story of a black teenager who witnesses a police officer shooting her childhood friend and “Men We Reaped,” the memoir of two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward. In the book, Ward chronicles the deaths of a brother and four other young black men in her hometown of DeLisle over the course of four years.

A popular children’s book on the list was “Hair Love,” a book based on an animated short film about the relationship between a father and daughter and celebrating black hair.

Kimberly Corbett, deputy director of the Jackson-Hinds Library System, said it was important to have the books as people were looking for ways to educate themselves and engage in sometimes dif-

ficult conversations.

“I think the role of the public library in today’s society is to provide access – and that means anyone can find out about anything. It doesn’t matter where you’re from, or who you are,” she said. “Our books are always on the frontlines. Books open up worlds. I mean, it gives people the chance to see other perspectives and experiences and walk in someone else’s shoes for a while.”

The public library in Jackson has always been the site of social change.

The sit-in by nine Tougaloo College students at Jackson’s white-only library on March, 27, 1961 is widely considered the first student protest of segregation at a public institution in Mississippi. During their peaceful protest, the students were arrested and spent the night in jail. Jackson college students and community members who picketed the Tougaloo Nine’s arrest and were met by police with clubs and dogs.

The NAACP filed a class-action lawsuit against the library, and a federal judge ordered the Jackson Public Library to desegregate.

Jeff Tomlinson, director of the Lee-Itawamba Library

System, said the reason libraries can be vehicles for social change is that they are free and open to all.

“It’s almost like the unspoken mission statement of public libraries that these are bookshelves full of ideas, not bookshelves full of books,” said Tomlinson, whose library system received a \$1,000 grant through the program. “That’s exactly what we’re trying to provide to the community: ideas.

“We do ourselves a disservice if we don’t continuously expose ourselves to new perspectives, new ideas, a variety of opinions,” he continued.

Funding for the Anti-Racism Reading Shelf program was provided by The National Endowment for the Humanities, the Thomas M. Blake Charitable Fund (hash)2 of the Community Foundation for Mississippi and private donations from Mississippi residents.

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

Mississippi native leans on faith to inspire others

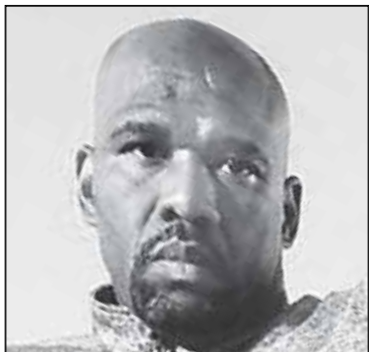
The Associated Press

Joseph Ivy has lived through dark days.

The Nettleton native allows his faith to guide him every day. Often quoting from the Bible or Martin Luther King, Jr., Ivy has learned to live a life that reflects the words.

“There are times when I had to be the light in the tunnel,” Ivy said.

It was faith that led Ivy into the role of work release supervisor for the municipal court nearly five years ago. The son of a veteran and a mother who worked at a factory, he didn’t always have the best growing up. But his mom, Earnestine Ivy, did her best to raise him and his brother with the help of their grandmother.



Ivy

His mother always emphasized the importance of education because she didn’t finish high school, Ivy said. When she had a health scare in 1996, a doctor gave her five years to live and told her she needed a heart transplant. Earnestine Ivy rejected that prognosis.

“She said, ‘Keep me alive to see my son graduate from college.’ There was no way in the world I was going to rob my mom of the opportunity of seeing me graduate,” Ivy said.

His mother, who had congestive heart failure, died Aug. 21, 2016. When she was in the hospital, she told her son, “Joe, you’ve got a lot of work to do.”

She didn’t specify the work, Ivy said. He already knew what it was.

“She actually said, and this is when she was in the flesh, ‘Joe, I can’t leave you right now. I’ve got to be around to see all the great things that you want to do,’” Ivy said.

A week later, before she was discharged, she made peace.”

“She said, ‘Joe, I’ve done seen everything I need to see from you.’ That’s the spirit talking. ‘Set some goals for yourself to accomplish,’” Ivy said. “The only goal I set was to do the work – the work of the Lord.”

That was a dark chapter in his life. But December that same year brought new opportunities. A position with the municipal court opened up, and he interviewed with John Knight, the administrator of the court system.

“He took a chance on me,” Ivy said. “We’ve been going strong at the court with the work program ever since then, trying to make a positive difference in the lives of others, change the forecast, and also get the city clean.”

Before working with the court, Ivy was passionate about advertising and music. He graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in business studies with a specialization in marketing and management. He owned a market-

Alcorn alumnus pays it forward by establishing endowment



Marc McCann established the Marc McCann and Family Agricultural Endowed Scholarship Fund at his alma mater Alcorn State.

Alcorn State newswire

A former agriculture major witnessed the “growth and progression” giving back has on colleges and universities and decided to make a sizable donation to students at his alma mater.

Marc McCann ’94, North America operations lead for Cargill, Inc., recently established the Marc McCann and Family Agricultural Endowed Scholarship Fund at Alcorn State University. He began his long-term commitment to agriculture students with an initial \$10,000 investment.

“I am honored to begin this journey of establishing an endowed scholarship fund specifically for students majoring in agriculture at Alcorn,” said McCann. “The institution provided the foundation that launched my career in the pri-

ivate sector of agriculture.”

“As we continue to celebrate an extraordinary 150 years of excellence, Alcorn has truly been a place where transformational dreams can come true,” said Felecia M. Nave, president of Alcorn State University. “Alcorn is more than an education, it is a life-changing experience. The investment by Mr. McCann in the future of our bright and eager students will help ensure opportunities are available for upcoming generations. I am deeply moved by the selfless love and generosity by Mr. McCann for Alcorn.”

“We are so grateful for esteemed donors and alumni like Mr. Marc McCann and his family for their generosity and commitment to making a lasting impact by daring to

establish an endowment that pays it forward for future generations,” said Marcus Ward, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

“From the moment we had our first conversation about his Alcorn experience, I understood his strong passion, belief and dedication to the possibilities an education from this great university provides. Marc is the epitome of an Alcornite because he knows that giving back is one of the easiest and most effective ways to leave a legacy while investing in the students, faculty, and staff of our dear old Alcorn.”

The Collins, Mississippi native manages eight ready-to-eat manufacturing facilities for Cargill and oversees 3,800 employees.

McCann reflects on his

time spent at Alcorn as favorable and giving him the tools to succeed in the private sector.

“During my time at Alcorn, I think about the amount of work and preparation,” said McCann. “We had a lot of opportunities as it relates to a rigorous curriculum. I had the fortune of working in the private sector of agriculture and throughout my career, I’ve had progression in my career growth and other opportunities.”

He remembers key Alcorn faculty members – Dr. Kenneth Stallings and Charles Tillman – as significant influences.

McCann encourages other alumni to give back, noting it as one of the noblest things they can do for the institution.

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International students share the MVSU impact on their time in the Mississippi Delta

By Donell Maxie
MVSU Communications Director

Mississippi Valley State University is known as the educational oasis of the Mississippi Delta. But, While MVSU strives to impact the Delta, its reach goes far beyond the state lines, and in the case of five individuals, the school's reach goes far beyond America's shores.

In recent years MVSU has had the honor of participating in the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program and the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD). These programs facilitate the institution's vision of introducing Valley students to other cultures and societies.

Participating in the Fulbright program has enabled MVSU to offer critical languages (Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Portuguese) for more than eight years. In addition, the university has invited more than eight scholars for the Fulbright Scholar in Residence Program for short-term visits to the campus and co-hosted Scholars in Residence from Uganda and Cameroon.

Lokesh Shivakumaraiah, executive director of International Relations, said both programs benefit the students and the Valley community.

"Fulbright scholars and global undergraduate exchange students at Valley provide an exciting opportunity to strengthen campus internationalization efforts further and add to our diverse student body at MVSU," said Shivakumaraiah.

"Students can interact and learn about other countries, culture, food, tradition and people from our international students, Global UGRAD exchange students and Fulbright scholars. In addition, MVSU has hosted nearly 30 FLTAs in over ten years to support teaching critical lan-



Fulbright scholars and global undergraduate exchange students at MVSU (from left) Heidy Molina, Gardenia Homs, Mansour Bettayeb, Yuliana Sokolenko, Olga Ponomareva and Merey Nurgal.

guages at MVSU," he added.

Shivakumaraiah said the university would continue to host Global UGRAD students.

"While Fall 2021 Global UGRAD students came from Dominican Republic, Ukraine, Lebanon and Kazakhstan, our incoming Spring 2021 Global UGRAD cohort is from Tajikistan, Thailand, Panama, Mauritania and Myanmar."

The FLTA is sponsored by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). As part of the Fulbright Foreign Student Program, the Fulbright FLTA Program is designed to develop Americans' knowledge of

foreign cultures and languages by supporting teaching assistantships in over 30 languages at hundreds of U.S. higher education institutions. The program offers educators from over 50 countries the opportunity to develop their professional skills and gain first-hand knowledge of the U.S., its culture and its people.

The Global UGRAD brings future leaders to the United States to experience U.S. higher education, gain critical professional skills and explore new cultures and values. The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government.

Global UGRAD alumni receive Fulbright grants, obtain prestigious international internships and work in business and government in their home countries and regions.

Olga Ponomareva, language teaching assistant, said her experience as a Fulbright Russian language teaching assistant at Mississippi Valley State University has been extremely productive. "I am excited to share my culture and let American students see that Russia is not about cold, walking with bears and playing the balalaika but great literature, music and art. I highly appreciate the caring and sincere attitude, which makes Valley discussions on American literature

and history in class so enjoyable. The experience I get at Valley is precious, and I am looking forward to passing my knowledge of the U.S. higher education and culture onto my students in Russia."

Heidy Molina, Global Undergraduate Exchange Program student, "I have had a good experience at Mississippi Valley State University as an international student. I enjoy being on campus and meeting new people. My courses are also interesting. A good experience. I am glad to be here."

Yuliana Sokolenko, Global Undergraduate Exchange Program student, home country Ukraine, "MVSU gave me the opportunity to develop my knowledge in my major. The most important thing for me is discussing different questions with my professors who are masters in their fields. I appreciate the chance to study here, to understand my potential and gain personal career goals."

Gardenia Homs, Global Undergraduate Exchange Program student, home country Lebanon, "Being part of international students in the USA, especially at Mississippi Valley State University, enriches my cultural awareness and opens different perspectives about different cultures with students at Valley and with the other international students. In addition, I was able to share my passion in Zumba with students and contributed to the community where I feel I am part of."

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Don't let food companies feed you salt, sugar and fat



By Vince Faust
Tips to be Fit

When you think of your favorite food it might even cause you to salivate. I know the food you're thinking about is not a fruit or vegetable. It's probably a food that contains salt, sugar and fat or at least two of these ingredients. Food companies know what combination of sugar, salt and fat that will trigger cravings just like those of addicts that can't resist a drug or alcohol. Food companies know how to manipulate our brain and taste buds.

In 1960 the average weight of a 40 to 49 year old American woman was 142 lbs. In 2000 the average weight for women was 169 lbs. The average man gained more than 12 pounds between ages 40 to 49. Older generations had most of their meals at mealtimes. Now food is available all day and is made to insure that it satisfies us

physically and mentally. They have made food more than just something to nourish our body.

Salt, sugar and fat are the chief ingredients used in our food. Food engineers take sugar, salt and fat and create specific combinations to enhance certain properties of a food.

Salt is used to give food texture, solubility, and taste. Salt also works to mask unpleasant taste in food. There are many different types of salt that provide just the right level of flavor in your food. Food engineers know what activates your brain's pleasure centers.

Sugar can be highly addictive. Food engineers know that the addiction centers of the brain are activated with sugary food. If you put enough sugar in your food it will activate the addiction centers of your brain areas.

Fat is used to help get you enjoying your food from the

time it enters your mouth. Food engineers formulate a food to have least 50% fat to activate your pleasure response.

Can we use willpower to resist these engineered foods? It's not that easy. It's not a question of people lacking self-control or just being lazy. Our brain has been stolen. We are no longer in control. Food engineers have hijacked our brain.

When food engineers get the formula right they have the perfect combination to capture our mind and soul. This will happen with one bite, one sip or even just a sniff. Your candy, wings, whopper and cheese fries all have just the right combination of sugar, salt and fat.

Your Starbucks "White Chocolate Mocha Frappuccino" that I like is coffee that is diluted with a mix of sugar, fat and salt. These "hyperpalatable foods" stimulate our brain to release dopamine, which is the

neurotransmitter that focuses attention and increases motivation. With one bite, one sip or even just a sniff of a "hyperpalatable food" you will become more susceptible to that food's influence.

After eating these foods several times you also become more sensitive to cues surrounding your experience. Now even the sight of the wrapper or the name of the food will arouse your memory of how it felt to eat the food and cause you to think about how to get that food.

Those wings we all love are the fattest part of the chicken. It's fried covered in sauce that's full of salt and sugar. You'll find this combination in most of our favorite processed foods.

Food engineers aren't trying to hide the ingredients. They are on the label. They also know how to combine other chemical enhancers such as

artificial sweeteners, hickory smoke flavor and cheese to create a series of flavors and textures that can attack your sensory appeal.

Food engineers have even made their creations easier to swallow. A bite of unprocessed food takes about 20 chews before swallowing now it takes two or three. This causes you to eat quickly enough to override your bod's "I'm full signal."

What can we do? First learn more about nutrition. Next plan your meals. Here are some actions you can take:

Eat fruit and or drink juice when you wake up instead of coffee and donuts. Have whole grain pancakes with molasses instead of bacon and eggs for breakfast. Carry your lunch instead of eating out everyday!

Visit your local health food store to see the alternative products they now stock.

Make sure you have 3 to 5

servings of vegetables daily.

Drink water between meals instead of soda pop.

Limit fried foods to once or twice a week.

Plan your menu for each week, make a shopping list and stick to it.

Use canola oil instead of vegetable oil for cooking.

Eat at least 1/3 of your food before late day.

Involve your children in meal planning and preparation. Keep mealtime calm and friendly — no lectures or arguing.

Eat 4-6 small meals throughout the day. It's impossible to get what your body needs on 1 meal a day. Scheduled three healthy meals and one or two healthy snacks throughout the day.

You may slip up sometimes. Just learn from these slip-ups and fight just a little harder next time. Last, keep reading my articles.

First confirmed case of Omicron variant detected in the United State

CDC Media Relations

The California and San Francisco Departments of Public Health have confirmed that a recent case of COVID-19 among an individual in California was caused by the Omicron variant (B.1.1.529). The individual was a traveler who returned from South Africa November 22, 2021. The individual, who was fully vaccinated and had mild symptoms that are improving, is self-quarantining and has been since testing positive. All close contacts have been contacted and have tested negative.

Genomic sequencing was conducted at the University of California, San Francisco and the sequence was confirmed at CDC as being consistent with the Omicron variant. This will be the first confirmed case of COVID-19 caused by the Omicron variant detected in the United States. On November 26, 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) classified

a new variant, B.1.1.529, as a Variant of Concern and named it Omicron and on November 30, 2021, the United States also classified it as a Variant of Concern.

CDC has been actively monitoring and preparing for this variant, and we will continue to work diligently with other U.S. and global public health and industry partners to learn more. Despite the detection of Omicron, Delta remains the predominant strain in the United States.

The recent emergence of the Omicron variant (B.1.1.529) further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and general prevention strategies needed to protect against COVID-19. Everyone 5 and older should get vaccinated boosters are recommended for everyone 18 years and older.

For more information on the Omicron variant visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/index.html>.

How to maximize your 'health span'

By Liz Weston
The Associated Press

We're living longer on average, but the number of years we're healthy hasn't kept up. This lagging "health span" translates into more time living with serious illness and disabilities at the end of our lives.

This can have significant repercussions for our retirements. Some of us will have our working lives cut short by ill health, reducing how much money we can save for our futures. Others will face big bills for medical and nursing home care. Then there is the emotional toll of struggling with poor health rather than traveling, visiting the grandkids and engaging in all the other activities we'd planned for our golden years.

It doesn't necessarily have to be this way. Many of the biggest risk factors for poor health are within our power to modify, prevent or control, says R. Dale Hall, managing director of the Society of Actuaries Research Institute, which provides research on managing risks. But as with retirement saving, the earlier we get started, the better.

Learn The 5 Health Span Risk Factors

The institute commissioned

Vitality, a company that partners with insurers and employers to promote healthier living, to conduct a study that identified five lifestyle risk factors with the largest impact on health span: tobacco use, obesity, high blood sugar, poor diet and high blood pressure.

The researchers also highlighted ways to modify those risks, including quitting smoking, engaging in physical activity, eating a healthy diet and taking medications as prescribed.

The study relied on data from the Global Burden of Disease, a resource maintained by the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation that tracks the prevalence of diseases and risk factors worldwide, along with the relative harm they cause. The GBD shows average remaining life expectancy at age 65 in the U.S. rose from 17.6 years in 1990 to 19.6 years in 2019 — a two-year gain. Healthy life expectancy, on the other hand, rose less than one year, from 12.2 years to 13.1 years.

That echoes similar statistics from the World Health Organization, which found that U.S. life expectancy at

age 60 rose nearly 8% between 2000 and 2019, but healthy life expectancy rose less than 5%.

Recognize Other Barriers To Healthier Living

The GBD has some limitations: It doesn't track the impact of well-established prevention strategies such as immunizations and screenings, or account for risk factors such as stress, depression, lack of sleep, loneliness and lack of purpose, the Vitality researchers said.

It's also important to acknowledge that there can be huge systemic barriers to healthier living. If you live in an area with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables, it's harder to eat well. If you live in crowded housing in an unsafe neighborhood, getting enough exercise can be tough. If you must choose between buying medication and food, you're unlikely to fill the prescription your doctor wrote for you — assuming you can afford to visit a doctor. The more money you have, the better access you have to the key health interventions that help people live a longer life in good health.

Even when we have enough money, our behavioral biases can get in the way — particu-

larly our tendency to value present gratification over future gain.

"I'd honestly rather sit on the couch and eat the bag of crisps rather than go for the run," says Tanya Little, Vitality's chief growth officer. "And yet future me would thank me for going for the run now."

Identify One Area For Change

Similarly, we may choose inaction over action if we're asked to change too much, Little says. Instead, Vitality's programs identify one change that would have the biggest impact based on each person's health and lifestyle profile.

"This idea of an endless list is totally overwhelming and demotivating," Little says. "Whereas if I say to you, 'If you just did this one thing' ... you are much more likely to do it."

Once people make progress on a single goal, they're often inspired to change others, Little says. People who get more exercise often start to eat healthier, for example.

Healthy habits don't make us immune to illness and disability, of course. But mind-ing our health improves the odds we'll have many more years to enjoy.

Will you hear His voice?

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



Those who go to heaven are going because they earned it; and that place is their reward. Some people do not enjoy being around the people of God. How could they enjoy being with the saints in heaven when they cannot even enjoy fellowship with the saints here on earth? How can we escape this awful sin? Luke 17:32 says, “Remember Lot’s wife.” She is a reminder to all of us. Dear one, we cannot do double service: we cannot serve God and the prince of this world at the same time. Lot’s wife loved Sodom so much that she

could not bear to leave it. Although, she was out of the city and on her way to safety, her heart was still there. Many times, the same is true when individuals leave Babylon. They physically come out, but their hearts are still in Babylon. When we leave this world and its follies, we want to leave it with no regrets and no desire to come back. We leave in pursuit of a far better world, where time will be no more, and we can be with Jesus throughout the ceaseless age of eternity. However, we must leave the old life behind. Luke 17:33 says, “Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.” If we keep looking back to the old

life, we are going to go back. One thing that God cannot stand is for people whom He has saved and set on the highway of holiness to look back. Remember Lot’s wife; she is there as a testimony. When we are out of sin do not look back. There is nothing back there but fire and brimstone, destruction, and the wrath of God. We should not get so busy with the affairs of this life that we fail to realize that Jesus is coming again. We all are going to be ushered to the final Judgment. If there was ever a time to make sure our vessel is clean it is today. In Colossians 3:5 Paul said to mortify our members, but there are things that we need to put on. The days of Noah and Lot are as the days

in which we are living right now. If we will put our hand in the hand of Jesus and keep our eyes Heavenward, we will make it. We can make it the same way Noah made it. Noah found grace, and we can make it by the grace of God. The Bible says in Psalm 95:7-8, “Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart.” It is time to get ourselves straightened out. If we have a need, won’t we obey the Lord? God is not against us. He wants to help us! Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joyne’s Road Church of God, 31 Joyne’s Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

PRESERVED The peace of the pivot

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“Get you some good tennis shoes. Find one that has a pivot point.” My first thought when I heard my Zumba class instructor say this a few years ago was “what is a pivot point?” Since I was new to the class, I tried to play it cool and kept nodding my head as if I completely knew what she was talking about. Perhaps sensing that not everyone knew, she repeated her statement and then lifted the bottom of her shoes and pointed to the pivot point. “AHHHH...Got it,” was the response from a few of us “newbies” now that we understood. She added that cardio dancing in tennis shoes without the pivot point puts us at risk for severe damage caused by twisting our knees.

It was my third time in class and was glad for her advice since I’d just started my fitness journey. Honestly, I didn’t know that I needed to get new shoes for this type of workout class. As a result, I ended up taking my first Zumba class wearing the same tennis shoes I’d used to walk around the park. Big mistake. After the first class, I remember my knees were sore for a couple of days and I dismissed my pain as me being new to Zumba. It made sense now why my knees were hurting those first two weeks. So, I bought my tennis shoes with the pivot point and wore them to my next Zumba class. During class I noticed it was easier to do some of the more complicated dance moves. Also, after class I noticed that my knees were not hurting at all.

I’ve been through a few pairs of tennis shoes since then and always take note of the pivot point when it comes time to buy a new pair. On the bottom of most shoes, it looks like a bunch of circles, but they help so much when it comes to the sudden twists of Zumba dancing. Sometimes, we have to pivot without any advance notice. I’ve thought about the pivot point’s helpfulness as I’ve looked at how myself and others prepare for and deal with change. More specifically, I’m thinking about how the last few years have brought unexpected deaths of family and friends as well as the uncertainty of pandemic. In many instances, we went from an old reality to a new reality in an instance. However, the one thing that I remember feeling before my daddy’s death was an overwhelming sense of peace before he ultimately transitioned. I’m thankful that God prepared me with an example of what Philipians 4:7 says, “Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Many of us know that peace often follows a storm including expected change. Yet, I’m also learning that peace can also be the thing that God sends you to help you pivot and navigate the winds of change. Shewanda Riley is the author of “Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or Twitter @shewanda.

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Congratulations 2020/21 SWAC Football Champions

To victors, Jackson State and Prairie View, the spoils

By Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob
Contributing Writer



Cheers erupted at Jackson, Mississippi Veteran’s Memorial Stadium several times this 2021 SWAC season, after Jackson State University Tigers trashed the Prairie View Jaguars, Alcorn State University Braves and a host of other competitors. Similar applause boomed from that sporting arena several times during this SWAC season, when Jackson State beat its opponents.

Music boomed, horns blared and human chorus echoed across the derelict city, which has not witnessed such euphoria for a long time. It was simply phenomenal.

The historic contests, marked the culmination of football contests, which finally catapulted two of the topnotch regional SWAC champions (east and west,) to the summit. Standing at that revered pinnacle, Jackson State and Prairie View now grandly reign as SWAC champions. However, one of them deserves and will capture the coveted SWAC trophy.

Congratulations to both teams, especially the victors, who won the sought-after title with elegance. They did their utmost and merit unabated compliments. They gallantly emerged as heroes of the hour.

Their high-performance further hoists SWAC to the elevated latitude where it currently stands. It provides the organization with some degree of bargaining and negotiating power.

That is indeed com-

mendable. It has been long in coming. However, it has finally arrived with dignity and decorum. It thus sparkles as search light for us all.

Moving forward, the sky is the limit as SWAC can now pin-point generated revenues, media highlights, match attendance numbers, general enthusiasm and participation to buttress its case.

Once again, salutation to SWAC champions, schools, organizers and leaders. Praise and raise to all those who contributed to elevate the event as a stunning success. They make SWAC proud of what happens when people cooperate and collaborate in any venture.

As the saying goes, “United, we stand and divided we fall. A house divided against itself cannot stand.”

Once more Bravo and hooray to all movers, shakers and lifters who made 2020/21 SWAC football contests a huge success. Grace and praise, especially to schools, organizers, the SWAC office as well as each and all, who made contributions to its feat.

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Being African American, male and thankful in America

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Happy Thanksgiving is an age-old holiday and tradition. It gives us an opportunity to gather with family and friends.

It is a celebration of recalling memories of old and making new memories. And of course, you cannot forget about the food. We eat as much as we can for as long as we can.

This Thanksgiving holiday was a time of relief and release. Some might challenge this statement, but I believe it is true.

The health crisis called COVID-19 made Happy Thanksgiving not so happy.

Sickness and death kept us at bay. Healthcare experts warned us not too see one another because of the fear of the spread of the disease.

Wearing a mask, washing our hands and being socially apart replaced our usual festive

Thanksgiving.

Many of us spent more time at the hospital than at the dinner table on Thanksgiving last year.

Now with the vaccine and the booster, Thanksgiving this year was different. We were able to be around our family members and friends.

I hope your family and friends were vaccinated. Mine were.

This coronavirus is still with us. Do not be fooled seeing large crowds in shopping centers. Not all of them have taken the vaccine.

Some people who are not vaccinated believe they will be a part of herd immunity. Personally, I did not want to take that chance. Playing around with my life wasn’t something I was ready to do.

After our Thanksgiving meal and fellowship, I started to reflect upon these times in our society.

As an African-American male, I am blessed to still be here. As I have said before, I am in the fourth quarter trying

to get to overtime. Many of my friends as they say in the church have gone on to glory.

So, when I wake up in the morning, I give Him thanks for another day. I thank Him for allowing me to leave my home and return to it safely. That word “safely” is an important word in today’s lexicon especially if you look like me.

Leaving our homes does not necessarily mean returning to our homes. Sadly, but factually, there is some risk involved. A lot of times the risk is unseen.

In Brunswick, Georgia, a jury found 3 men guilty of murder in the killing of Ahmaud Arbery. As all of America knows, he left home going for a jog. He did not return. Arbery was missed at the Thanksgiving dinner table. His family will forever mourn his loss.

African-American men, these incidents sometimes called accidents happen way too often to us. We live in everyday fear thinking that we might be next.

My prayer is that we take care

of ourselves. What does that mean?

It means that as black men, we must treat each other better. We ourselves must be slow to anger and control our temper. Being ready to do bodily harm to each other will leave an empty space at the dinner table. There is no happiness in remorse and sorrow. There are already built-in obstacles to our success. We must not be obstacles and roadblocks to one another.

We have a purpose here and that is to be role models and to lift one another up. Let us make a pledge now to truly be our brother’s keeper. Otherwise, we will fall victim to unintended violence and mayhem because we didn’t keep our cool. We let our temporary anger become a permanent mark on our character. Usually for us, it lands us in jail. That is the reality. “That’s keeping it real.”

Treating each other with dignity and respect will mean enjoying many more Thanksgivings to come.

What are you thankful for?

By Cheryl Smith
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There’s nothing like a pandemic to help people put things into perspective. Vacations, retirements, marriages and divorces

are just a few considerations that are giving folks an opportunity to take a deeper dive into what they want for the future. Now for many of the black people I know, you can just add COVID-19 to a long list of pandemics that are prevalent in our lives as we attempt to survive and thrive; living out our lives and fulfilling our dreams.

Time and time again, I have heard someone utter, “We could die tomorrow.” Well, that’s been the reality from day one; however we never looked at death the way Covid has caused us to do so.

When I was playing in the creek, in East Orange, there were so many times I could have fallen in and been swept away. Or what about the time in Newark when I

fell off a swing, or tumbled from the monkey bars? Then there was the serial murderer across town from FAMU at Florida State University but folks told us, “Don’t worry, you’re black.”

So many times to think about when death was so close. For some reason we didn’t focus on the possibility or the probability. I’ve had loved ones who have quit their jobs, called it quits with their spouses or mates; and even packed up and left these United States of America. They all made decisions that they felt were right for them.

Too often folks live their lives trying to please others. One Life to Live is more than just the title of a soap opera. Life doesn’t give you a makeover, a practice run. If I woulda, coulda, shoulda doesn’t work because whatever is done is done.

Every step of the way, on this journey called life, I have had someone in my life who knew more than I, even if it wasn’t much more. Recently I have run into several folks younger than

I who explained life to me, from their perspectives. I was told, in very certain terms, that their lives were theirs to live and do as they pleased because anything they needed or wanted was up to them. At first, all I could do was nod.

You see, folks have been helping me navigate through life with generations that are totally different from my reality. I am learning how to keep my mouth shut when something stupid comes out of their mouths. I’ve learned how to not offer advice unless it is asked for; actually lately they have to beg for my advice because I hate exercises in futility and talking to some of these folks will make you contemplate some form of “cide.” And I’ve learned that feelings are what drive them. For example, a former student told me they should get an “A” – not because they earned it through exemplary work; instead because they showed up everyday and they “tried.”

Oh, I am learning so much and I am so thankful for the opportunity to live out my own existence,

making myself a priority. Now this is something new and for many it’s a challenging and daunting task.

I hope that eventually a light bulb will flicker for those who feel as though they can make it through life on their own, without any support or guidance from others. Hopefully they will realize that we all need someone, somewhere; and that is not a bad thing. If you find someone who got everything on their own; you’ll probably find someone who is all on their own, alone; and very unhappy.

If you don’t have anyone who you are thankful for, you might find that no one is thankful for you.

This is the season for sharing and giving; for thanking and showing appreciation. My focus has absolutely nothing to do with misguided interpretations of history. Instead I make every day a day of giving thanks, sharing and showing appreciation. Is that too much to ask for or do in life as we live through this pandemic and others, as well?

Preparing for coming changes

By Dr. John Warren
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While many are watching developing court cases and the treatment of blacks and people of color as both victims and perpetrators in the judicial system, we must not lose sight of the coming changes around us designed to both distract and disable.

I speak specifically of the following: (1) the redistricting or redesigning of all the electoral districts in the United States, based on the 2020 Census; (2) the new voter suppression laws in over 22 states restricting voting hours, locations and conduct while waiting to vote; (3) the local campaigns against Critical Race Theory resulting in the removal of books in school libraries and restrictions on how issues of race can be taught; and (4) a very close look at all people

running for office in 2022 and where they actually stand on the issues just mentioned.

The Conservative Right, with all its Trump supporters, is counting on low voter turnout as a result of the above-mentioned restrictions. They are also putting those who are in agreement with them in key positions within each state’s vote count and certification process. The greatest weapon we have is our ability to engage the process at every level. We must now start serious

voter registration; we must now look very closely at the new electoral boundaries and changes in all districts, from congressional districts to state legislative, county, municipal and school board districts.

We must start now and begin looking at the impact of these proposed changes. In some cases, it is already too late to engage the redistricting commissions for final changes. Many of these commissions sought to use the internet as a substitute for out-

reach and citizen engagement in the process. Many of these commissions, both here and around the country, were appointing and stacking the commissions even before the Bureau of the Census released its report.

As a result of those activities, we must now engage in the five “P’s” if we, as the potential victims, are to overcome the “changes.” The “P’s” are: Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance. We must start planning now how to make new friends

and form new alliances where necessary to get the desired outcomes under changing district boundaries and practices. We must know who is in office, who is running for office and whether their interests are our interest before we rush to commit our votes while others are still bargaining for their agendas.

Changes are coming. The only issue is whether we will be prepared to meet and overcome the changes. Something to think about.

LEGAL

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30p.m., Tuesday, December 7, 2021. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson.

Financial assistance is available to support arts and community development activities designed to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of the arts and improve the quality of life among the citizens of Jackson. This solicitation seeks proposals with an emphasis on community exposure, history and education.

Grant awards offered by the City of Jackson shall only represent supplemental funding in support of arts projects and community development based projects. To be eligible for funding, proposing organizations must have verifiable cash match contributions that equals to at least 50% of project cost.

For the Request for Proposals packet, please contact Beverley Johnson-Durham at 601 960 0383. All proposal must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Proposal for general funds Arts and Community Based Grants. Proposal packets must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 3:30pm on December 7, 2021. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Request for proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: www.jacksonms.gov and may be picked up at the City of Jackson Department of Human and Cultural Services located at 1000 Metrocenter Drive Suite 101, Jackson MS.

By: Adriane Dorsey-Kidd, Director
Department of Human and Cultural Services

11/18/2021, 11/25/2021 12/2/2021

LEGAL

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ESTABLISHING THE HONORARY RENAMING OF CARNATION STREET FROM POCAHONTAS AVENUE TO HOLMES AVENUE

WHEREAS, the late Reverend Frank Wilbert James was a Man of God, Church Pastor, Baptist Fellowship organizer, an activist for justice, a husband, father, and a pillar of the community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend James has been an ordained preacher since 1959, he worked alongside Medgar Evers and was involved in the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of City of Jackson that this distinguished citizen and community leader be honored with the honorary renaming of this street designated in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Jackson City Council hereby honorary renames Carnation Street from Pocahontas Avenue to Holmes Avenue to Reverend Frank Wilbert James Drive.

ISO ORDAINED, this the 31st day of August, 2021.

Council Member Stokes moved adoption; Council Member Banks seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay, and Stokes
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on August 31, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T Pgs. 439-440."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 29th day of November, 2021.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

12/2/2021

LEGAL

NOTICE TO BIDDERS City of Jackson Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

88598-122121 – 24- Month Supply of Swimming Pool Purification Chemicals

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV, WWW.CENTRALBIDORG.COM

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, 1996 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 the 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 bidder quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications. The award could be according to the lowest cost per item, or to the lowest total cost for all items, or to accept all or part of any proposal. Delivery time may be considered when evaluating the bid proposal. In those cases where it is known prior to advertising that the City's intention is to award according to the lowest total cost for all items, or in some variation thereof, statements to this effect will be included on the proposal form. The absence of such statement means the City will make that determination during the bid review.

Destiny Williams, Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1628 or 1633

12/2/2021, 12/9/2021

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THE PLACE FOR SENIOR LIVING ADVICE

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4146

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

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

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

Tract 2
Ten foot (10') sewer line easement recorded in Book 5706 at Page 12 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi.

Said application was heard by the City Planning Board on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 with a recommendation to deny. The applicant has filed an Appeal of the recommendation of the Planning Board. The Case will be heard at the City Council's Zoning Meeting in the Council Chambers, First Floor, City Hall, 219 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, December 15, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 29th day of November 2021.

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

12/2/2021, 12/9/2021

LEGAL

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-336(6) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, Section 21-8-23 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended authorizes the Council to establish by ordinance municipal departments and allocate administrative functions, duties, and powers of the municipality among the departments; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance establishing municipal departments for the City of Jackson is codified at Chapter 2 Article IV Section 2-336 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-336 (6) outlines Personnel Management as a department and states the function as follows: The personnel management department shall perform all personnel management functions including the administration of benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Personnel Management has emerged from simply performing functions of personnel management and the administration of benefits to human resource functioning; and

WHEREAS, the distinction between Human Resource and Personnel Management is Personnel Management focuses on the maintenance of all personnel and administrative systems while Human Resource focuses on a strategic approach by forecasting the organization's needs and continuously monitoring and adjusting all systems and processes; and

WHEREAS, another distinction is Personnel Management primarily focuses on ordinary activities, such as employee hiring, compensation, training, and harmony, while Human Resources considers employees as assets, which are to be valued, used and preserved; and

WHEREAS, the best interest of the City of Jackson would be served by renaming the Department of Personnel Management and redefining its function;

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the Department of Personnel Management be renamed the Human Resources Department, and the functions of department assigned as follows: The Human Resources Department shall perform all human resource management functions including the administration of benefits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that SECTION 2-336 (6) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows: Human Resources. The Human Resources Department shall perform all human resource management functions including the administration of benefit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Ordinance Amending Section 2-336(6) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi shall become effective thirty (30) days following passage and publication.

President Lindsay moved adoption; Vice President Lee seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, and Lindsay.
Nays – Stokes.
Absent – None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on August 31, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T, Pgs. 441-442."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 29th day of November, 2021.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

12/2/2021

LEGAL

ORDINANCE GRANTING FORTSON DEVELOPERS, LLC A REZONING OF THE R-4 (LIMITED MULTI-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL PORTION OF PARCEL 722-8 TO R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL AND THE REZONING OF PARCEL 722-8-5 FROM C-2 (LIMITED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO CMU-1 (COMMUNITY) MIXED-USE DISTRICT, PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED TO ALLOW FOR A MORE COMPATIBLE AND UNIFORM DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTIES LOCATED ON PARCELS 722-8 ON FOREST AVE. & 722-8-5 ON WATKINS DR. CASE NO. 4132

WHEREAS, Fortson Developers, LLC has filed a petition to rezone the R-4 (Limited) Multi-family Residential portion of Parcel 722-8 to R-1 (Single-family) Residential and Parcel 722-8-5 from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for a more compatible and uniform development of the properties; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the R-4 (Limited) Multi-family Residential portion of Parcel 722-8 to R-1 (Single-family) Residential and Parcel 722-8-5 from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for a more compatible and uniform development of the properties; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, August 16, 2021 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on July 8, 2021 and July 22, 2021 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on July 28, 2021, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described properties from R-4 (Limited) Multi-family Residential to R-1 (Single-family) Residential and C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented; and

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

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

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

BEING SITUATED IN THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST OF SECTION TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON BAR ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WATKINS DRIVE MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 37, BLOCK B OF NORWOOD SUBDIVISION, PART 6, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22 AT PAGE 39 OF THE CHANCERY RECORDS OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF BLOCK B OF SAID SUBDIVISION, 833.69 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NATCHEZ PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1004 AT PAGE 141 OF THE AFORESAID CHANCERY RECORDS; RUN THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NATCHEZ PROPERTY, 1407.94 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NOW OR FORMER SINGER HOUSING COMPANY PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 2040 AT PAGE 573 OF THE AFORESAID CHANCERY RECORDS; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG

THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SINGER HOUSING COMPANY PROPERTY, 824.55 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WATKINS DRIVE; RUN THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WATKINS DRIVE, 158.69 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NOW OR FORMER WATKINS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1908 AT PAGE 594 OF THE AFORESAID CHANCERY RECORDS; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE SAID WATKINS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROPERTY, 384.10 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; RUN THENCE NORTHERLY, ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE WATKINS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROPERTY THE FOLLOWING COURSES: NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 235.00 FEET; NORTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 100.00 FEET; NORTH 00 DEGREES 11 MINUTES EAST, 310.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID EASTERN BOUNDARY, RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SAID WATKINS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROPERTY, 472.26 FEET TO THE AFORESAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WATKINS DRIVE; RUN THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 680.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 20.0214 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the R-4 (Limited) Multi-family Residential portion of Parcel 722-8 to R-1 (Single-family) Residential and Parcel 722-8-5 from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for a more compatible and uniform development of the properties. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

Council Member Lee moved adoption; Council Member Banks seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Hartley, Lee, and Lindsay,
Nays – None.
Absent – Grizzell and Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Meeting on August 16, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T, Pgs. 404-406."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 22nd day of October, 2021.



Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

12/2/2021

LEGAL

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ESTABLISHING THE HONORARY RENAMING OF ORA BELL (MA BELL) WRIGHT DRIVE (FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE TO FLORA STREET) TO BARBARA RAMSEY DRIVE.

WHEREAS, the member and mother of Mount Olive Church located on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and the owner of the only home located on Ora Bell (Ma Bell) Wright Drive, Mrs. Barbara Ramsey is a community treasure; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barbara Ramsey deserves this honor for her community service and love for others; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Jackson that this distinguished citizen and community leader be honored with this honorary street designation in her honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Jackson City Council hereby honorary renames Ora bell (Ma Bell) Wright Drive (From Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to Flora Street) to Barbara Ramsey Drive.

Council Member Stokes moved adoption; Council Member Banks seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay, and Stokes.
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on August 31, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T, Pgs. 440."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 29th day of November, 2021.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

12/2/2021

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JMAA PROJECT NO. 002-20B**

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking electronic bids for construction and related services in connection with the West Concourse Roof Replacement Project at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

Sealed bids to perform the Work will be accepted by JMAA until 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Friday, December 23, 2021 (the "Bid Deadline"). Bids shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

Email: bids@jmaa.com
By mail or hand delivery: JMAA's administrative office, Suite 300
Main Terminal Building
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208

JMAA will publicly open and read all bids on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 4:05 p.m. (CST) (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

Questions and communications regarding the bidding procedure and schedule on this project should be directed to: Marvin Buckhalter, Director of Procurement, mbuckhalter@jmaa.com, and 601-664-3516.

LEGAL

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN TO ADD JOB CLASSIFICATIONS EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECHNICIAN I; EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECH II; EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECHNICIAN MANAGER FOR THE DIVISION OF THE FIRE GARAGE IN THE JACKSON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Jackson Fire Department requested that the Department of Personnel Management conduct a salary survey on mechanic and fleet maintenance manager classifications that are more tailored to the Fire Garage division positions and its job duties; and WHEREAS, the current positions, in the fire garage division, are Heavy Equipment Mechanic I, Heavy Equipment Mechanic II and Fleet Maintenance Manager. Those position job duties are not specific to the Fire Garage division; and

WHEREAS, inquiries, for mechanic and fleet maintenance manager classifications that are specific to the Fire Department, were submitted to the following Southeastern cities: Savannah, Georgia; Frisco, Texas; and Plano, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the response from the Cities surveyed were that Emergency Vehicle Technician I, Emergency Vehicle Technician II and Emergency Vehicle Technician Manager are more tailored to the job duties performed in the City of Jackson Fire Department Fire Garage division; and

WHEREAS, the response from the Cities surveyed concerning the median salary paid for the position equivalent of the Emergency Vehicle Technician I was within the range of \$45,488.00-\$70,552.00; Emergency Vehicle Technician II was within the range of \$49,833.69-\$72,245.34 Emergency Vehicle Technician Manager was within the range of \$60,432.06 -\$87,626.50; and

WHEREAS, the best interest of the City of Jackson would be served by adding the following positions to the current pay plan: Emergency Vehicle Technician I, Emergency Vehicle Technician II and Emergency Vehicle Technician Manager Classifications at a salary comparable to the compensation paid by other Southeastern cities such as those cited; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the job class: Emergency Vehicle Technician I, Emergency Vehicle Technician II and Emergency Vehicle Technician Manager be added to the pay plan. The range established for Emergency Vehicle Technician I be added as range 22 with annual compensation being between \$34,018.08-\$40,978.08. The range established for Emergency Vehicle Technician II be added as range 25 with annual compensation being between \$39,041.28-\$47,097.12. The range established for Emergency Vehicle Technician Manager be added as range 31 with annual compensation being between \$51,588.24-\$62,385.12; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Fire Department has informed the Department of Personnel Management that they have the monies in their budget to cover the recommended additions to the pay plan.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Pay Plan adopted by the City Council on September 22, 1998, found in the Minute Book 4Y, be further amended to add the of Emergency Vehicle Technician I pay range 22 (\$34,018.08-\$40,978.08); Emergency Vehicle Technician II pay range 25 \$39,041.28-\$47,097.12); Emergency Vehicle Technician Manager pay range 31 (\$51,588.24-\$62,385.12) to be effective immediately.

Vice President Lee moved adoption; Council Member Stokes seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay, and Stokes
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on August 31, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T Pgs. 442-443."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 29th day of November, 2021.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

12/2/2022

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

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12. Caesar's three
13. Me
14. Music player
16. Misty
17. Restaurant listing
18. United Nations (abbr.)
20. Canadian prov.
22. Indonesian island
26. Hertz
29. Professions
31. Tenant
33. Movie 2001's talking computer
34. Debated
35. Lode yield
36. S. W. Indian tribe
37. Nervous system

DOWN

1. Tremor
2. Fortunate
3. Unnaturalized
4. Vertex
5. Bog
6. American Cancer Society (abbr.)
7. Alter
8. Women's magazine
9. Dexterous
15. Flee
19. BB association
21. Strong metal
23. Special case only (2 wds.)
24. Con
25. Islands
26. Thunder
27. South American nation
28. Astute
30. Make over
32. Hero sandwich

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Crossword Solution

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Severe obsession is driving Bill Cosby prosecutor to appeal comedian’s freedom to U.S. Supreme Court

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

When Kevin Steele ran for Montgomery County District Attorney in 2015, much of his campaign centered on one theme: prosecute Bill Cosby. Many, including his opponent and former District Attorney Bruce Castor, called the centerpiece theme unethical. Steele did win the election and immediately formed a formidable tandem with Judge Steven O’Neil in securing a conviction against Cosby following a second trial in 2018. Now, nearly six months after the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturned Cosby’s conviction, Steele has taken the unusual approach of appealing to the United States Supreme Court. The district attorney wants the nation’s highest court to intervene in a non-federal matter to overturn the state court’s decision and send Cosby back to prison. Cosby served just two months shy of his minimum 3-to-10-year prison sentence when the state Supreme Court determined that the prosecution violated his constitutional rights and that Steele acted “reprehensibly” when trying the entertainer. “Severe obsession,” Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt wrote of Steele in a statement this week.



Cosby being led by spokesman Andrew Wyatt.

“Unwilling to accept its epic loss in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the Montgomery County District Attorney has now filed a petition to the U.S. Supreme Court,” Wyatt remarked. “In short, the district attorney asks the U.S. Supreme Court to throw the Constitution out the window, as it did, to satisfy the #metoo mob. There is no merit to the request which centers on the unique facts of the Cosby case and has no impact on important federal questions of law.”

After vacating Cosby’s conviction in June, Chief Justice Max Baer blasted Steele for going back on an agreement Cosby struck with former District Attorney Bruce Castor. The agreement stipulated that a civil deposition by the famed comedian used in a civil case was off-limits in any potential criminal trial. “[Steele] didn’t just break the deal. He broke the rules,” Baer asserted. “What we said is we’re not gonna let the commonwealth, the state through the district attorneys, to engage

in that kind of reprehensible bait-and-switch.” He emphasized that the court’s decision wasn’t to protect Cosby but “13 million Pennsylvanians against that kind of conduct.” Baer concluded that it wasn’t the Supreme Court’s duty to find guilt or innocence on the part of Cosby. However, what the court did find was an illegal prosecution on the part of Steele. “What we found was what the state did was inappropriate,” he said. Cosby won his freedom June 29 after spending nearly three

years in prison on a 2018 conviction of indecent aggravated assault. Cosby and his team said the ruling wasn’t technical. “You’re sitting in a room trying to explain something, and there is a knock on the door. You say, ‘who is it?’ ‘It is the truth.’ So people start jumping out of the window,” Cosby told the Black Press in his only extensive interview since his release. “The court’s decision was not a technicality,” Cosby said. “These people sound like they haven’t read what the judges have written. It’s not a technicality. These [detractors] don’t want to know anything. It’s like the woman who said she knows five women that I drugged and raped. Well, where are they?” Despite Castor providing written affidavits directly to Steele and offering his testimony in pretrial hearings, Steele incredulously claimed he didn’t know a previous deal existed between the state and Cosby. Efforts to reach Steele were unsuccessful. Castor has told the Black Press that Steele should never have prosecuted Cosby. The former district attorney has asserted that he didn’t find the complaining witness against Cosby credible enough for a successful prosecution. “There’s a big smile on my face,” Cosby insisted. “A big

smile on my face because I was there. I know what happened, and I’m watching and hearing these fascists and Nazis, and I watched them really come out of the woodworks as termites. The infestation of when [former President] Donald Trump came through, and they just let it all hang out. That’s who they are. That’s who their ancestors are. “They want their ancestors to be people who came here for religious freedoms after being persecuted – but by whom? Things weren’t right in dear old England,” Cosby said. “They got on these ships, but you were criminals, and people signed on to look after wealthy people’s findings. So Christopher Columbus got as lost as a white man can get, but got off the boat, took a flag, and said he would name this and so forth and so on.” Several legal experts said this week that the U.S. Supreme Court typically doesn’t wade into the rulings of a state’s high court unless it conflicts with the decisions of other state high courts or the federal court of appeals. “This is a pathetic last-ditch effort that will not prevail,” Wyatt insisted. “The Montgomery County District Attorney’s fixation with Mr. Cosby is troubling, to say the least.”

Star athlete quits prestigious New York prep school over racist remarks

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Student protests have continued at one of New York’s premier college preparatory schools after an assistant athletic director made a derogatory comment to a 16-year-old African-American student-athlete that caused him to withdraw from the Roman Catholic-headed academy. Tony Humphrey, a standout baseball player at Iona Preparatory School who already has committed to play collegiately at Boston College, said that now-former assistant athletic director Bernard Mahoney questioned why Humphrey decided to run on the track team. “[Mahoney] said ‘it never hurts to gain speed,’” Humphrey recalled. “But he said I was already fast enough because I gained that speed by running from the police.” When Humphrey told his



Iona Prep School in New Rochelle, New York, has about 750 students. Just 12 percent are black. COURTESY PHOTO

mother, she immediately withdrew him from the school. Alex Malecki, a spokesman for the school located in the New Ro-

chelle section of Westchester County, said the assistant resigned. Thomas R. Leto, the president

of the private school run by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, said Iona doesn’t condone the assistant’s behavior.

Such comments “go against the very mission of the school to develop “moral and ethical leaders, as well as the Essential Element of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education to celebrate the value and dignity of each person,” Leto said in the statement. “It is behavior that Iona Preparatory does not condone for its students and will not accept from its faculty and staff. With about 750 students and a population breakdown of about 68 percent white and 12 percent African American, Leto asserted that one of the most critical aspects of Iona Prep remains the acceptance and respect of every student. “[That aspect] has been infringed upon,” Leto insisted in the statement. “On behalf of the administration and staff, I am deeply sorry to this student and those most offended and negatively impacted.” Leto said the school immedi-

ately began investigating the incident after it occurred. He noted that he addressed friends and classmates of Humphrey who staged a walkout in protest of the racially insensitive remarks. “Despite all we have undertaken, including a recent three-week respect campaign, there is much work to be done, as such conduct and comments cannot be tolerated any longer,” Leto insisted. “We remain fully committed to being an open, welcoming, embracin and nurturing community, where every young man holds a special place in the brotherhood of Iona men.” Humphrey told reporters that it wasn’t the first time he found himself on the receiving end of racist attacks at Iona Prep. “During my freshman year, I took it up with the deans, I took it up with the higher-ups, and nothing happened,” Humphrey asserted.

Sheriff-Elect Tyree Jones celebrates victory

PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

Captain Tyree Jones was elected sheriff of Hinds County last Tuesday in a run-off election with Marshand Crisler, who was serving as interim sheriff due to the passing of former Sheriff Lee Vance. Vance died of COVID-19 complications August 4, 2021.

Once the election was called in his favor on Tuesday night while friends, family and supporters were gathered at Hal & Mal's downtown restaurant, the crowd cheered and the newly elected sheriff said he looks forward to serving Hinds County residents and moving the county forward.



Community Library Mississippi plants seeds of originality at Holiday Book Festival 2021



Gwendolyn Bell,
2nd place, Adult
Poetry Contest



Chevon Guthrie,
1st place, Adult
Poetry Contest



Harrynoel Chia,
3rd place, Spelling
Bee



Jasiele Cheemala,
1st place, Spelling
Bee, 3rd place,
Children's Poetry
Contest



Jessica Cheemala,
2nd place, Spelling
Bee, 2nd place,
Children's Poetry
Contest

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent, Ph.D.
Contributing Writer

While many were perhaps recalling how they spent Thanksgiving Day on Saturday, November 27, participants at Community Library Mississippi's virtual Holiday Book Festival 2021 were actively engaged in a spelling bee, poetry contests, book synopses and other artistic endeavors. Children and adults spent six hours of sharing their original works.

Participants adhered to the theme, An Intellectual Revolution: A Family Holiday Affair.

Adrienne Dumas (Ph.D.) at Northwest High School in Flowood and Mironda Cooper, accountant at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Jackson, served as adjudicators. Kayla Williams, a student from Texas A & M, served as timekeeper.

Spelling Bee winners were: first place – \$100, 4th grade - Jasiele Cheemala; Edna M. Scott Elementary School (Greenville); second place – \$50; 2nd grade – Jessica Cheemala, Edna M. Scott Elementary School (Greenville); and third place – \$50, 2nd grade – Harrynoel Chia, Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School (Jackson). (Online donations were awarded to Jessica Cheemala and Harrynoel).

Participants in The Children's Poetry Contest wrote original poetry. Winners were: first place – \$100, 3rd grade – Iyanu Carson – Poem: It Took a Strong Woman – Casey Elementary

School (Jackson); second place – 2nd grade – Jessica Cheemala – 1 stanza, 4 lines – Thankful Speech - Edna M. Scott Elementary School (Greenville); and third place – 4th grade - Jasiele Cheemala – 3 stanzas – This Christmas Day - Edna M. Scott Elementary School (Greenville).

The Adult Poetry Contest warranted winning original poems: first place - \$100, Chevon Guthrie (Atlanta) - Street Sweeper; and second place - \$50, Gwendolyn Bell (Jackson) – From on High. Dumas and Hardy donated \$50 to each contestant.

Book vendors provided synopses of their works. Event organizer, Meredith Coleman McGee, read excerpts from several of her books, including Rasheda Goes to the Capitol and My Picture Dictionary which she donated to Community Library Mississippi.

Jackson native and Dacula, Georgia resident Dana Rice shared her latest book, The World We Want (Multicultural Coloring Book) and played the accompanied video of children she teaches who are singing lyrics from her Fame Studio.

Owned by Mary Hardy of Greenville, The Book Gallery is the only book store in the Mississippi Delta. Since its 20-year-old inception, the gallery has expanded its outreach from African American culture to include “any populace.”

In honor of November 27 being Small Business Day, Hardy shared numerous books from

various authors, including Up North, Down South by Katina Rankin; Margot Lee Shetterly's Hidden Figures; King Evans' Backroads of My Memory; and Go, Tell Michelle, edited by Barbara A. Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Betram.

New York vendor Karmisha Superville summarized her book, How to Powershift Your Brand, aimed to assist entrepreneurs in finding business opportunities.

Holiday Book Festival 2021 utilized high energy. Participants and onlookers shared feelings of ambivalence. “I’m very proud. It’s one of the experiences I will never forget,” said Iyanu Carson.

Jasiele Cheemala explained that she regretted not having invested the amount of time that she needed for her poetry competition.

Bettye Tyler, director of Marvellous Works, Inc. in Jackson, said to McGee, “[I] just wanted to congratulate you and your team for a beautiful experience, one of a kind and first for me. The poetry reading by the participants was very inspiring and engaging; and the kids’ responses to their overall experiences revealed the project’s success.”

In addition to vendors who shared their books, other vendors had items such as jewelry, tote bags, quilts of various sizes and pillows.

For questions, contact Meredith Coleman McGee @ www.meredithetc.com/community-librarians or 601-372-0229.

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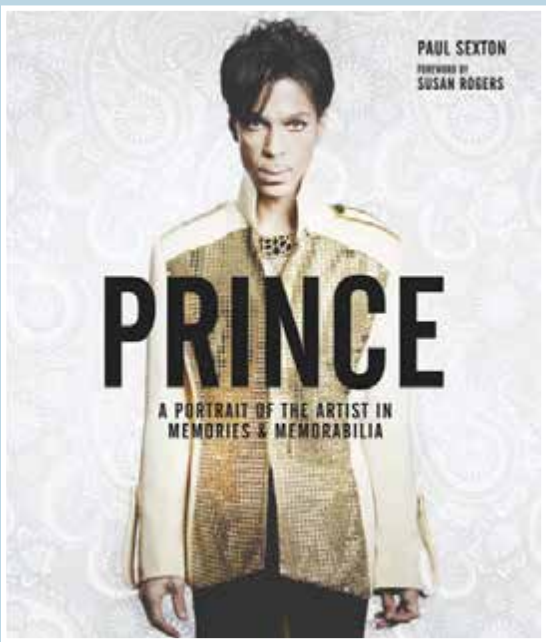
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

The cover promised greatness.

Just a whisper over twelve inches square, you knew there was magic inside; even its title and artwork were enticing. Oh, the anticipation, as you flipped it over to read the contents before carefully running a fingernail along one side to slice the clear wrapping and finally touch the vinyl. There was something truly delicious about the first minutes with an old-school record album, but in “Prince” by Paul

Sexton, it was nothing compared to the music.

André Anderson didn’t know a soul.

He was a teenager then, and his mother had just moved him to a different Minneapolis school and a “new situation.” When an adult told him to “go stand against a wall,” Anderson decided to stand next to a kid who looked friendly; remembering that day, he recalled that that by, Prince Rogers Nelson, was a kindred spirit who lived for music.

Even then, young Prince was

restless; he ran away from home many times, bouncing between his father’s apartment and the Anderson home. Prince’s dad, John, was “his best friend” and was arguably the root of his son’s talent; as an adult, Prince remembered being three years old and itching to play music on his father’s piano.

By 16, he was proficient with several musical instruments, and was a member of a band. At 18 he wanted to record his own single; two years later, he was recording for a major label. He was laser-focused on his career,

then and for the rest of his life, to the point that he rarely slept. His entourage is said to have made it a game to see who could stay awake longer than Prince. Nobody could.

He had a legendary work ethic and was generous, but fools weren’t welcome in his circle. He was a prankster who loved to laugh, a perfectionist, and a visionary. Once, he called himself “TAFKAP,” which stood for The Artist Formerly Known as Prince.

Says Sexton, “But now he is The Artist Forever Known as

Prince.”



So you think you know everything there is to know about The Purple One. Or maybe not: “Prince” could still hold a few surprises, even for the most ardent fan.

But which will be your favorite part?

Author Paul Sexton tells Prince’s story from his youth to his death, through the eyes of those who worked with Prince, on-stage and off, in stories that are both personal and of the kind you might hear in a business meeting. While Sexton delight-

edly dives into a mischievous side of the singer, readers can rest assured that there’s nothing scandalous here – that wasn’t Prince’s way – but those who know his lyrics know that the edge is close.

Or will you prefer the pages of photographs? Pictures of Prince as a boy, a creator, a performer? Still-photos, posters, concert shots, pictures of his costumes? Photos that might be new to you? Why even try to decide about this book made especially for fans: pick both, and “Prince” promises a great read.



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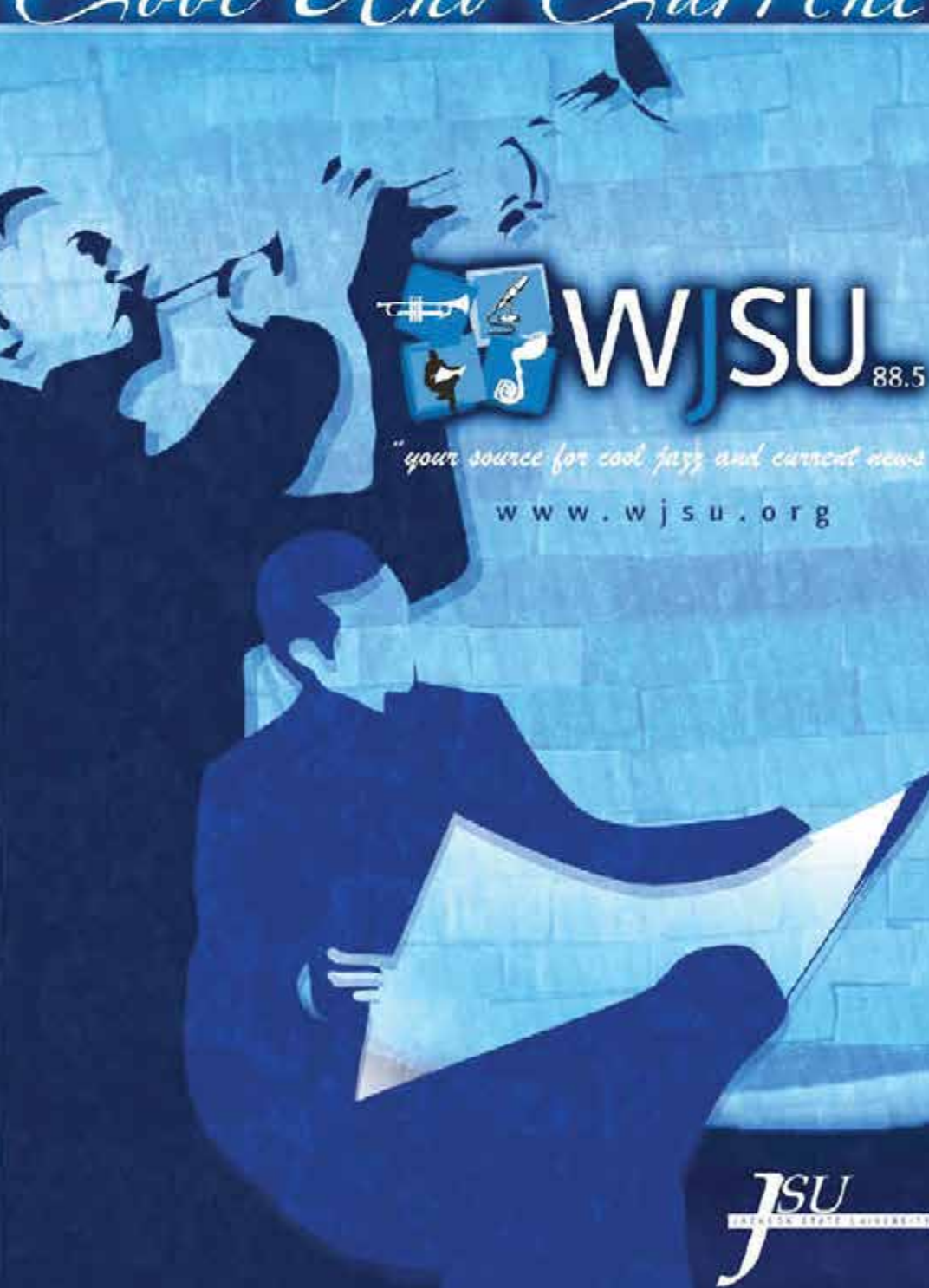
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