

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



You're not supposed to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who says it.

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Black History Month 2022

A reflection on Mississippi Black History

By Paulette Patton  
Contributing Guest Writer

After recently watching ABC's mini-series "Women of the Movement: the story of Mamie Till Mobley," I was reminded, as I often am, of memories growing up in Mississippi.

This docu-drama chronicled the life of Mamie Till Mobley, who devoted her life to seeking justice for her son Emmett Till. Till was abducted and killed for allegedly flirting with a white woman in Money, Mississippi.

I can remember looking at that iconic photo of Emmett Till in *Jet Magazine* when I was just 7 years old. I only recall how awful it looked. I don't remember even asking my parents about it. Thanks to executive co-producers, Will Smith and JayZ, this true story was a painful reminder of Mississippi's history during that perilous era.

As many governors, school boards and educa-



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tional systems are trying to erase such history by banning certain books in our schools and public libraries how powerful to have this story retold at this particular time. Some governors have even said that they would penalize schools, teachers and principals if such material is taught. The mini-series was and should be pain-

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HBCUs receive bomb threats first day of Black History Month

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

The first day of February on which the nation recognized Black History Month 2022, there were more than twelve historically Black Colleges and Universities receiving bomb threats. Included in the twelve were four HBCUs in Mississippi: Jackson State University (Jackson) Alcorn State University (Lorman), Tougaloo College (Tougaloo) and Mississippi Valley State University (Itta Bena) each received bomb threats.

Thomas Hudson, president of Jackson State University issued the following statement on Tuesday:

"Early this morning, our campus was the target of an unsubstantiated bomb threat. The JSU Department of Public Safety quickly worked with the Jackson Police Department to investigate and sweep the campus. They gave an all-clear signal, and we have resumed our



PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

operations. We will continue to monitor the situation and have heightened the presence of law enforcement and enhanced our campus safety measures.

The recent threats to HBCUs

across the country are a shameful attempt to dampen our sense of safety and freedom by attacking locations traditionally considered a haven for all pursuing an education in a nurtur-

ing environment. We take every threat to our campus community seriously. However, we will not be deterred in our pursuit of

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Teen dating violence is on the rise  
MCADV holds eye-opening youth summit to help raise awareness

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

The month of February is not only Black History but also a month to raise serious awareness about a growing problem for teens and young adults in our nation.

On January 31, 2022, U.S. President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., proclaimed February 2022 as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. "I call upon everyone to educate themselves and others about teen dating violence so that together we can stop it," said President Biden in the Proclamation.

That's exactly what the Mississippi Coalition against Domestic Violence (MCADV) aimed to do with its recent 3rd Annual Virtual Teen Dating Violence Awareness Summit, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The theme was "Operation Fearless." During the summit, youth, young adults, advocates and adults from around the states, and beyond, zoomed in to their computers and electronic devices as presenter after presenter provided thought-provok-



Maliyah Dillard, Amber Caston, Andra Robinson, Teen Advisor A J Burks, William Johnson, DiMariya Baskins and DiNiya Baskins

ing information and sounded the alarm about teen dating violence.

"The information was so eye-opening

that I had no idea I could sit in front of a laptop as if I was glued to a TV set," expressed one attendee who wishes to

remain anonymous.

Featured speaker Attorney Carvana Cloud, Executive Director of Commu-

nity Empowerment Solutions in Texas, shared that 1 in 3 teens is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner. Community Empowerment Solutions is a legal services collaborative designed to support and empower victims and communities affected by crime.

Cloud emphasized that teen dating violence very often goes unreported out due to fear. "Sometimes the victim will minimize the violence" [because of this], she said. She told the teens that domestic violence at any age can have an extreme "traumatic impact" on a victim.

To make sure the teens understood her presentation, Cloud interspersed her presentation questions to them for feedback. She asked them did they understand what trauma means. She received such responses as: "being emotionally wounded," "an event you go through mentally where you feel like it is very hard to go through," and "something like PTSD." She praised the youth for

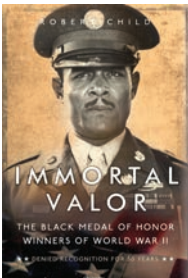
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# “Couture Cares” presents HER PROM CLOSET for high school students

*Special to The Mississippi Link*

Young ladies from Jackson area high schools can have the prom dress of their dreams, thanks to COUTURE CARES, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded by CEO Davina Jones.

This non-profit organization will sponsor a give-a-way event called, “Her Prom Closet-Jackson 2022,” to be held at Cade Chapel Baptist Church Family Life Center, 1000 Ridgeway Street, in Jackson, Saturday, February 26, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The 2022 Couture Cares “Her Prom Closet” will host up to 200 local high school junior and senior young ladies from the Jackson Public School District, Hinds County Public School District, Pearl Municipal Public School District, Clinton Public School District and Rankin County Public School District.

Attendees must RSVP by registering. High School juniors and seniors from the five (5) School Districts “must register” by texting “PROM601 to 33777” as soon as possible. Once there are 200 young ladies registered, the website will close.

This event will be a complete shopping experience setup just like a department store. On the day of event,

there will be welcome remarks from Rev. Reginald Buckley, introduction of CEO Davina Jones, guest speaker, make-up demonstration and plenty of giveaways. The young ladies will be able to try on dresses to find their perfect fit with the opportunity to select a formal prom dress and accessories at no cost.

The girls will also receive a free lunch sponsored by a local Jackson restaurant.

CEO Jones stated: “I am committed to making a difference to our youth and Couture Cares has given me the platform to help young ladies.”

Individuals who wish to donate dresses or make monetary contributions to “Her Prom Closet-Jackson 2022” may do so now and year-round at [couturecares.org](http://couturecares.org). #ROCKIT.WEARIT. GIVEIT #HPC2022.

This is the third year the organization has presented the event in Jackson, MS. In addition, “Her Prom Closet” has been held in Memphis, TN for seven years; in Chicago, IL for four years, and will be held for the first time in Nashville, TN and Birmingham, AL in 2022.

Point of contact for more information is Colonel Martha McRavin-Oliver, [moliver1217@yahoo.com](mailto:moliver1217@yahoo.com) or at 601-376-9608.

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## Bomb threats

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the promise of the American dream.

We are in contact with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, who are all aligned with our course of action. I’d like to thank the JSU Department of Public Safety for their tireless work in helping us remain safe. I would also like to thank our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners who have committed resources to help us move forward.

Lastly, we will not succumb to any attempts to incite fear amongst our community or disrupt our mission to create global leaders who will help eradicate ideologies that impede our progress as a nation. We have been steadfast in who we are since 1877, and threats will not dissuade us from educating those seeking a transformative learning experience. Together, we will meet and overcome any adversity because we are, and will always be, JSU Strong.”

Other HBCU’s receiving the threat on February 1 included The University of the District of Columbia, Morgan State University and Coppin State University both in Baltimore, MD., Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia, Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky, Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, LA, Edward Waters University in Jacksonville, Florida and Spelman College in Atlanta, GA.

Six more Historically Black Colleges and Universities had already received



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bomb threats on Monday, January 31. The threats occurred at Southern University and A&M College in Louisiana, Howard University in Washington, D.C., Bethune-Cookman University in Florida, Albany State University in Georgia, Bowie State University in Maryland, and Delaware State University.

The threats have disrupted each campus causing some evacuations, lockdowns, and temporary dismissal of classes.

White House press secretary told reporters on Monday that President Joe Biden is aware of the HBCU threats. “I will say that these are certainly disturbing and the White House is in touch with interagency partners, including federal law enforcement leadership on this.”

U.S. Congressman Bennie Thompson in a statement called the bomb threats against HBCUs” incredibly disturbing and disheartening.” He said, “It is not lost on me that these threats are targeting African-American educational institutions at a time when we are observing Black History Month.” He further said, “These bomb threats against HBCU’s deserve full investigation, particularly given the dynamic terrorism threat landscape. I have engaged with the FBI and DHS about threats to HBCUs and am committed to working with HBCU leaders to get them the answers they deserve.”

## Dating

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their on-target responses. “It’s all of that, including emotional triggers,” she said.

Cloud even shared that she, too, witnessed domestic violence in her home when she was a teen and that some of those traumatic experiences are still etched in her mind today.

In President Biden’s proclamation, the following passage offers an in-depth description of dating violence:

“Teen dating violence takes many forms, including physical or sexual assault, stalking, coercive and controlling behavior, emotional abuse, harassment and exploitation. It can occur in person, online, or through various forms of technology. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention research shows that more than 8 percent of high school students in the United States reported experiencing physical or sexual dating violence over the course of a 1-year period, with young women and LGBTQI+ youth facing the highest rates. Young people who are survivors of teen dating violence can suffer from depression, substance abuse, risk of suicide, eating disorders, poor academic outcomes, unintended pregnancy and other struggles. Sadly, survivors of teenage dating violence are more likely to be revictimized as adults. These effects are compounded for girls and young women of color, who are less often recognized as survivors of dating and sexual violence and face additional barriers to seeking help.”

Other summit presenters included Adrian Evans and Yarit Rodriguez.

Evans is currently a Navy Medical Officer Recruiter based in Jackson with a vast background in psychology and social work-related positions. A MSU graduate and JSU master’s graduate, Evans’ presentation dealt with “Dating Violence, Consent and Respect.” He also shared that nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. “This is nearly 10 million women and men a year,” Evan’s presentation indicated.

Rodriguez, (whose pronouns are Elle/El, They/He) of Guadalajara, Mexico has been a part of the movement to end violence for almost seven years as a community advocate, organizer, and storyteller. Currently, Yarit supports youth who are passionate about educating their communities on how to prevent violence. “As a first-gen, Latinx, queer identified

person; it is important for them to bring in intersectionality and representation to unserved, underserved, and inadequately served populations who have been marginalized and continue to be in the margins,” Yarit’s biography indicates.

Participants were not only well-informed but also enjoyed the welcome and rapid fire quizzes from the Teen Advisory Council as well as talented entertainment by dance group Jsuede and the High Frequency Band.

Several youth shared their summit reactions with *The Mississipp Link*:

“That was a really good session, and I’ve learned so much more about domestic violence and ways to help those who go through it,” said De’Kiyah Tompkins, a senior at Wingfield High School, Jackson.

Two sisters (a preteen and a teen) of Madison zoomed and with their grandmother, R. E. McGee, a retired Mississippi educator. “Before, I did not know much about this; but now I know what healthy and unhealthy relationships are,” said Aamia McGee. “It is going to help me so when I start thinking about, it is important to find out whether he is a nice person or rude person,” said Aamia, the preteen.

Her sister Azalea Oliver said the part where the boy in the video slaps his girlfriend for no reason got her attention. “The summit helped me to learn some of the danger signs to look out for when getting in a relationship,” she said.

MCADV Executive Director Wendy Mahoney said the summit’s objectives were to: “raise awareness to teen dating violence, provide tangible information for teens to utilize in recognizing dating violence, assist in the prevention of dating violence and empower teens to talk about dating violence.”

She also said youth may become a part of the Teen Advisory Council by contacting the MCADV at (601) 98- 90 or visit the website at www.mcadv.org

Mahoney said, if a teen is suffering in silence this very moment due to dating or relationship violence, with nowhere to turn, that “teen can immediately text LOVEIS to 22522 to get help and resources.

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## History

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ful to watch to all who watched it. We need to be reminded of atrocities such as these.

For ten years, I helped plan and accompanied a group of Ursinus College (Collegeville, PA) students and their professors to Mississippi to visit sites around the state to have a firsthand look at some of the most treacherous and unforgiving parts of the history of the American South. We would start our journey in Jackson where we visited Jackson State University, (formerly Jackson College). Ursinus students learned about the killing of Phillip J. Gibbs and James E. Green and the shooting of twelve others on campus by the State Police in 1970.

Tougaloo College was another stop on our journey. Tougaloo’s history is rich in the Civil Rights Movement. Student activism was commonplace. Tougaloo College Archives, as stated on its website, has a collection of personal papers, oral histories, photographs and other memorabilia of persons who were active in the movement.

Hollis Watkins, a Tougaloo graduate and activist, is founder and director of Southern Echo. At this stop, students learned about the importance of community organizing. Watkins and others travelled all over the state of Mississippi teaching communities how essential it is for citizens to organize and have an impact on economic development, educational and environmental decisions.

While also in Jackson, we visited the home of one of those activist, Medgar Evers. We toured the Evers House, now a National Historic Landmark, where we saw the trajectory of the bullets that went into the home. We stood on the driveway where Evers was murdered.

Farish Street was another stop. Farish Street was the “largest economically independent” business section in Jackson, where black businesses thrived. Recently, my sisters and I strolled down a few blocks of a mostly deserted community. We stopped at The Alamo Theatre where black folks could see a movie without fear of being arrested because of segregation. Most of the businesses were shuttered. The Big Apple Inn, commonly known back then as Big John’s, was first opened in 1936, was still open.

Another stop, for the students, on our journey was Bolton, Mississippi to visit another Tougaloo College graduate and activist, Congressman Bennie Thompson, who is in his 13th term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Visiting Thompson’s office was always one of the highlights of the trip for many reasons, perhaps because he is a living legion, especially now as he chairs the January 6 Committee investigating the Insurrection that took place on our nation’s Capitol.

Philadelphia, Mississippi was another stop. We saw the jail where Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner were detained and toured the courthouse where Edgar Ray Killen and seven klansmen and white supremacists were tried for their murder. Chaney, from Meridian, MS, and Goodman and Schwerner from New York, were working to help black Mississippians register to vote. These three activists were abducted and murdered in Neshoba County, Mississippi in 1964. Our tour was led by Leroy Clemons, former president of the local chapter of the NAACP. Clemons is currently the executive director of the Neshoba Youth Coalition. Our tour ended at the murder site of Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner.

Many times I would look at the faces of the students where tears flowed as Clemons told the story of their brutal murders as we stood on the site where they were buried.

As we journeyed to the Mississippi Delta, many times the ride was quiet as we looked out on cotton fields, as we tried to prepare ourselves for the last leg of the trip. Our first stop was in Ruleville, Mississippi to visit the gravesite of Fannie Lou Hamer, a voting and women’s rights activist, a leader in the Civil Rights Movement and co-founder of the Freedom Democratic Party. Here we paid homage to her and her lifetime of work. She is buried next to her beloved husband, Perry “Pap” Hamer.

From there to Glendora, Mississippi. We visited the Emmett Till Interpretive Center/Museum. This Museum was established by Mayor Johnny B Thomas. Thomas would meet us at the museum for a private tour. We were able to see a replica of the cotton gin fan that was tied around the neck of Till. The end of our journey was in Money, Mississippi. We stood on the very ground of Bryant’s store where Till and his cousins had entered to buy candy. This is the location where he was falsely accused.

Visiting all these places gave me the opportunity as an adult to visit places I never went as a child. I’m sure my parents were trying to spare us from the brutal nature of violence perpetrated against blacks. As a parent and grandparent I can understand wanting to protect your child. But our history should not be erased. Books should not be banned.

One place that I have been intrigued by since a student at Tougaloo was Mound Bayou, Mississippi. I was intrigued by the fact that there was an all black town in Mississippi that once thrived. I had a romanticized vision of this black community. I don’t recall knowing about Mound Bayou as a child. It certainly was not in our history books. Recently, my sisters and I decided to take a road trip to Cleveland, Mississippi which would include Mound Bayou.

As portrayed in the mini-series, Mound Bayou was a thriving community. Not only was it thriving, it was a thriving black community. It was founded by two cousins, Isiah and Joshua Montgomery and Benjamin Gill. It was founded in 1887 and aptly called “the Jewel of the Delta.” There was a hospital where blacks all over the state would come for good medical care. The all black school was compared favorably with the best white schools in the state. There were several churches, a zoo, swimming pool, newspaper(s), insurance company, banks, credit union and saw mill, all owned by black folks.

Today, like Farish Street, most of those businesses are gone. The hospital still stands and is used as the Delta Health Center.

Exploring and learning more about our history is very rewarding. Choose a place and set out on an adventure. As watching the Emmett Till story and visiting these places allowed us to see how we have survived as we struggle for self-determination. As we confront our history, we struggle with love and anger. Understanding our history is challenging and uplifting. But we must push forward. In the words of Maya Angelou “And Still I Rise.”

*James Hampton, reference librarian at the Eudora Welty Library in Jackson, MS, contributed to this article. See photos page 15.*



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# Lanier High School basketball coach Thomas Billups honored at game

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

Lanier High School basketball legend Thomas Billups received a special honor at a Lanier basketball game just days before the beginning of Black History Month.

Billups spent over 22 years at Lanier with a record of 617-119 and guided the team to 8 state championships and 13 championship game appearances. He was honored and presented with an alumni blazer by the Lanier High School National Alumni Association (LHSNAA) on January 21, 2022 after the Lanier girls' basketball game, just prior to the boy's game.

Al Thomas, president of LHSNAA and Beverly Harris-Williams, Lanier alumnus and retired FBI agent, made the presentation. Zach Wallace, Hinds County Circuit Clerk and former basketball player under Billups, spoke of the experiences he and other players had under Billups.

Billups, who expressed his gratitude for the honor, told *The Mississippi Link* of his historical coaching career in Mississippi. He coached one (1) year at Oak Grove High School in Hattiesburg, twelve (12) combined years at both the Vicksburg High School Program and Vicksburg Junior High School Program, three (3) years at Blackburn Middle School in Jackson and (23) twenty-three years at Lanier High School.

Billups said the honor bestowed upon him by the association brought back so many memories. "We had the best fans in not just Mississippi but in the country," he stated. "The fans supported us no matter where we were playing – they were going to be there. It can't get any better than that and If I had to do it all over again, I would do it right there at Lanier," he said.

Chandler Evans, a Jackson native, played basketball under Billups at Blackburn Middle School in the early 1990s. He was happy to hear about Billups' recognition. He said, "Coach Billups pushed us past the threshold into an unfamiliar place of accountability, intensity and intestinal fortitude. He took young boys and transformed us into young men, not only preparing us for games on the court, but a solid foundation for life." Evans resides in Richmond, VA where he works for Child Protective Services.

While at Lanier Billups was named Mississippi Coach of the Year three times and *Clarion Ledger's* Metro Coach of the Year four times. He is now in his 7th year as head coach at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, MS.

Billups is a native of Louisville, MS where he graduated from Camile High School. He received his bachelor's and master's degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from Jackson State University.

The LHSNAA is a non-profit, 501©3 organization established in 1998 by Lanier graduates committed to the school, community, and students in Jackson, Mississippi. For two consecutive years (2021-2022), the association has received The Mississippi Association of Partners in Education Governor's award and is in the running to receiving it a third time in 2022.

Thomas said, "We are 1500 strong!"



(L-R) Thomas, coach Billups, Harris-Williams



Lanier High School Basketball Showcase



Billups



Zack Wallace



Billups and Beverly Harris-Williams



Billups' alumni blazer

"Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane."

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The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health remembers the struggles and honors the triumphs of African Americans during Black History Month and beyond.



# Entergy Mississippi customers can receive free tax prep

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
Associated Press

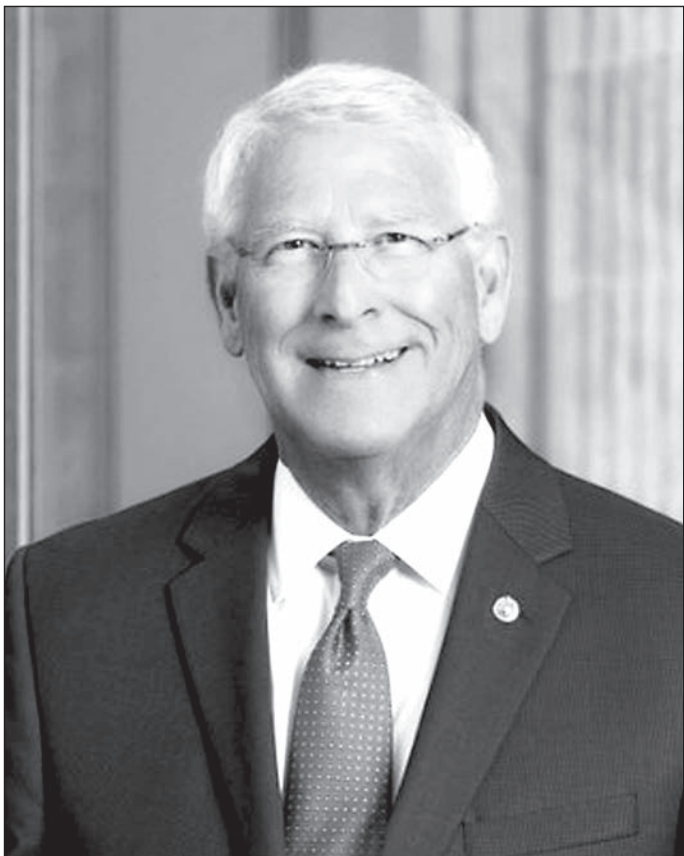
One of Mississippi’s Republican U.S. senators said that if President Joe Biden nominates a black woman to the U.S. Supreme Court, that nominee would be the beneficiary of a “quota.”

Sen. Roger Wicker spoke about the nomination Friday on the Gallo Radio Show, which aims primarily at a conservative audience on the statewide network Supertalk Mississippi.

The host, Paul Gallo, asked Wicker about Biden’s promise to nominate a black woman to succeed retiring Justice Stephen Breyer. Gallo said Biden should want to say the nominee is the best of any ethnicity or any gender.

“It’s exactly what Biden said he would do in his campaign, so he’s just fulfilling a campaign promise and he told the whole world that’s exactly what he was going to do,” Wicker said of Biden’s plan to nominate a black woman.

“The irony is that the Supreme Court is, at the very same time, hearing cases about this sort of affirmative racial discrimination while



Wicker said he does not expect any Republicans to support Biden’s eventual nominee.

adding someone who is the beneficiary of this sort of quota,” Wicker said. “The majority of the court may be saying, writ large, it’s unconstitutional. We’ll see how that irony works out.”

Wicker declined to ex-

plain his remarks Monday in Washington.

“I’ll let that interview stand,” Wicker told reporters.

In the radio interview, Wicker said that with Breyer’s retirement: “We’re go-

ing to go from a nice, stately, left-wing liberal to someone who’s probably more in the style of Sonia Sotomayor. The votes will be the same, so it’s a lateral move.”

He said Biden gets to make a Supreme Court nomination partly because of people who vote Republican were uncomfortable voting for President Donald Trump in 2020 “because they had a problem with his demeanor.”

“We’ll have 30 years of a left-wing judge when, you know, we could’ve had at some point, three, another stellar member like the three that we have gotten recently, particularly in Amy Coney Barrett and Brett Kavanaugh,” Wicker said.

He said he does not expect any Republicans to support Biden’s eventual nominee.

“But we will not treat her like the Democrats did Brett Kavanaugh,” Wicker said. “It was one of the most disgraceful, shameful things – and completely untruthful things – that the Democratic judiciary majority has ever, ever done.”

AP reporter Farnoush Amiri contributed to this report from Washington.

## Entergy Mississippi customers can receive free tax prep

Volunteers will also help qualifying customers claim their Earned Income Tax Credit

Mississippi Link Newswire

For more than 12 years, Entergy Mississippi employees have volunteered to help customers who qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit receive help claiming the money they have earned. And this year is no different.

The company is also continuing its partnership with community advocates to support free IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance tax preparation services for qualifying customers. Funding for this effort is provided through shareholder contributions and does not impact customer bills.

Since 2009, Entergy’s support of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites has helped return \$298 million to more than 164,000 residents throughout the company’s utility service area in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. In Mississippi, nearly 35,000 residents have received more than \$76 million.

The federal government estimates EITC has lifted more than 5.6 million people out of poverty, including 3 million children. However, one out of five people who qualify for the EITC fail to claim it.

“The Earned Income Tax Credit is one of our country’s more effective tools for lifting low-income workers and their families above

the poverty line,” said Amy Davidson, Entergy Mississippi senior public affairs representative. “Our goal is to increase the amount of federal money returned to our customers by raising awareness of the credit and supporting VITA sites to help qualified customers avoid high fees.”

Free tax preparation services are provided at VITA sites throughout the 2022 tax season. At local VITA sites, IRS-certified volunteers from Entergy Mississippi and community partners will be available to help residents who earn \$57,000 or less determine if they qualify to receive the tax benefits. Qualifying families can receive as much as \$6,700 through EITC.

In some VITA locations, local community partners are offering appointments for tax preparation services, drop-off tax prep services, financial coaching, budget workshops, free legal services and more. Contact the provider in your community to confirm available services. VITA site locations are available at [entergy.com/freetax-help](http://entergy.com/freetax-help) or by calling 211.

Residents may sign up to have their taxes prepared at [getyourrefund.org](http://getyourrefund.org). Information from [getyourrefund.org](http://getyourrefund.org) will be used to match a tax filer with a nearby VITA provider.

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## The Mississippi Link Newswire

Each month, the JPS administration honors principals who exhibit the core values of equity, excellence, growth mindset, relationships, relevance and a positive and respectful culture. Congratulations to the following educators on being named January's administrators of the month:

Dr. Sara Harper, principal of McWillie Elementary School in Division 1, has served in education for over 22 years. She has served at McWillie for 15 years, with nine years as principal. Dr. Harper works hard to ensure student growth for students in the Montessori program and PreK program. Her professional goal is provide a compassionate learning community and solid academic foundation so that the needs are met for the whole child.

Dr. Harper has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Exceptional Education from Millsaps, a master's degree in Counseling from Jackson State and a doctorate in Education Leadership from Mississippi College. Dr. Harper serves on the board for the Millsaps Principals' Institute, Leadership Greater Jackson and First Tee of Central Mississippi and is an active member of Junior League Jackson.

Dr. Yolanda Lloyd is the principal of John Hopkins Elementary School in Division 2. She has served as a teacher, assistant principal, and educational consultant during her education career. Dr. Lloyd's vision, "John Hopkins Elementary allows me to provide leadership and expertise for the purpose of educating children." She has a wealth of knowledge with subject area content, learning strategies, and ensuring teaching and learning is relevant in the classroom.

Dr. Lloyd received her Ed. D., Early Childhood Education, Ed. S., and Educational Leadership, M.A., Elementary Education (K-8), from Jackson State University. She received her B.S., Elementary Education (K-8) from Delta State University.

Kevin L. Culver is the principal of Northwest Jackson Middle School. With over 20 years as an educational practitioner, Mr. Culver began his teaching career in the Jefferson Davis County School District where he taught a plethora of advanced Mathematics courses including 7th grade Mathematics, 8th grade Mathematics, 8th grade Pre-algebra, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Pre-calculus/Trigonometry for 14 years. He also served as head varsity

baseball coach, head junior high football coach, head junior varsity football coach and assistant varsity football coach. Upon employment with the Jackson Public School District, Culver began working at Morrison Academic Advancement Center where he taught 8th grade pre-algebra and served as an assistant football coach at Jim Hill High School. Culver transitioned to Northwest Jackson International Baccalaureate World Middle School as Mathematics Interventionist and later became Lead Teacher.

He started his college matriculation at Jackson State University. However, he received both a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Education degree in Mathematics from William Carey College (now William Carey University). Additionally, he earned a Specialist in Education degree in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University.

Torrey Hampton is the principal of Forest Hill High School (FHHS), also known as the University of South Jackson. His tenure at FHHS began in 2018. Since then, his time and energy has been spent transforming the culture and climate of the school along with ensuring that the academic integrity of the school

is the primary focus. Under his leadership, their school community has seen increases in academics, teacher retention, and graduation rates.

His educational career began in 1999 in the Holmes County School District where he taught in a fifth grade self-contained class. The following year he taught the fifth-grade class, along with sixth grade math. In August 2002, Mr. Hampton was hired at Blackburn Middle School where he taught sixth grade math until May 2013. While at Blackburn, he was team leader for one of the sixth-grade teams, head boys' basketball and track coach. During the time at Blackburn, Hampton had the opportunity to dive into leadership by leading enrichment programs during the summer and stepping in when members of the administration team were out.

Hampton is a military veteran of seventeen years. He was honorably discharged with a rank of 02 (1st Lieutenant). Hampton holds degrees from Alcorn State University, Mississippi State University, and Jackson State University. He is currently completing the doctoral program at Jackson State University.

## FedEx announces launch of Student Ambassador Program



### Mississippi Valley State University Wire Service

FedEx (NYSE: FDX), the world's largest express transportation company, recently announced the launch of the FedEx-HBCU Student Ambassador Program. The program demonstrates a continued commitment to helping prepare students who attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to be future leaders with opportunities to learn about the FedEx enterprise from executives, build leadership and career-ready skills, and participate in unique experiences, while also helping expand the company's pipeline for diverse talent.

The program provides students from eight HBCUs with a unique, practical experience designed to help prepare them for leadership and the workforce. Student participants were selected from the following HBCUs:

- Jackson State University (Jackson, Miss.)
- Tennessee State University (Nashville, Tenn.)
- LeMoyne-Owen College (Memphis, Tenn.)
- Mississippi Valley State University (Itta Bena, Miss.)
- Lane College (Jackson, Tenn.)
- Paul Quinn College (Dallas, TX.)
- Miles College (Fairfield, Ala.)
- Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville, N.C.)

The program will officially kick off in March, with the first cohort of students who will participate in virtual and hybrid meetings. The intent is to introduce a new cohort each year, to align with the five-year commitment to HBCUs that FedEx announced last year.

Students were selected based on their career interests in various areas, including e-commerce, sustainability, IT/tech, logistics, marketing communications, sales, data/analytics, operations, and more. The students will have the opportunity to participate in seminars designed to provide empowerment, engagement, and education; plus, access to resources that will hopefully offer them an edge as they prepare to enter the workforce after college. In addition, the first cohort of student participants will help set the direction for upcoming FedEx Ambassador programs, such as career pathways initiatives, HBCU leadership institutes, and student forums/think tanks.

FedEx also hosted a 'Listen and Learn' conversation with NASCAR drivers Denny Hamlin and Bubba Wallace with sports representatives from Tennessee State and Jackson State Universities. Hamlin unveiled a special HBCU paint scheme featured on his #11 FedEx Toyota during last year's NASCAR Cup Series race at Daytona; and presidents from Mississippi Valley State University, Tennessee State University, Jackson State University, and LeMoyne-Owen College participated in a virtual roundtable discussion.

"The FedEx-HBCU Student Ambassador program will continue to strengthen our important relationships with HBCUs across the country," said Judy Edge, corporate vice president of human resources at FedEx. "We're preparing tomorrow's leaders, and the students we reach through this program will gain valuable practical experience that will help prepare them to enter the workforce. It will also help us to continue to bring diverse talent into our pipeline at FedEx."

FedEx leaders, school presidents, and student program participants will participate in a special ceremonial presentation during the ringing of The Closing Bell® at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on February 1 commemorating the launch of the program and a nationwide celebration of Black History.

To learn more about FedEx support of HBCUs, please visit [www.fedexcares.com](http://www.fedexcares.com).

# In honor of Black History Month, Career Clarifier offers free career tests to students attending HBCUs

## Special to The Mississippi Link

Career Clarifier LLC announced today that it is giving away 2,500 career tests to college students enrolled at an HBCU in honor of Black History Month. The tests will help 1st and 2nd-year students to identify appealing majors. Juniors and seniors can use their test results to discover exciting career options. Students attending an HBCU can request a free career test with a premium results report at <https://www.careerclarifier.com/hbcu/student-sign-up>.

"Black History Month is a celebration of achievements by Black Americans, and Career Clarifier is thrilled to donate our innovative career test to support the success of the next generation of Black leaders", said Jeff Neil, company co-founder.

Career Clarifier is the first career test that is specifically



**Career Clarifier is about helping college students discover the specific types of jobs that best fit them.**

designed for college students and graduates. Unlike most career tests that focus on personality, Career Clarifier identifies a student's appeal-

ing skills, abilities, and interests and then matches them to career options that typically require a college degree.

For the month of February

2020, HBCU students will receive a 90-page Premium Results report that includes a list of appealing skills and abilities, 20 specific careers

that best fit them, detailed 2-page profiles for each recommended career, education suggestions, and a directory of exciting work settings that match their interests.

Career Clarifier believes in a future where all people have careers that let them achieve their potential. That's why for every test they sell, the company's social mission is to give away a free Career Clarifier test to college students from traditionally underserved communities, including first-generation college students, students of color, and veterans who are enrolled in college.

If the company receives more than 2,500 requests from HBCU students for free Career Clarifier tests during Black History month, the company will create a waitlist that will be used for future donations from its social impact program.



# Subvariant to Omicron detected by scientists in 40 countries, including the U.S.

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

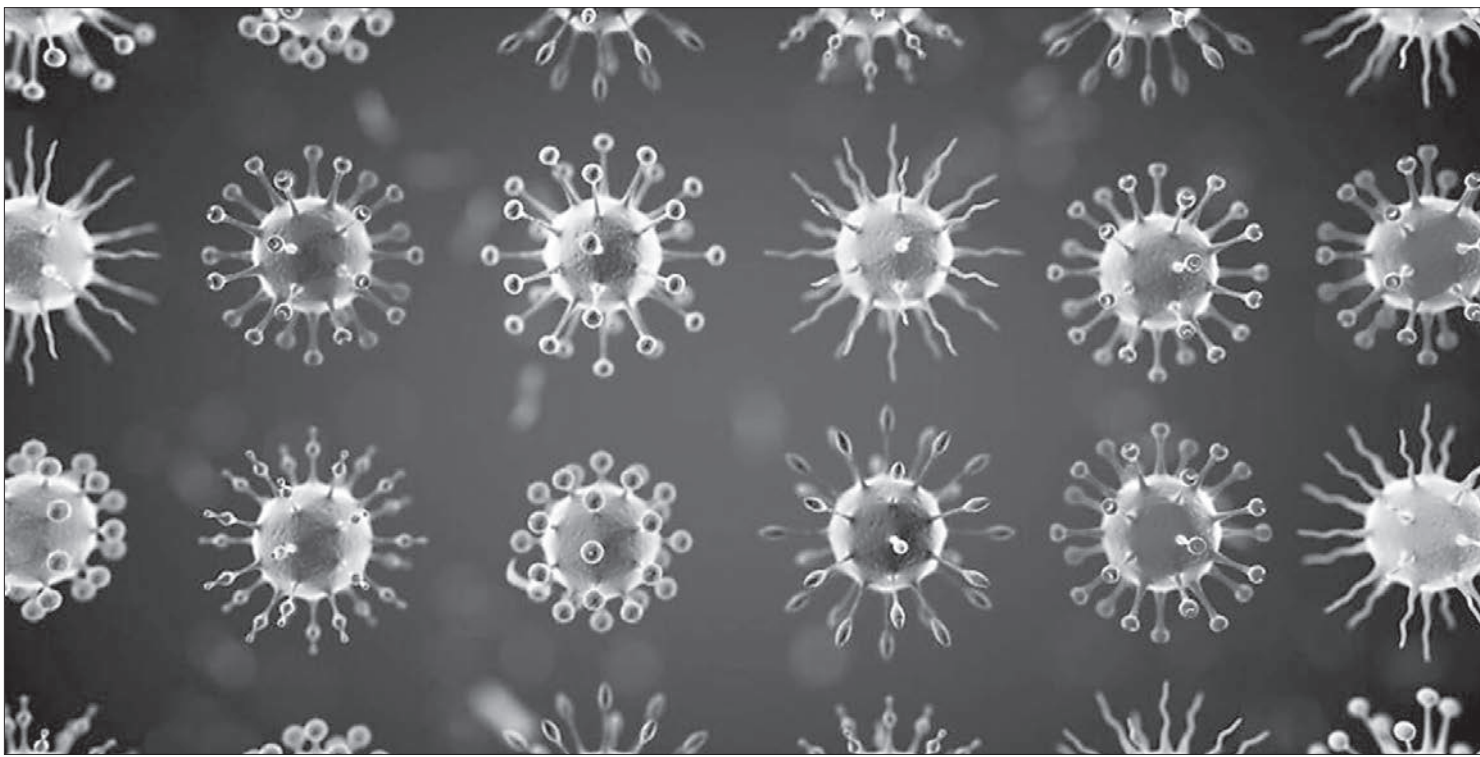
Scientists are now closely monitoring a new mutation of the Omicron variant, the World Health Organization confirmed January 26. With the omicron swarming the world, officials have identified BA.2 as an offshoot of that highly transmissible variant.

It is “not a variant of concern,” officials at the World Health Organization maintained. However, BA.2 numbers reportedly are rising, with at least 40 countries showing cases to a global variant tracking database.

The subvariant has spread rapidly in Denmark and the United Kingdom, with almost half of recent cases in Denmark attributed to BA.2.

Health officials reported that the subvariant has arrived in America, with two confirmed cases in Washington State. Overall, more than 8,000 cases of BA.2 have been found, but its origin remains undetermined.

“It is the nature of viruses to



evolve and mutate, so it’s to be expected that we will continue to see new variants emerge as the pandemic goes on,” Dr. Meera Chand, the COVID-19 incident director at the UK

Health Security Agency, noted in a statement. “So far, there is insufficient evidence to determine whether BA.2 causes more severe illness than Omicron BA.1, but data is limited.”

Officials have pointed out that most variants, like Delta and Omicron, have subvariants.

“Conventional COVID-19 tests can show a positive or a negative result, but they can’t

determine specific variants. For that, scientists need to do additional genetic sequencing,” Dr. Nitya Rajeshumi, a pediatrics resident at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, wrote for

ABC News.

“Conveniently, the Omicron variant has a particular genetic signature that allows scientists to quickly and easily determine if the sample is Omicron or not,” Dr. Rajeshumi wrote.

The new BA.2 subvariant does not have that feature, meaning scientists can no longer use this shortcut – “though they can still identify the subvariant using genetic sequencing technology,” the doctor continued.

Because of this, the BA.2 subvariant has sometimes been referred to as the “stealth” variant. But for the general public, conventional COVID-19 tests will still work to detect the new subvariant.

“While it’s important to understand that in the family of Omicron, there is a sub-lineage that is potentially more transmissible, it’s not necessarily a cause for panic,” Dr. John Brownstein, chief innovation officer at Harvard University’s Boston Children’s Hospital, told Dr. Rajeshumi.

# New hope for rural America in the fight against COVID

By Alan Morgan  
and John M. Bridgeland

It’s 2022 and the COVID pandemic is still with us. Pandemic fatigue is understandable at this point. But the loss of more than 824,000 Americans to date and the arrival of a new, more transmissible variant, should drive a renewed push to turn the tide.

We have the tools to do it. We know where our focus must be, but one area of great concern is rural America.

Rural communities are among the hardest hit with the latest wave of the pandemic still rolling across America. Omicron renews COVID’s assault on the unvaccinated. Last fall, the incidence rates of COVID-19 in rural America were roughly 54 percent higher than elsewhere in the country, ac-

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cording to the Rural Policy Research Institute. To date, if you live in a rural community, you are more than twice as likely to die from COVID than those in non-rural areas.

Analysis from *The Daily Yonder* showed that incident rates climbed nearly 50 percent in rural counties in the two weeks following the Thanksgiving holiday, a worrisome trend with the rapid spread of the Omicron variant now.

The disparity requires an effort to reach families in these communities with trusted voices, sound science, and accurate information. Trusted rural voices have banded together with the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) and COVID Collaborative to address

the disparity and look for opportunities to speak directly with rural Americans about the vaccines.

Together with organizations like the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Cooperative Extension System, and others, we are standing together to encourage Americans who may still be questioning vaccines to seek out the latest accurate information about getting vaccinated. This work takes many forms.

A national PSA campaign, co-sponsored by the Ad Council and COVID Collaborative, brings the real stories of seven families in rural America directly impacted by COVID, shining a light on their journeys from vaccine-hesitant to vaccinated. The PSAs drive viewers to an online resource hub

– [getvaccineanswers.org](https://getvaccineanswers.org) – for straight talk and fact-based information on COVID vaccines.

A wide range of factors impacts individuals’ decisions to get educated and to get vaccinated. According to Ad Council research last year, large groups of rural Americans who remain undecided about vaccination continue to have concerns about long-term side effects of the vaccines (73.7%) and doubts about the efficacy of vaccination (69.6%) due to new breakthrough cases.

Families, faith and the fabric and connections across local communities themselves will play a key role in this ongoing effort to overcome vaccine hesitancy.

The NRHA is also working alongside COVID Collaborative to disseminate a commu-

nication toolkit to its network of members, partners and providers. We want to equip rural employers, small business owners, and other trusted voices with conversation starters, data and vaccine facts to improve access to vaccines and to help overcome the hesitancy in rural America.

A nationwide response must reach every part of the country, and we are eager to help engage more Americans to get answers to their good questions about vaccines.

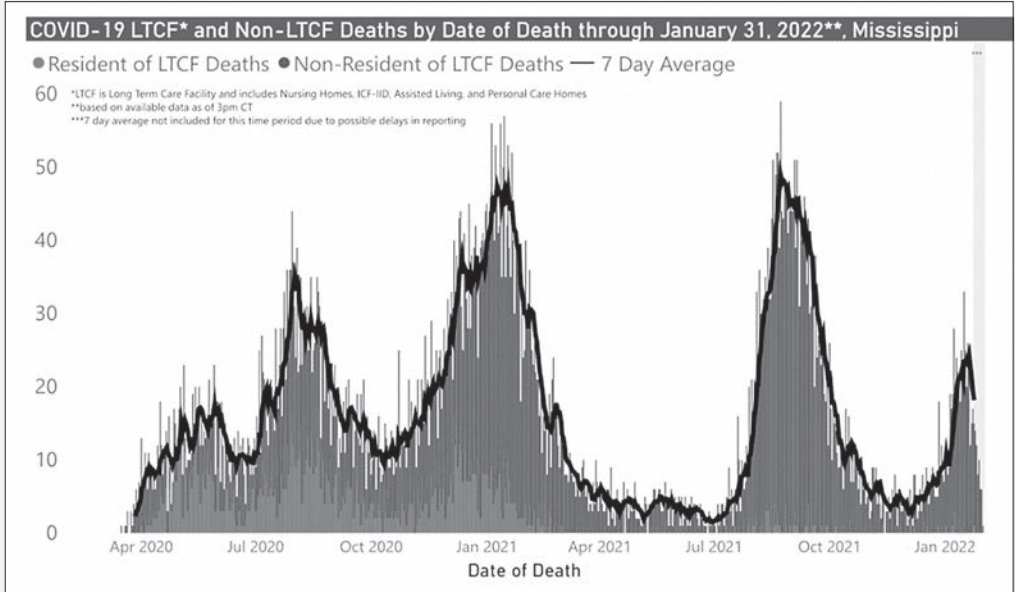
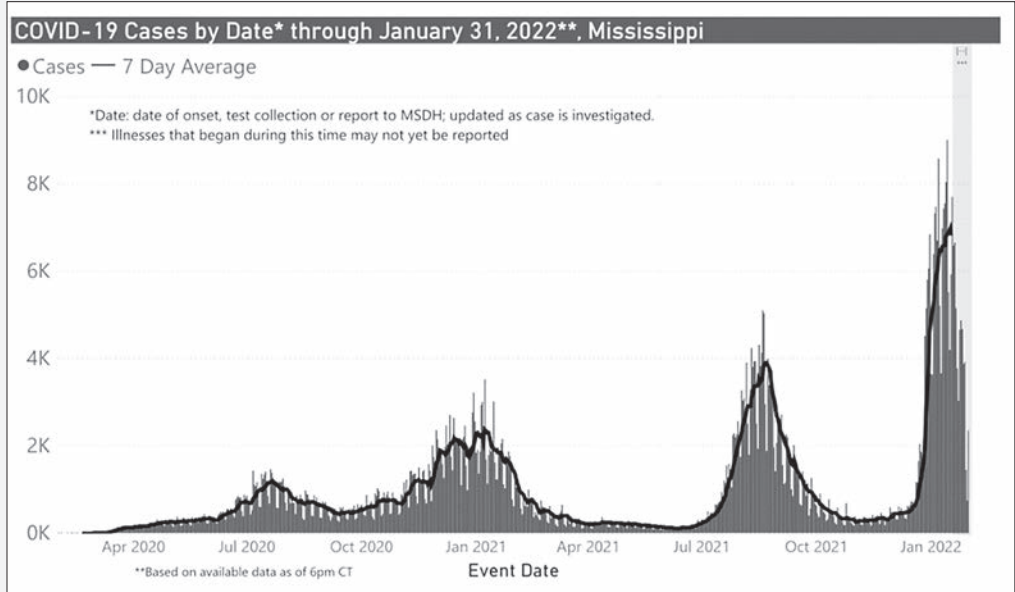
Rural America is not a monolith. The diversity across rural America is as rich and expansive as our country itself. We can’t expect to move the needle with a single act or message. Combined efforts like the one NRHA and COVID Collaborative are proud to help lead aim

to meet rural Americans where they are through their trusted healthcare and medical leaders, houses of worship, the agricultural community and the small business community.

In times of crisis, Americans always rise to the challenge. We’re optimistic 2022 will bring renewed efforts and progress in our work to help rural Americans overcome vaccine hesitancy and accelerate the day when all Americans can safely return to leading active and productive lives.

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## MISSISSIPPI COVID-19 UPDATE





P R E S E R V E D

# The purpose of purification

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



When this year started, I did not make new year's resolutions but prayed for God to show me what I needed to work on. The word that came to my spirit was purification. I wrote it down and found scriptures that related to having a pure heart and mind. Honestly, I was excited because after being hurt by people and disappointed in myself, I needed to work on having a pure heart. Moreover, I thought that focusing on this word would give me the strength to finally let go of some things I'd been holding on to.

As I started to think and pray more about the word, I realized that I've often thought of purification as an unpleasant process that involved sacrifice and giving up things I enjoyed.

However, after studying scripture, I'm starting to realize that purification isn't about saying what you do and don't do. For example, just because you don't drink, smoke, do drugs and are sexually moral doesn't necessarily mean you have a pure heart either. What I'm starting to see is that the sometimes fiery process of purification is designed to get us to the point where we choose to reflect God and not the troubles that we have experienced.

I believe that there are two ways that we can discover the blessing of God's purification. First, we have to draw closer to God. James 4:8 says "Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded."

It takes courage to humble ourselves and then take the first step of drawing near to God. What keeps us from making that first step? Some-

times it's fear or even pride that keeps us from doing so.

The scripture reference to being double minded refers to being caught/committed to two opposing viewpoints, unstable and keeping your options open. Being double-minded also keeps us from drawing closer to God and staying close to God.

Next, we have to accept God's Grace. 1 John 1:9 encourages 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' This means we have to acknowledge when we have a breach in our relationship with God. This breach is not always an action; sometimes sin is an attitude. Sometimes the attitude isn't against others; it's against ourselves.

I've had to learn to stop being so hard on myself for making mistakes. After doing this, it was easier to accept that God's grace covers any mistake I've made in the past and

will make in the future.

According to the website Hope for the Heart, purification of gold during biblical times was a process where the refiner looked for his reflection on the surface of the melted gold. As the impurities were exposed and removed, the image of the refiner became clearer. The refining process was complete when the image of the refiner on the gold was not warped.

Likewise, when we allow the fiery testing of our character by God to show the areas that we need to work on and be healed from, we then start to reflect more of God's pure heart and not our own broken hearts.

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# We must hear the Word and keep It

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



In John 19:26-27 we read: "When Jesus therefore saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother!' And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home." What was Jesus doing? He was severing ties. Why? The connection that had been used to bring Him into this world was finished. It was fulfilled, and now He said to His mother, "Woman," letting us know the other part was done. In other words, Mary's role of being His mother was fulfilled. He was not being disrespectful or dishonoring her. Jesus was making sure that she would have someone to take care of her and that she would have a son to replace the Son whom she had brought forth from her womb.

Jesus wanted to establish that the connection between His earthly mother and Himself was finished. Mary was an individual just like everyone else, yet Jesus took care of her by assigning a son to her. Dear one, God does all things well. The Catholic Church

tells people that Jesus assigned her to everyone as mother, but that is not true because the Bible tells us in Galatians 4:26, "But the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all." Mary is not the mother of all Christians, but Jerusalem (the church) is the mother of us all.

If Mary were our mother (but she is not), it would contradict Jesus' own words in Luke 14:26, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate (or love less) his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple." What was Jesus saying? We have to put Him ahead of everyone else. There is no other name under Heaven whereby we must be saved. Mary was a good person. She was a very honorable and blessed individual. However, the Bible says in Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." Second Corinthians 5:10 tells us, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

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# The time for truth telling is now

By Oscar H. Blayton  
Pres. Black Chamber of Commerce



On Nov. 24, 1768, an advertisement appeared in the *Virginia Gazette*, a newspaper printed in Williamsburg and widely distributed in Virginia, Britain's largest North American colony.

This advertisement screamed in large black letters, "A SCHEME of a LOTTERY," and below that in letters almost as large were the words, "For disposing of certain LANDS, SLAVES, and STOCKS, belonging to the subscriber."

Among the "CONTENTS of PRIZES" listed, which could be acquired by this raffle, were 24 enslaved men, women and children. Their values were assessed from a high of 280 British pounds for a blacksmith and his wife who was described as "a young wench who works exceedingly well both in the house and field," to a low of 20 British pounds for another woman named "Lucy" and described as "outlandish." In what would be considered heartbreaking today, this raffle broke apart families, as most family members were sold in separate lots.

This type of raffle was a common occurrence in colonial Virginia and would not be considered a remarkable historical event except for the fact that the 17 managers who conducted this raffle were laser focused on their own liberties and freedoms.

Among these managers were men who attended the Continental Congress, fought in the Revolutionary War and signed the Declaration of Independence. Most prominent among them was George Washington. Several of these men are often identified as "Founding Fathers" of our nation. And it is telling that they could treat their fellow human beings with such casual cruelty.

This raffle in late 1768 was not an isolated incident for the man who later would become America's first president. Four months later, Washington helped to set up another lottery to pay the debts of a Virginia planter who owed money to his stepchildren. This lottery also was advertised in the *Virginia Gazette*.

While apologists for Washington try to whitewash his inhumanity by imagining that he was merely a man of his times who earnestly sought a way to end slavery, the record is clear: These raffles show us a man who had no concern for the humanity of the enslaved.

In the April 1769 lottery, while the more valuable married males were raffled together with their wives and children, less valuable slaves were separated from their families and placed arbitrarily into different lots. For example, the ledger reportedly shows that a slave named Robin and his wife Bella were raffled together as husband and wife, but their daughters, 12-year-old Sukey and 7-year-old Betty, were listed in a separate lot. Washington and his colleagues issued 1,840 tickets for this lottery, so the chances were extremely unlikely that those enslaved family members would remain together.

It is important to illustrate this bit of history because it demonstrates the challenges people of color have had to overcome to have their humanity recognized. And it reveals the casual ease with which American social structures, policies and practices trampled our humanity.

After a long, hard and bloody journey through American history, where people of color have given so much and gotten so little in return, it should be unimaginable that so many Americans still cling to notions of white supremacy with religious vigor. So firmly do they cling to their belief in the incontrovertible truth of their world view that the dogma of their religion of white supremacy is "Your Fault." This creed lays blame at the

feet of everyone victimized by white supremacy and shields racially motivated bigots from any sense of responsibility for the misery they have inflicted upon their fellow humans.

Because the doxology of white supremacy has been performed so fervently over and over again for so long, no other chorus could be heard. It has rung out from most American newsrooms, motion picture studios, radio stations, courts of justice and legislative halls for centuries.

This dogma of Your Fault is the cheapest form of insurance against liability and social accountability. Its logic is based upon adolescent thinking, like that of a teenage motorist who explains to his uncle that his automobile insurance coverage is "Your Fault." People who are unable to accept liability are unable to understand consequences.

When the unatoned fail to acknowledge their unregenerate behavior, they can believe in their own righteousness despite the depravity of their actions. And it is only by the continuous performance of their long-lived doxology that they can have faith in the religious righteousness of their race-based bigotry.

The struggle for white supremacists to maintain this belief system is an existential one. Without this belief, they are not special or exceptional or extraordinary. They are not supreme. And thinking of themselves as "supreme" is an integral part of the self-world of white supremacists.

It is because they cannot alter their belief in who they are, that white supremacists must find fault in those whom they have victimized. This explains why, for many past decades, white social scientists like Daniel Patrick Moynihan sought to address the ills afflicting black and brown communities in this country by constantly trying to "fix" the people broken by victimization rather than fixing the victimizing system.

It is within this context that Washington's raffles must be seen as elisions in the history of this nation. They are not hidden; the records are there for anyone to see. They merely have been omitted when we have recounted our national narrative.

When we testify to the character of our nation, its history and its culture, we are obligated to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, otherwise, we perpetuate a lie.

Today, attempts to conform the American narrative to a fiction of a just and enlightened settlement of an empty land through the rational and tolerant use of a savage and undisciplined workforce to form a fair and equitable society have reached a fever pitch. Bigots seek to hide the true past of this nation and build a memorial to a just society that never was. Accounts of the cruelties and depravities of their ancestors are being culled from libraries and banned from being taught in schools.

We are called now to give witness to the true and factual history of this country. We must not shy away from removing the cloaks from the grotesque nakedness of the twisted form of racial bias that has defined this country's history. We must fight to keep the truth and the honest telling of America's history in our schools. We must push with all our might against the distortion of our country's narratives that aggrandize the villainy of racial bigotry clothed in patriotism and progress. We must call out our neighbors, co-workers and those we encounter in the street, who believe it is acceptable to do anything other than tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We must all speak truth to power now. There can be no other course than this.

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# "Quit playin" Good grief!

By Vincent L. Hall  
Texas Metro News



What do Betty White, John Madden, Lani Guinier, Sidney Portier and Sonia Lee Jordan have in common? They were all favorites and widely-known; except for the last one. Sonia Renee Lee Jordan was my stepsister, and her transition is personal and painful. I could write a stage play about our lives, separate and apart. Sonia had a dry wit, but she was funnier than Betty was. She never broadcasted a game on Fox Sports, but she called every contest as she saw it. She was not a law professor and national activist like Lani, but she held her own in this community.

Thespians, directors and stage producers say that there are five primary stage directions in plays and dramatic venues. They include center stage, stage right, stage left, upstage and downstage. Unfortunately, our family's center stage suddenly faded to black. Sonia never acted in any movie, but you still had to guess who was coming to dinner because everybody was welcome at her table, whether the spread was hers or not. This loss pierces my soul because she was center stage in her family, in our blended family.

My dad had not been married to my stepmother Dollie very long before they started "blending" the families. She had four, he had three, and they would later have another. So, it was

Paul, Sonia, Rita, me, Lorna (Denise), Victor and Gina. Gregory Lynn came later. We became the Negro/Black version of the Brady Bunch every other weekend or thereabouts. James Brown was ushering out Negro, and we were settling into the "Black and Proud" era. The first encounter that comes to mind was a field trip of sorts. I can't remember where, but I recall thinking that the task was not doable.

Paul was gone, but how do you get man and wife with six kids securely seated in a 1968 Volkswagen Bug? Sonia, who was already near six feet by this time, made the ultimate sacrifice and engineered the seating plan. She sat in the middle, straddling the hump on the VW floor. Three others sat with her in the back, and the last two sat in the jump seat. Before SUVs and hatchbacks, VW's and station wagons had jump seats. Volkswagen Beetles had a trunk in the front, a motor in the back, and a 3x5-storage area inside.

All of us kids wanted to be in that tight spot. Sonia negotiated a settlement so that all of us got what we wanted. That was her role throughout life. She sacrificed and mediated, so nobody else ever had to. Sonia eventually became the big sister, and I was the big brother after Paul passed at an early age. Our job has been to "herd cats" and "keep the children" together over the years. Unfortunately, deaths, divorce and detours have a way of dismembering familial relationships. However, Sonia's will to keep our family unified remained undeterred.

Sonia contracted COVID. No Shot. I have been so damned angry since I was summoned to Charlton Methodist Hospital's ICU. Angry at Sonia. Angry with myself. Angry with the rest of these anti-vaxxers. Furious with this whole two-year plague.

Amid all my angst and aggravation, I heard a word from a former pastor and good friend. Pastor Henry H. Batson III delivered a eulogy for another friend's mother. His homily was simply titled; "Good Grief." My brother, Reverend Victor Hall, had just completed a whole series in December on grief.

As a New York area pastor, he has a panoramic and detailed view of this pandemic. Nevertheless, something Batson said got through. His thesis is that we must purposely mix some of the better memories into the roux of our grief.

He was right. Rather than being draped in despair, I had to erect a canopy of comfort. We have shared life, love and the legacies of two families. There is scientific evidence that 98% of the time, having the COVID vaccine saves lives. I relish our good days together, and this probably didn't have to happen. I hated to say goodbye to Betty, John, Lani and Sidney, but "good grief" bidding farewell to Sonia ripped my heart out. I'm still not there. RIH Sonia. But you know I got questions when we meet again. I get the jump seat this time!

*Vincent L. Hall is an author, activist and award-winning columnist.*

# Celebrating black women on the federal bench

By Ben Jealous  
People For the American Way



President Joe Biden's first year in office has brought both triumphs and disappointments. There's no question that the administration has work to do on voting rights and on passing the critical social infrastructure pieces of the Build Back Better plan.

But firmly in the "wins" column is the president's extraordinary success nominating and confirming to the federal bench extraordinarily qualified judges with a demonstrated commitment to civil rights, especially black women judges. This is profoundly important to our legal system, to how justice is administered and to how everyday people experience life in our democracy, whether they ever find themselves in court or not.

That's because even though the Supreme Court grabs headlines when it decides a big case, the high court takes only a few cases every year. The vast majority of federal cases is decided in the lower courts, at the circuit and district levels. This is where rulings are made that affect our right to vote, to not be discriminated against in housing or access to health care, and so much more.

Having a strong contingent of black women judges on these courts means the lived experience they bring – in addition to their stellar legal credentials – is coming into play in deciding cases that will shape all our lives for years to come.

The numbers tell a powerful story. A full 65 percent of President Biden's circuit court nominees have been people of color. Three quarters have been women, and 42 percent have been black women.

These statistics break all previous for inclusion on the critically important circuit courts, whose opinions establish the law in all the states in their region.

The president has shown a similar commitment to diversity on the district courts, as well. And all this comes against a backdrop of record-shattering appointments overall: Biden has had more lower federal court judges (circuit and district combined) confirmed than any other president in his first year, in 60 years.

Probe beneath the numbers and you discover even more compelling stories: the personal histories of the black women tapped by Biden to serve on our highest courts.

A distinguished Yale Law School graduate, Candace Jackson-Akiwumi had her pick of high-powered legal jobs. She worked for a while at a prestigious law firm, then quit to become a public defender, representing people who could not afford a lawyer. In that role, she helped expose the government's use of "phony stash houses," a way to trap people into committing crimes they would not otherwise commit. Today she serves as the only black judge on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.

Similarly, Yale alumna Eunice Lee spent 20 years at Manhattan's Office of the Appellate Defender, representing poor people in New York City convicted of felonies. Today she is a judge on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York.

And Ketanji Brown Jackson, a Harvard Law graduate, devoted years of her career to public service, representing low-income people in Washington, D.C., as a public defender. She also served on the U.S. Sentencing Commission, where she worked to end the unjust discrep-

ancy between sentences for crack and powder cocaine. Today she serves on the D.C. Circuit and is often talked about as a future Supreme Court nominee.

The paths to confirmation for these women and their fellow nominees were tainted by attacks, racist and otherwise. The right-wing press criticized these nominees as "radical liberals." The Senate Judiciary Committee asked Jackson and Jackson-Akiwumi point-blank at their confirmation hearings if race would play a role in their judicial decision-making. And far-right conservatives did everything they could to delay their confirmation. But all of them prevailed, with dignity, grit and grace, the qualities that so many accomplished black women have shown in the face of adversity.

And the story is still being written. On the campaign trail, President Biden promised to name the first black woman to the Supreme Court, and Justice Stephen Breyer's retirement paves the way for that to occur. Soon, we may see that woman take a long-overdue and rightful seat on the nation's highest court; I look forward to celebrating that beautiful and momentous day.

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



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4160

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 Dhavel Patel has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a liquor store within a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 1815 University Blvd. (Parcel 215-92), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

East Half (E-1/2) of Lots 1, 3, 5 and 7 and all of Lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and all of Lots 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Block "D", Lincoln Addition, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 1 at Page 38 thereof, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

LESS AND EXCEPT that portion of the above described property conveyed to the State Highway Commission of Mississippi by Warranty Deeds recorded in Book 592 at Page 582 and Book 590 at Page 389 of the records in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 16, 2022.

WITNESS my signature this 24th day of January 2022.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4161

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 Delanio B. Grisham has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a boarding house within a R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District on property located at 140 Elm St. (Parcel 94-44-1), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

West 37.3 feet of Lot Sixteen (16), Block "B", of the Amended Plat of Railroad Addition, according to the map thereof which is of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book "A" at Page 324, reference to which is hereby made.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 24th day of January 2022.

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

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Advertisement for RFP

E-Rate Wireless Licenses, Replacement Core Switches and Replacement School Switches

Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), March 01, 2022 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfp, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfp is opened.

There are two (2) options in which RFP proposals may be obtained. Download from Central Bidding website at HYPERLINK "http://www.centralbidding.com" www.centralbidding.com for a small fee of \$49.99 or visit JPSP website at HYPERLINK "http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us" www.jackson.k12.ms.us and download. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to electronically upload and submit RFP proposals at no cost. For any questions concerning the process, or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Until further notice, all hand delivery proposals delivered between 9:00 a.m. until 9:59 a.m. (local prevailing time) the date the bid is scheduled to open, must be delivered to JPSP Board Room, 621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201 attention to Bettie Jones.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

TO PROVIDE "SPECIFIC EXCESS RISK" INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ACTIVE AND RETIRED CITY EMPLOYEES COVERED UNDER THE CITY OF JACKSON'S MEDICAL BENEFITS PLAN

Written sealed bids from responsible firms to provide "Specific Excess Risk" Insurance Coverage for Active and Retired City Employees covered under the City of Jackson's Medical Benefits Plan will be received in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, MS on the 1st floor of the City Hall Building, 219 S. President Street, Jackson, MS, until 3:30 p.m. (local time), February 15, 2022 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and the contract awarded as soon as practical. One original and five (5) copies of each bid must be submitted.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Office of the City Clerk, City of Jackson, 1st floor of the City Hall Building, 219 S. President Street, Jackson, MS 39201. Each sealed envelope containing a bid must be plainly marked on the outside as "Bid to Provide Specific Excess Risk Insurance Coverage for Active and Retired City Employees covered under the City of Jackson's Medical Benefits Plan will be received in the Office of the City Clerk to be opened on February 15, 2022". No bid will be received or accepted after the above-specified time.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, every contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application with the bid submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. An Equal Business Opportunity Plan Application is attached to this Request for Proposals (see attachment S-3). For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact Tangiyika Hoover in the Office of Economic Development, (601) 960-1611. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan, applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, 2nd Floor, and Jackson, Mississippi.

Request for bid specifications may be obtained at no extra charge from the Department of Human Resources, 1000 Metrocenter, Suite 102 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday after January 27, 2022. The contact person is as follows:

Toya Martin, Director  
Human Resources  
1000 Metrocenter, Suite 102  
(601) 960-1746

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

City of Jackson  
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, February 15, 2022 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:

07156-021522 – Six (6) Motorcycles

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

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

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any bid submitted. Bid awards will be made to the lowest and best 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 affect will be included on the proposal form. Absence of such statement means the City will make that determination during the bid review.

Monica Oliver Acting Purchasing Manager,  
Purchasing Division  
(601) 960-1025

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Electronic Bidding

Advertisement for Bids

Electronic Bidding

Re-Bid 3194 Wells APAC Renovation

Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time, March 04, 2022 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Pre-Bid Conferences concerning the project for Renovations to Wells APAC Elementary will be held at 1120 Riverside Drive, Jackson, MS 39202 on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 3:30 PM. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at http://www.durrelledesign-groupplans.com JPSPDMSPROJECTS.COM. A \$250.00 non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Kali Blakeney at M3AArchitecture, PLLC, 4880 McVillie Circle, Jackson, MS 39206 Phone: 601-981-1227 Fax: 601-983-4444, Email: KBLAKENEY@M3AARCH.COM.

Until further notice, all hand delivery proposals delivered between 9:00 a.m. until 9:59 a.m. (local prevailing time) the date the bid is scheduled to open, must be delivered to JPSP Board Room, 621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

22-JT-

COUNTY OF STANLY

IN RE:  
CURRIE:  
A minor child

NOTICE OF SERVICE

PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Wilfredo Jaramill (AKA "Will"), the biological father of William Henry Currie, a male child born November 11, 2021 in Jackson Mississippi.

TAKE NOTICE that you are notified to answer the petition which has been filed for the purpose of terminating your parental rights to the above named minor child. You must prepare and file with the Clerk of Superior Court of the county named above a written answer to the petitions not later than March 22, 2022. You must also serve a copy of the answer on the petitioner or her attorney. If you fail to file answer, your parental rights may be terminated. The petitioner will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the petition.

You are also entitled to attend any hearing affecting your parental rights. Parents are entitled to have counsel appointed by the court if they cannot afford one, provided that they request such counsel at or before the time of the hearing on this matter. Parents may contact the Clerk of Superior Court immediately to request counsel. This is a new case and any attorney appointed previously will not represent the parent in this proceeding unless ordered by the court.

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held in Stanly County District Court on May 5, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.. At that time, the Court will conduct a pre-adjudication conference to hear motions, accept stipulations if any, to exchange lists of witnesses and exhibits, and to define issues. The court will also decide at this hearing whether to conduct a trial or schedule one for a future date.

NOTE TO PARENTS: You are advised that if counsel is appointed for you, you may become liable for repayment of the attorney fees, and a judgment for the amount of such fees may be entered against you.

BY:  
Patrick W. Currie  
Attorney for Petitioner  
214 East North Street  
Jackson, NC 28001  
704-983-6116

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND

REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received electronically via MAGIC or physically delivered to the office of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, 501 North West Street, Suite 1401 B, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, until 2:00:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 03/01/2022 , for:

RE: GS# 331-183 Dist. 9 Substation (Brookhaven)-Reroof (Re-Bid)  
Department of Public Safety  
RFx #: 3160004832

at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contract documents may be obtained from:

Professional: Mark S. Vaughan Architect PLLC  
Address: 2906 North State Street, Suite 301A  
Jackson, Mississippi 39216  
Phone: 601-573-2030  
Email: msvarch7@gmail.com

A deposit of \$100.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4164

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 Terence Brent, Sr. has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a night club and bar within a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District on property located at 540 Raymond Rd., - Suite 2 (Parcel 217-9), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land situated in the East 1/2 of the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of that certain ten acre tract conveyed by Henry and Anne Moore to W.E. Johnson by Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 227 at Page 126 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi; run thence Easterly along the South line of said ten acre tract for a distance of 4.0 feet to the Point of Beginning of the parcel of land herein described; from said Point of Beginning, turn thence left through a deflection angle of 88 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds and run Northerly 4.0 feet East of and parallel to the West line of said ten acre tract for a distance of 458.20 feet; turn thence left through an interior angle of 91 degrees 38 minutes 11 seconds and run Easterly for a distance of 481.43 feet to a point on the East line of said ten acre tract; said point also being on the West line of Glenwood Subdivision, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi; turn thence left through an interior angle of 88 degrees 25 minutes 10 seconds and run Southerly along the East line of said ten acre tract and West line of Glenwood Subdivision for a distance of 183.19 feet; turn thence left through an interior angle of 91 degrees 34 minutes 50 seconds and run Westerly for a distance of 175.0 feet; turn thence left through an interior angle of 268 degrees 25 minutes 10 seconds and run Southerly for a distance of 275.0 feet to the South line of said ten acre tract; turn thence left through an interior angle of 91 degrees 34 minutes 50 seconds and run Westerly along the South line of said ten acre tract for a distance of 306.88 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 172,498.08 square feet or 3.96 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 24th day of January 2022.

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

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

#### ZONING CASE NO. 4162

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 Amazing Institutional Church of God in Christ has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District to allow for a diversity of outreach services and ministries on property located at 2603 W. Capital St. (Parcel 124-108), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Tract 1  
A tract of land consisting of 2.683 acres being all of Lots 1, 2, and 3, and part of Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 14 Eureka survey according to the map or plat on file and of record in Plat Book 1 at Page 3, in the Chancery Clerks office, First Judicial District, Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of said Lot 1 Eureka Survey, said point being the intersection of the North right-of-way line of Jayne Avenue with the West right-of-way line of Eureka Street, thence run North along said West right-of-way line of Eureka Street, for a distance of 317.29 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 83 degrees 15 minutes 54 seconds and run Westerly for a distance of 100.53 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 271 degrees 37 minutes 03 seconds and run Northerly for a distance of 90.75 feet to a fence corner; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 269 degrees 00 minutes 49 seconds and run Easterly, along an existing fence and extensions thereof, for a distance of 99.12 feet to a point on the aforementioned West right-of-way line of Eureka Street; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 90 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds and run Northerly, along said West right-of-way line for a distance of 140.23 feet to the intersection of said West right-of-way line with the Southern right-of-way line of Capitol Street; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 126 degrees 18 minutes 16 seconds and run Northwesterly, along the Southern right-of-way line of Capitol Street, for a distance of 154.99 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 89 degrees 21 minutes 23 seconds and run Southwesterly for a distance of 160.01 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 270 degrees 38 minutes 37 seconds and run Northwesterly for a distance of 60.00 feet to a point on the Eastern right-of-way line of Claiborne Street; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 89 degrees 21 minutes 23 seconds and run Southwesterly, along the Eastern right-of-way line of said Claiborne Street, for a distance of 87.11 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left having a delta angle of 63 degrees 21 minutes 07 seconds and a radius of 138.19 feet; thence run Southerly along said Eastern right-of-way line of Claiborne Street and the arc of said curve to the left for a distance of 152.79 feet (chord angle 147 degrees 26 minutes 33 seconds - 145.13 feet); thence turn an angle right, off the chord, of 76 degrees 51 minutes 15 seconds and run Easterly for a distance of 3.58 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 152 degrees 07 minutes 43 seconds and run Northeasterly, for a distance of 45.16 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 215 degrees 31 minutes 58 seconds and run Easterly for distance of 103.29 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 173 degrees 58 minutes 59 seconds and run Easterly for a distance of 23.08 feet to a point on the West line of the aforementioned Lot 5 Eureka Survey; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 278 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds and run Southerly along the West line of the aforementioned Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Eureka Survey, for a distance of 371.28 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 1 Eureka Survey and a point on the North right-of-way line of Jayne Avenue; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 87 degrees 40 minutes 25 seconds and run Easterly, along the North line of Jayne Avenue, for a distance of 160.13 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Tract 2  
A tract of land consisting of 0.432 acres being part of Lot 2 and Part of Lot 1 Bridges West End Survey according to the map or plat on file and of record in Plat Book 1 at Page 16 in the Chancery Clerks office, First Judicial District, Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the North line of said Lot 2, said point being 2.50 feet West of the Northeast corner of said Lot 2, thence run Westerly along the North line of said Lot 2, and the Southern right-of-way line of Jayne Avenue, for a distance of 157.50 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 2; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 92 degrees 22 minutes 06 seconds and run Southerly along the West line of said Lot 1 and 2 for a distance of 117.20 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 89 degrees 21 minutes 02 seconds and run Easterly for a distance of 157.46 feet to a point on the Western right-of-way line of Eureka Street; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 90 degrees 36 minutes 26 seconds and run Northerly along said Western right-of-way line for a distance of 121.92 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Tract 3  
A tract of land consisting of 3.788 acres being all of Lots 1 through 10, Block B, Virden Heights according to the map or plat on file and of record in Plat Book 1 at Page 5, in the Chancery Clerks office, First Judicial District, Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, part of the closed alleyways in said Block C and a parcel of land lying and being situated in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 1 East being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of said Lot 10 thence run North along the West right-of-way line of Delaware Avenue and the East line of said Lots 10, 9, 6, 5, 2, and 1 for a distance of 433.42 feet to the intersection of said West right-of-way line with the Southern right-of-way line of Capitol Street; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 114 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds and run Northwesterly along said Southern right-of-way line, for a distance of 96.34 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right having a delta angle of 04 degrees 54 minutes 45 seconds and a radius of 151.25 feet; thence run Northwesterly along said Southern right-of-way line and curve to the right for a distance of 129.57 feet (chord angle 186 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds for a distance of 129.53 feet); thence turn an interior angle right, off the chord, of 184 degrees 45 minutes 17 seconds and run Northwesterly along said Southern right-of-way line, for a distance of 153.65 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 68 degrees 30 minutes 38 seconds and run Southwesterly for a distance of 19.06 feet to the Eastern right-of-way line of Eureka Street; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 122 degrees 13 minutes 42 seconds and run Southerly along said Eastern right-of-way line and the West line of the aforementioned Lots 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8, for a distance of 542.01 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 8; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and run Easterly for a distance of 169.00 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 270 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and run Southerly for a distance of 80.00 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and run Easterly for a distance of 169.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Tract 4  
A tract of land consisting of 0.895 acres being all of lots 2, 3, and 4 Block B Virden Heights according to the map or plat on file and of record in Plat Book 1 at Page 5, in the Chancery Clerks office, First Judicial District, Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, and including the West 1/2 of the closed 10 - ft. alleyway lying east of and adjacent to said lots being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at the Southwest Corner of said Lot 4, thence run Easterly along the Southern line of said Lot 4, and an extension thereof for a distance of 169.00 feet; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and run Northerly for a distance of 209.89 feet to a point on the Southern right-of-way line of Capitol Street; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 103 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds and run Northwesterly, along said Southern right-of-way line, for a distance of 173.98 feet to the intersection of said Southern right-of-way line with the Eastern right-of-way line of Delaware Avenue; thence turn right thru an interior angle of 76 degrees 15 minutes 13 seconds and run Southerly, along said Eastern right-of-way line, for a distance of 251.23 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens needs for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REQUEST PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 16, 2022.

WITNESS my signature this 24th day of January 2022.

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

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## LEGAL

### ORDINANCE GRANTING NASHLIE SEPHUS A REZONING FROM C-3 (GENERAL) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, I-1 (LIGHT) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AND I-2 (HEAVY) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT & TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DISTRICT TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT PARCELS 88-78-1, 88-78-2, 88-81, 88-84-3, 89-31-1, 89-31-4, 89-31-2, 89-31-3, 89-31-4, 89-32, 89-31-1, 89-31-4, 89-32, 89-31-2, AND 89-34 ON N. GALLATIN ST., IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, FROM C-3 (GENERAL) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, I-1 (LIGHT) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AND I-2 (HEAVY) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DISTRICT TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT ON THE PROPERTIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, Nashlie Sephus has filed a petition to rezone the properties located on Parcels 88-78-1, 88-78-2, 88-81, 88-84-3, 89-31-1, 89-31-4, 89-32, 89-31-2, and 89-34 on N. Gallatin St., in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from C-3 (General) Commercial District, I-1 (Light) Industrial District and I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District to create a comprehensive development on the properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the properties from C-3 (General) Commercial District, I-1 (Light) Industrial District and I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District to create a comprehensive development for 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, December 20, 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 October 28, 2021 and November 11, 2021 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on November 17, 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 C-3 (General) Commercial District, I-1 (Light) Industrial District and I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District; 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 properties and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous Jackson City Council action.

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

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

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

Begin at the easternmost corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed by the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company to the City of Jackson, Mississippi, which was acquired by the City of Jackson as additional right-of-way for Gallatin Street and which is described as Parcel No. 1 in the instrument of record in Book 2680 at Page 494, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description, said easternmost corner being on the north right-of-way line of Amite Street, as said north right-of-way line is now established (May, 1986), and run thence south 89 degrees 03 minutes east and along the said north right-of-way line of Amite Street for a distance of 143.81 feet to a point; run thence north 03 degrees 35 minutes west for a distance of 279.94 feet to a point; run thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes west for a distance of 164.79 feet to a point on the east right-of-way line of Gallatin Street, as said east right-of-way line is now laid out and established; run thence southerly and along said east right-of-way line of Gallatin Street as follows: run thence south 00 degrees 03 minutes west for a distance of 92.22 feet to a point; run thence south 89 degrees 08 minutes west for a distance of 18.99 feet to a point; run thence south 00 degrees 14 minutes west for a distance of 26.12 feet to a point on the northern property line of said Parcel No. 1; run thence south 80 degrees 55 minutes east and along the north property line of said Parcel No. 1 for a distance of 13.99 feet to a point; run thence south 00 degrees 44 minutes east for a distance of 105.89 feet to a point; run thence south 03 degrees 10 minutes east for a distance of 19.66 feet to a point; run thence south 59 degrees 03 minutes east for a distance of 22.25 feet to the point of beginning. The above-described parcel of land is a part of Lot 1 of the Miscellaneous Lots of West Jackson, according to the H.C. Daniel Official Map of the City of Jackson, as made in 1875 is located in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi, and contains 46,336 square feet, more or less. Bearings used in this description refer to the Mississippi Coordinate Systems, West Zone.

#### 147 Gallatin St. (89-34-4)

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

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

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

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

Continue thence north 03 degrees 35 minutes west for a distance of 132.15 feet to an iron pin marking the southeast corner of a parcel of land conveyed to Wesley A. Caldwell et al by instrument recorded in Book 456 at Page 43 in the office of said Chancery Clerk, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description; run thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes west and along the south line of said parcel conveyed to Wesley A. Caldwell et al for a distance of 156.40 feet to a point on the east right-of-way line of Gallatin Street, as said east right-of-way line is now laid out and established; run thence south 00 degrees 03 minutes west and along said east right-of-way line of Gallatin Street for a distance of 132.00 feet to a point; run thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes east for a distance of 164.79 feet to the point of beginning, according to that plat of survey prepared by Lester Engineering Company dated March, 1983, last revised January, 1986.

The above-described parcel of land is a part of Lot 11 of the Miscellaneous Lots of West Jackson, according to the H. C. Daniel Official Map of the City of Jackson, as made in 1875: is located in the West Half (W 1/2) of Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi, and contains 21,202 square feet, more or less. Bearings used in this description refer to the Mississippi Coordinate System, West Zone.

#### AND ALSO:

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

Beginning at the point of intersection of the north line of said Lot 12 with the west line of Gallatin Street (formerly Clark Street) as said street is now located; thence southeasterly along the west line of Gallatin Street forming an interior angle of 106 degrees 24 minutes with said north line of Lot 12 a distance of 73.6 feet; thence southeasterly along said west line of Gallatin Street forming an interior angle of 169 degrees 47 minutes with the last described course a distance of 78.5 feet, more or less, to an iron stake located 11 feet northerly of the center line of the Illinois Central Railroad Company's switching lead track as now located, measured along said west line of Gallatin Street; thence westerly forming an interior angle of 85 degrees 36 minutes with the last described course a distance of 199 feet, more or less, to an iron stake on the easterly boundary line of a permanent easement conveyed to the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad Company by the Mississippi Cotton Oil Company dated March 15, 1925 and recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County in Deed Book 197, Page 480; thence northerly along said easterly line of easement forming an angle of 88 degrees 57 minutes with the last described course a distance of 26 feet, more or less, to a point in the northeast corner of said easement; thence northwesterly on a 15 degree 00 minute curve to the right a distance of 134.10 feet (all as measured along the center line of track) parallel with and 34 feet northerly from the center line of said track; thence southerly at a right angle a distance of 14 feet; thence northwesterly parallel with and 20 feet northeasterly from said center line of track a distance of 252.2 feet, more or less, to a point in the aforementioned north line of Lot 12; thence easterly along said north line of Lot 12 forming an interior angle of 23 degrees 36 minutes with the last described course to the point of beginning.

#### AND ALSO:

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

#### AND ALSO

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

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

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

Thence Easterly at a width of 20 feet, said parcel being 15 feet in width on each side of said centerline of lead track extending from VS 7+94 a distance of 200 feet, more or less, to the Westerly line of Gallatin Street.

#### AND ALSO:

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

Commencing at the intersection of the southern right of way on the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad with the western right of way of North Gallatin Street as both are presently laid out constructed and in use, run thence south 11 degrees 20 minutes east along the western right of way of North Gallatin Street a distance of 235.8 feet to the south line of a fifty foot street and the point of beginning; thence continue south 11 degrees 20 minutes east along the said west right of way a distance of 281.5 feet; thence north 87 degrees 52 minutes west along the south line of the Reed property a distance of 167.0 feet; thence north 11 degrees 20 minutes west along the east line of the Jackson Paper Company property a distance of 245.1 feet; thence north 79 degrees 34 minutes east along the south line of the said fifty foot street a distance of 162.5 feet to the point of beginning, containing 42,752 square feet, more or less.

#### AND ALSO:

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

#### FIRST PARCEL:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of a one-acre lot sold by Jacob Betterman to John Flessen and running thence North one (1) degree five (5) minutes West on Section line between lots three (3) and four (4) three (3) chains seventy-seven (77) links to a stake; thence North eighty-nine (89) degrees West nine (9) chains thirty-seven (37) links to a stake thirty (30) feet East of the center of the Southern Railroad, subsequently known as the Alabama & Vicksburg Railway; thence parallel with said road to the northwest corner of the one-acre lot above mentioned; thence East six (6) chains fifty-seven (57) links to the place of beginning, containing three (3) acres, more or less.

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

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

#### SECOND PARCEL:

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

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

#### THIRD PARCEL:

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

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

#### LESS AND EXCEPT:

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

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

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

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

Beginning at a point in the said Northeast right of way line of said Railway Company fifty (50) feet, measured at a right angle, thence North the center line of the main tract of said Railway Company, measured from a number ninety-six hundred and eighty tenths (672.8) feet Northeast of Milepost numbered thirtien six (36) and seventy-two

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

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

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

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

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

#### AND ALSO:

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4163

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 Redeemer Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to SUD - Special Use District to allow for the expansion of the church and school facilities on property located at 616 Wellington Dr. (Parcel 431-20), 630 Wellington Dr. (Parcel 431-18), 644 Wellington Dr. (Parcel 431-16), 640 E. Northside Dr. (Parcel 431-8) & 4638 Londonderry Dr. (Parcel 432-327), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel 431-20

Lot 12, and the West 35 feet of Lot II, Block B, East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part I, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 7 at Page 45, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 431-18

Lot 10, and East 1/2 of Lot 11, Block B, East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part I, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 7 at Page 45, Reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 431-16

Lot 8 of Block B, East Broadmoor, a Subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book/Cabinet 7 at Page/Slide/Slot 45 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and part of this description.

Parcel 431-8

All land owned by Grantor and bounded on the South by Northside Drive, on the East by Cedarhurst Drive, on the North by Wellington Road, and on the West by Londonderry Drive, whether correctly described herein or not, but more particularly described herein as follows:

Parcel 1: Lot 4, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 2: A certain parcel of land being situated in Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 2 East, in the City of Jackson, Hinds County Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the West line of Cedarhurst Drive with the South line of Wellington Road as both streets are now laid out and improved, and from said point of beginning run Westerly along the South line of Wellington Road for 434.3 feet to the East line of Lot 2, Block Y, Broadmoor Part 3: run thence Southerly along the East line of Lots 2 and 4, Block Y, Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3 for 235.15 feet to the North line of Northside Drive; turn thence to the left through an angle of 90 degrees 19 minutes and run Easterly along the North line of Northside Drive for 426.24 feet; turn thence to the left through an angle of 26 degrees 33 minutes 54 seconds and run Northeasterly for 8.94 feet to the West line of Cedarhurst Drive; run thence Northerly along the West line of Cedarhurst Drive for 230.30 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 3: Lot 3, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hind County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Nook 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Parcel 4: Lot 1, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hind County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Nook 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Parcel 5: Lot 2, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hind County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Nook 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Parcel 432-327

Lot 8 of Block B, East Broadmoor, a Subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book/Cabinet 7 at Page/Slide/Slot 45 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 16, 2022.

WITNESS my signature this 24th day of January 2022.

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

2/3/2022, 2/17/2022

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF JACKSON LANDSCAPE AND ZONING ORDINANCES

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 anywise affected thereby, that the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, will be conducting a public hearing on proposed text amendments to the City of Jackson Official Zoning Ordinance as adopted on May 29, 1974 and subsequently amended.

Notice is also hereby given to all persons interested in or in anywise affected thereby, that the Planning Board for the City of Jackson will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed text amendments to the City of Jackson Landscape Ordinance as adopted on August 14, 1990 and subsequently amended.

Amendments to the text of the Landscape and Zoning Ordinances are intended to provide for more efficient Landscape and Zoning Ordinances and establish more effective landscaping and zoning regulations for the City of Jackson. Copies of the proposed tek amendments will be available for review at the Office of City Planning 200 S President Street, Suite 204, Jackson, and MS 39201. For additional information please submit an email to eainsworth@city.jackson.ms.us.

The said proposed text amendments will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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# Judge J. Michelle Childs heads list of potential black women Supreme Court nominees

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Black women stood on the frontlines to help push President Joe Biden over the top in the 2020 election.

As the nation awaits word on whom the President nominates to fill the newly vacant Supreme Court seat, there's little debate whether an African-American woman will be that pick.

Among the few remaining questions is whether that individual will deliver progress on a high court that will maintain its 6-3 conservative advantage.

"As a longtime advocate for Diversity and Inclusion at the highest levels of leadership in our nation, I am looking forward to the President's appointment of a highly-qualified and experienced jurist to our nation's highest court," said Congressional Black Caucus Chair Joyce Beatty (D-Ohio). "We know that when America's boardrooms, legislatures, and even the Supreme Court, start to resemble America, we all benefit," Beatty



South Carolina U.S. District Judge J. Michelle Childs. /UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA LAW

stated. "I will continue to push in my capacity as a member of Congress and Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus to ensure that the President up-

holds his promise to the American people and that the Senate confirms a black woman to the Supreme Court without any unnecessary delay."

One candidate has already emerged. The White House confirmed the candidacy of South Carolina U.S. District Judge J. Michelle Childs.

A 1992 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, Childs was appointed in 2010 by President Barack Obama to serve as a United States District Court Judge for the District of South Carolina.

Upon graduation from law school, Childs went to work as an associate attorney at Nexsen Pruet Jacobs and Pollard law firm, becoming the first black female partner in a major law firm in South Carolina.

She earned two gubernatorial appointments to become the deputy director of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (2000-02) and a commissioner on the South Carolina Worker's Compensation Commission (2002-06). Childs then won election from the South Carolina General Assembly as an at-large Circuit Court Judge

(2006-10).

"In law school, you learn early on that your reputation and credibility will follow you throughout your career," Childs said in an interview with her alma mater. "Your classmates will be on opposing sides in cases or matters and will be leaders in various firms, agencies and organizations in the state, so you always want to be known for having good character as your reputation can affect your ability to resolve matters entrusted to you."

In a statement, the White House said "multiple individuals" are under consideration along with Judge Childs. DC Circuit Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, California Supreme Court Justice Leandra Kruger and civil rights attorney Sherrilyn Ifill count among those under consideration.

Others reportedly being considered include 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Holly A. Thomas, federal Circuit Court Judge Tiffany P. Cun-

ningham, civil rights attorney and 11th Circuit Court candidate Nancy G. Abudu, 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals nominee Arianna J. Freeman, NYU law professor Melissa Murray, 7th Circuit Judge Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, District Judge Wilhelmina "Mimi" Wright, North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls, and 2nd Circuit Judge Eunice Lee. President Biden said he would make his selection by the end of February.

"Our process is going to be rigorous. I will select a nominee worthy of Justice Stephen Breyer's legacy of excellence and decency," the President said.

"While I've been studying candidates' backgrounds and writings, I've made no decision except one: The person I will nominate will be someone with extraordinary qualifications, character, experience and integrity. And that person will be the first black woman ever nominated to the United States Supreme Court."

## Judge sides with Ahmaud Arbery's family, denies plea deal for McMichael

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The family of Ahmaud Arbery lashed out at a plea agreement prosecutors sent to a judge this week that would have allowed Gregory and Travis McMichael to serve their sentences in federal prison.

The father and son duo convicted in Arbery's killing reportedly has agreed to serve at least 30 years in what many believe is a more inmate-friendly federal lockup.

Arbery's family wants the convicts to serve time in the harsher conditions of a state prison.

Attorney S. Lee Merritt said Arbery's mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones, expressed opposition to the deal.

Typically, judges consider the wishes of victims' families.

"The United States Department of Justice has gone behind my back to offer the men who murdered my son a deal to make their time in prison easier for them to serve," Cooper-Jones said in a statement.

"I have made it clear at every possible moment that I do not agree to offer these men a plea deal of any kind. I have been completely betrayed by the DOJ lawyers," Cooper-Jones asserted.

Merritt referred to federal prison as "a country club compared to state prison."

He said federal prisons are less populated, have better funding, and are "generally more accommodating" than state lockups.

The McMichaels received life sentences without the possibility for parole in a Glynn County, Georgia, court for murdering Arbery. A third man, William "Roddy" Bryan, also was convicted but wasn't listed in the



Travis McMichael

Gregory McMichael

William Bryan

latest plea deal.

On Saturday, January 29, prosecutors sent the plea agreement to the US District for the Southern District of Georgia for consideration. "By admitting they were motivated by hate when they hunted and murdered Ahmaud Arbery, these men get to transfer to safer, less crowded, and more orderly federal detention facilities," Merritt stated.

"In essence, they get to brag about their hatred publicly and then be rewarded by the federal government," Merritt continued, calling the agreement a "back-room deal."

"This is an example of the Department of Justice literally snatching defeat from the jaws of victory," he said.

### Update:

US District Judge Lisa G. Wood rejected the plea deal reached by prosecutors and Travis McMichael on federal hate crime charges in the murder of Ahmaud Arbery.

The deal would have allowed McMichael to serve his sentence in federal prison.

"We respect the court's decision to not accept the sentencing terms of the proposed plea and to continue the hearing until Friday, Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke for the Civil Rights Division said in a statement.

"The Justice Department takes seriously its obligation to confer with the Arbery family and their

lawyers both pursuant to the Crime Victim Rights Act and out of respect for the victim," Clark said.

Before signing the proposed agreement reflecting the defendants' confessions to federal hate crimes charges, the Civil Rights Division consulted with the victims' attorneys, Clark continued.

"The Justice Department entered the plea agreement only after the victims' attorneys informed me that the family was not opposed to it," she said.

Earlier, McMichael had agreed to plead guilty to a single hate crime charge in exchange for the prosecution recommending he serve 30 years in federal prison.

Gregory and Travis McMichael, along with William "Roddy" Bryan were convicted in state court of murder in early January.

The McMichaels were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility for parole. Bryan was sentenced to life with the possibility of parole.

Arbery's mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones, expressed anger and publicly lashed out over the proposed plea deal.

"Please listen to me," Cooper-Jones told the judge. "Granting these men their preferred conditions of confinement would defeat me. It gives them one last chance to spit in my face after murdering my son."



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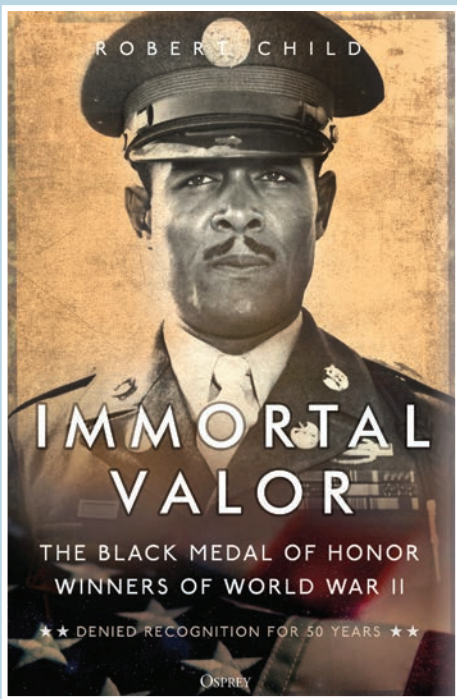
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BOOK REVIEW:

# IMMORTAL VALOR: THE BLACK MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS OF WORLD WAR II

BY ROBERT CHILD

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

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You'd need that pin to get in.

Put it on your chest and you'd get access to an exclusive club. The pin tells the world what you did, that you were elite, that you acted with honor. If you earned the pin, you'd wear it with pride. In "Immortal Valor" by Robert Child, it's a beribboned thing that you'd definitely deserved.

Almost since the birth of this country, soldiers who have exhibited bravery above and beyond their normal duties have

been given medals for military merit. Says Child, almost 3,500 Medals of Honor have been awarded so far in the history of America; "Less than 3 percent... have been awarded to... African Americans..." Of the 500 Medals of Honor awarded for service during World War II, just seven of them went to black soldiers.

That may not be a surprise. Racism was an everyday occurrence then and black soldiers "knew only segregation" which "meant inequality." Even so, the men in this book didn't let

racism stop them from serving their country. It didn't stop them from exceptional acts.

Charles Thomas was working at Ford in Dearborn, Michigan, when he was drafted into the Army. In the midst of battle in Climbach, France, Thomas was injured but continued to lead his men.

If Vernon Baker hadn't seen much racism at home in Wyoming, he surely saw it after he enlisted in the Army. It was never as blatant, though, as it was when a white officer was given credit "for the actions [which

Baker] performed..."

Willy James was killed trying to reach "his fatally-wounded platoon leader." Edward Allen Carter Jr. was fifteen years old and living in Shanghai with his missionary family when he volunteered to fight with the Chinese; four years later, he visited the American embassy and asked to be assigned to Abyssinia with the American troops.

George Watson lost his life attempting to save one. Ruben Rivers went into the Army with his younger brother. John Fox left a prestigious college to at-


tend one with an ROTC program, so strong was his desire to serve...

So what makes these men unique? Author Robert Child explains the rest of the story: in 1993, a study showed that these men didn't get the honors for which they were recommended. It took another four years before they finally received their medals, more than five decades after wars' end. Child tells readers how this happened; he also says that other men are still waiting.

That all makes "Immortal Valor" part irritation, part his-

tory. The former lies waiting, wrapped in small biographies of those men, Jim Crow tales and stories of valor so long unrecognized. The latter could be a bit of a challenge for civilians: along with tales of American society, it's a lot of battles-and-dates information that, even so, pulses with adrenaline, blood, screams and jaw-dropping bravery.

Go into "Immortal Valor" knowing this and you'll burst with outrage and pride at nearly every word. Especially for veterans and their families, this is a book to pin down.



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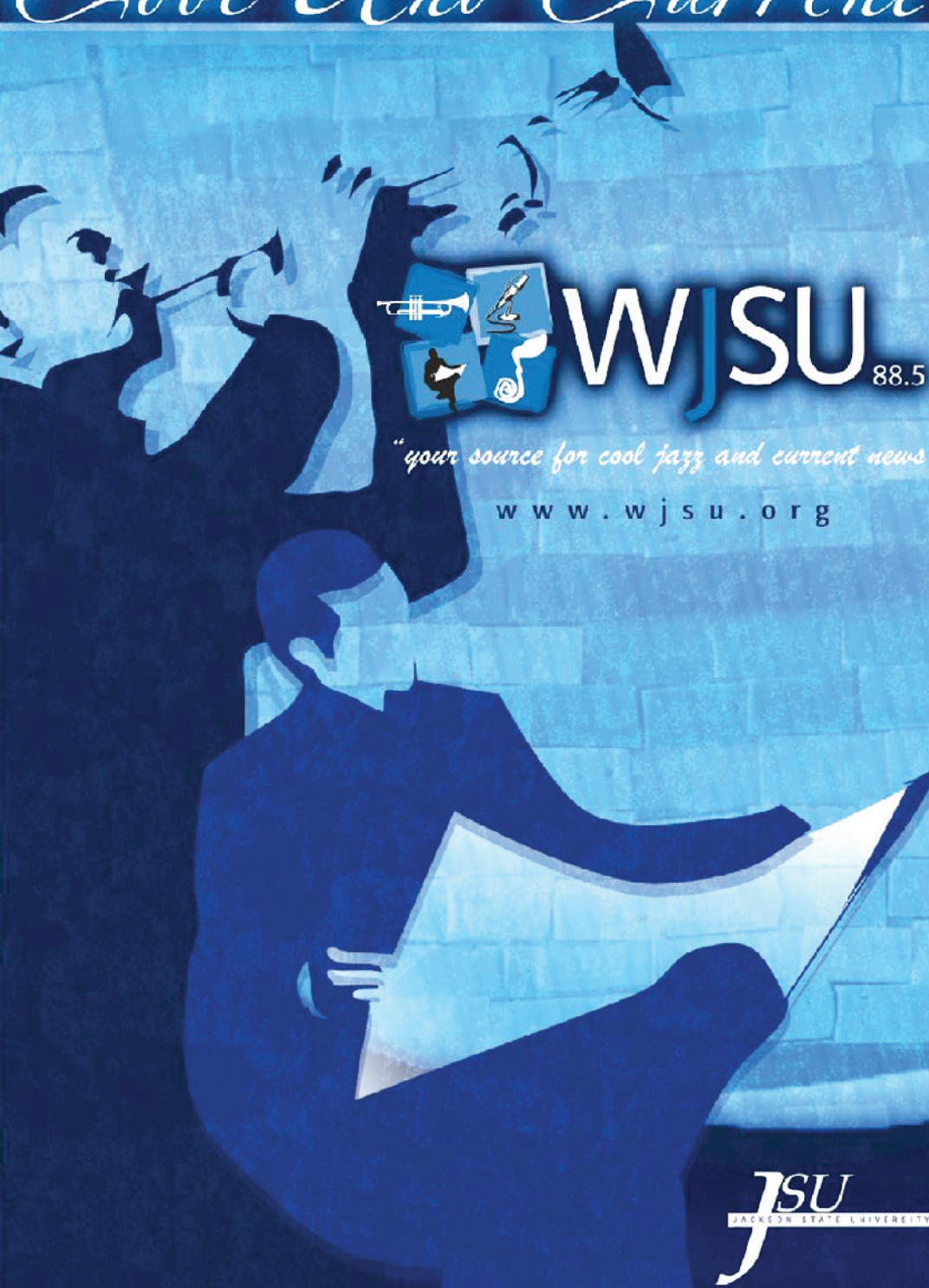
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# The Mississippi Children's Museum celebrates Dr. Seuss' Birthday

*Special to The Mississippi Link*

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) will host its' annual Dr. Seuss' Birthday celebration Saturday, February 26 from 10 a.m.-3. This annual celebration is one of the highlights of the year for MCM visitors who look forward to experiencing Dr. Seuss' magical literary world.

MCM is inviting you to join them for a super silly Seuss-inspired party! Party attendees can get messy with ooey-gooney ooobleck while learning fun science facts, explore the museum on a Seuss themed scavenger hunt, and participate in many more creative activities.

Readings of everyone's favorite Dr. Seuss books will be enjoyed throughout the day. Costumes are encouraged.

"Dr. Seuss was a storyteller that encouraged children to think outside the box as they explore the world of literacy," said President and CEO, Susan Garrard. "MCM wants to inspire a love for reading and laughter in learning, which is what Dr. Seuss did through his stories. Dr. Seuss' Silly Birthday Party is a time to celebrate his work with a day of laughter and fun."

MCM strives to provide unparalleled experiences through innovative programs, special events and permanent exhibitions targeted to reach children during critical learning years. All activities are included in general admission and museum membership.

For more information, visit [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org).



Seuss Day One



Seuss Day Two



Seuss Day Three



Seuss Day Four

# Hinds County School District Weekly Update

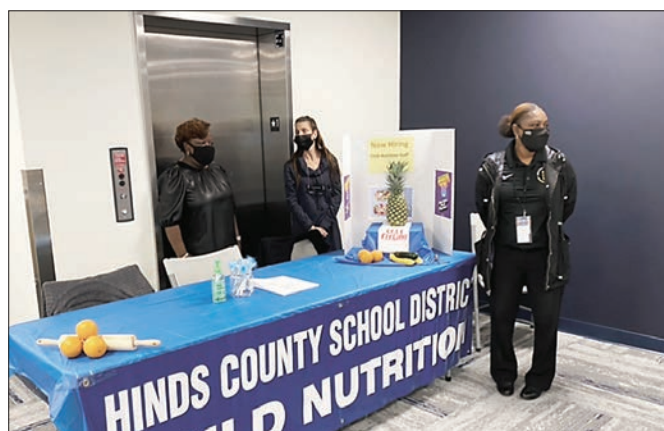
## ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE



GRI Principals Ashley Green and Ashley White speak with a future teacher.



An applicant sits with Michelle Ray and Latasha Ball of BMS.



HCSD Child Nutrition awaits applicants.



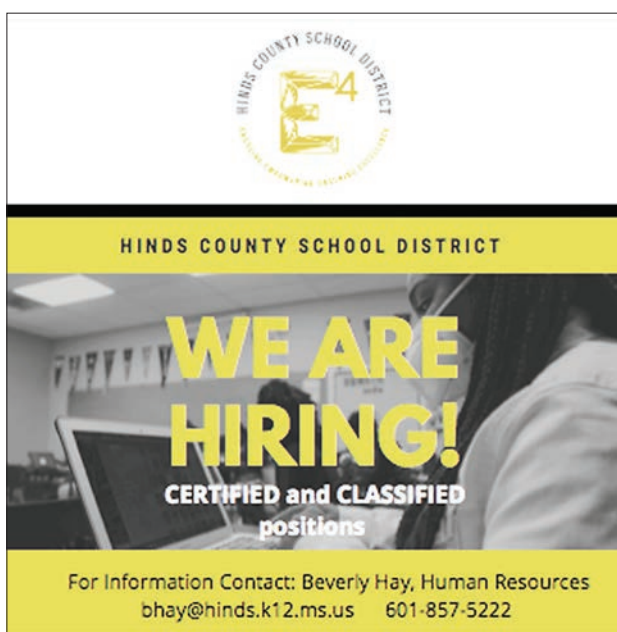
THS Principal Matthew Scot speaks with job fair participant.



Dr. Will Smith of UEMS awaits applicants.



Daffonie Moore, CMS, interviews an applicant.



If you are interested in joining the Hinds County School District, please contact Beverly Hay at 601-857-5222.



Kelly Services, Child Nutrition and Durham Transportation were on hand to recruit potential substitute teachers, bus drivers or cafeteria workers.





# A reflection of MS Black History tours 2010 thru 2021

PHOTOS BY PAULETTE PATTON AND JAY JOHNSON



Patton & students preparing to vist grave sight of Fannie Lou Hammer



Rev. Ed King speaks to students in Tougaloo College Chapel



Students visiting Emmett Till Intrepid Museum



Civil Rights Pioneer marker for Fannie Lou Hamer



Congressman Thompson speaks to Ursinus students at his Bolton office



Leroy Clemons at Memorial Tribute for Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner



Mound Bayou Blues Marker reflects great pioneers



Hayes sisters recall childhood memories of Alamo Theatre on Farish Street in Jackson



Paulette Patton, Carolyn Amerson, Jackie Hampton and Gwen Williams at the Big Apple Inn on Farish Street in Jackson



Mound Bayou Oldesst Black Municipality Inc. in 1898

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Cherrish Adams celebrates 50th birthday pictured with sons, January 29, 2022 at party with family and friends at the Fairview Inn in Jackson. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON