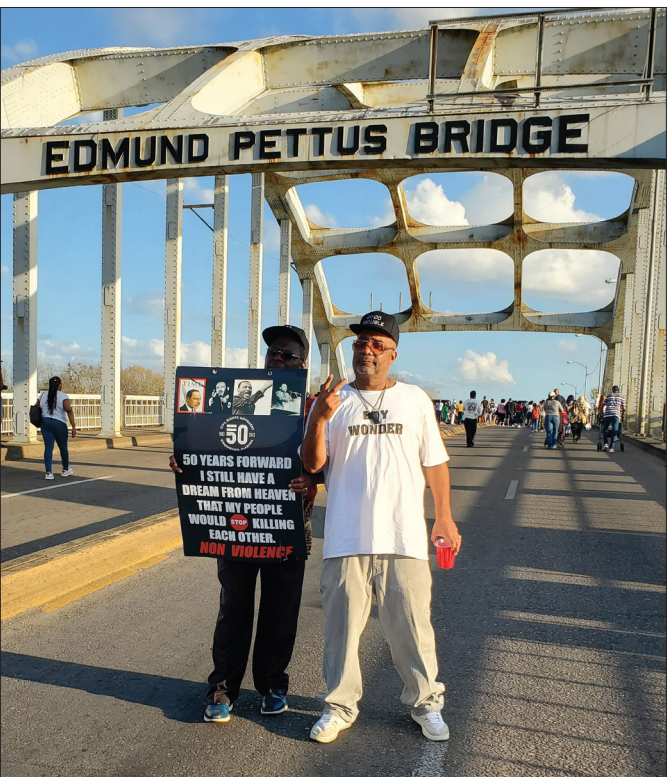


COMMENTARY

Crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge – Bloody Sunday



Men on the Edmund Pettus Bridge with Dr. King sign.

By Chris Young
Contributing Writer

I was not quite three years old, and living in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, on what would become forever known as – Bloody Sunday. When I grew older, I started learning of the historic March for Voting Rights, from Selma to Montgomery, on March 7, 1965. Even from a distance of 1,400 miles away, that basic knowledge of the march began to migrate to my heart, where it has remained. But today, today my feet have joined my head and my heart.

Today I walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge for the first time, 57 years after that ugly day.

Vice President Kamala Harris is here, and giants of civil rights such as Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. Al Sharpton, Rev. William Barber and Marcia Fudge, the current HUD Secretary and former Ohio congresswoman and member of the Black Congressional Caucus.

Joining them were Sherilyn Ifill, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., Miguel Cardona, Secretary of Education, Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation, a host of other dignitaries, and thousands upon thousands of citizens; somewhere between six and seven thousand according to those who had been to previous marches.

While many eyes were focused on the speakers, my thoughts return to the men and women who were beaten, bloodied, tear-gassed and terrorized by the all-white Alabama State troopers.

The late Georgia congressman, then the chairman of SNCC (Student Nonviolent

Coordinating Committee) John Lewis and Rev. Hosea Williams of the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) led the 600+ marchers.

Central to that March was the right to register and vote – while black. The 14th Amendment and the 15th Amendment had proved to be empty words; especially in the Jim Crow South, and certainly in Dallas County, Alabama. Even the Civil Rights Acts of 1957, 1960, and 1964 had done little to stem the blatant and sometimes deadly oppression that led to Bloody Sunday.

The presence of TV cameras recording the violence of Bloody Sunday served to garner support for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, ninety-five years after the 15th Amendment.

Forty-eight years later, in 2013, the Supreme Court struck down parts of the Voting Rights Act. By removing the preclearance requirement, the Justice Department could no longer block discriminatory voting laws before they were implemented. Today nearly half the States are attempting to change election laws to suppress voting and even subvert elections themselves.

Under filibuster rules, The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act has been halted by lack of sufficient votes in the Senate. The House passed it last August. It boils down to a dozen senators preventing it's passing into law in the Senate, and thereby millions of 'We the People' are being denied access to the ballot box. The will of the

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The Greater Jackson Chamber presents special awards at annual meeting: Keynote speakers Lt. Gov. Hoseman and JSU President Hudson

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership (GJCP) held its annual meeting Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex. Businesses as well as business leaders were recognized for their service and commitment to the Greater Jackson area.

President of Jackson State University Thomas Hudson and Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann served as keynote speakers.

Hudson emphasized Jackson State's partnering with government entities, corporations and other organizations as a catalyst for business and economic development.

Hosemann shared updates on legislation to fully fund early childhood education and teacher pay raises, as well as legislation to eliminate state income taxes to make Mississippi an even more attractive place to live and do business.

Prestigious awards were presented to five individuals and organizations that were described as champions for business and community development.

The Ambassador of the Year Award, sponsored by Phelps Dunbar LLP, was presented to Tonya Ware, project director for



Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann

ReadyNation Mississippi. Ware was recognized for her dedication and sacrifice of time, in support of GJCP, by attending chamber events and participating in member development and retention activities.

The Pat Yarborough Volunteer of the Year Award, sponsored by BKD LLP, was presented to Harold Hart, owner and executive designer at Elim's Art Concepts, Inc. Hart was recognized for contributing an extensive amount of time and resources to bring about positive change to the community.



Jackson State President, Thomas Hudson

The Business of the Year Award, sponsored by C Spire, was presented to Visit Jackson for their amazing work in promoting the capital city and region as a premier destination for tourists.

The Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by Nucor Steel Jackson, Inc. was presented to Alon Bee, a retired Regions banking executive who also served as interim president for GJCP. Bee was honored for his commitment to building stronger communities through partnerships and collaboration.

The final award was the Excellence in Diversity Award, sponsored by Neel-Schaffer. It was presented to Continental Tire for their consistent demonstration of excellence in diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives within their organization's culture and employee makeup, in the community and through their collaborative partnerships.

Joseph Moss, president of the southeast region for BancorpSouth, served as GJCP's 2020 chairman of the board.

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Kamala Harris marks 'Bloody Sunday' anniversary in Selma

By Kim Chandler
Associated Press

Vice President Kamala Harris visited Selma, Alabama Sunday to commemorate a defining moment in the fight for equal voting rights, even as congressional efforts to restore the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act have faltered.

Under a blazing blue sky, Harris linked arms with rank-and-file activists from the civil rights movement and led thousands across the bridge where, on March 7, 1965, white state troopers attacked black voting rights marchers attempting to cross. The images of violence at the Edmund Pettus Bridge – originally named for a Confederate general – shocked the nation and helped galvanize support for passage of the Voting Rights Act.

Harris called the site hallowed ground where people fought for the "most fundamental right of American citizenship: the right to vote."

"Today, we stand on this bridge at a different time," Harris said in a speech before the



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gathered crowd. "We again, however, find ourselves caught in between. Between injustice and justice. Between disappointment and determination. Still in a fight to form a more perfect union. And nowhere is that more clear than when it comes to the ongoing fight to secure the freedom to vote."

The nation's first female vice president – as well as the first African American and Indian American in the role – spoke of marchers whose "peaceful protest was met with crushing violence. They were kneeling when the state troopers charged. They were praying when the billy

clubs struck."

Police beat and tear-gassed the marchers, fracturing the skull of young activist John Lewis, a lion of the civil rights movement who went on to a long and celebrated career as a Georgia congressman.

President Joe Biden on Sunday renewed his call for the passage of voting legislation, saying the groundbreaking 1965 Voting Rights Act "has been weakened not by brute force, but by insidious court decisions."

The proposed legislation is named for Lewis, who died in 2020, and is part of a broader elections package that collapsed in the U.S. Senate earlier this year.

"In Selma, the blood of John Lewis and so many other courageous Americans sanctified a noble struggle. We are determined to honor that legacy by passing legislation to protect the right to vote and uphold the integrity of our elections," Biden said in a statement.

Democrats have been unsuccessfully trying to update the

landmark law and pass additional measures to make it more convenient for people to vote. A key provision of the law was tossed out by a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 2013.

Among those gathered Sunday were rank-and-file activists from the 1965 march. Harris walked across the bridge beside Charles Mauldin, who was sixth in line behind Lewis on Bloody Sunday and was beaten with a night stick.

Two women who fled the violence said having a black woman as vice president seemed unimaginable 57 years ago.

"That's why we marched," said Betty Boynton, the daughter-in-law of voting rights activist Amelia Boynton.

"I was at the tail end and all of the sudden I saw these horses. Oh my goodness, and all of the sudden ... I saw smoke. I didn't know what tear gas was. They were beating people," Boynton said recalling Bloody Sunday.

But Boynton said the anni-

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A two-part series: Senator David Lee Jordan, ‘a maladjusted man’

Part 2: From a sharecropper’s son to an elector who helped make presidential history

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

Last week, our readers learned that Senator David Lee Jordan, who describes himself as ‘a maladjusted man’ to hatred, injustice, evil doings, etc., dispelled any rumors of his plan to retire.

Very active in the Civil Rights Movement, he said witnessing such unfair treatments of others has always deeply disturbed his spirit.

In this final part of the series on the historic Senator, *The Mississippi Link* explores his humble beginning and life/career experiences that are the driving force behind his relentless desire and pursuit for justice for all, especially “for my people” as he often adds unapologetically.

In the first chapter of his book, *From the Mississippi Cotton Fields to the State Senate, A Memoir* (with Robert L. Jenkins and Foreword by Mike Espy), Jordan, a first-time writer, shared the reality around his birth:

“I was born April 3, 1993, in a world quite different from the one we know today. I was born during a difficult era, in a decade known as the Great Depression. It was a period when the world saw the longest and deepest depression experienced by the industrialized world. It was clearly a miserable time, a period when nearly half of the children didn’t have adequate food, shelter, or even medical care. In the year of my birthday, national unemployment had reached its worse point” (p. 21).

The youngest of five children in a sharecropper’s home on the Whittington Plantation in Leflore County Mississippi, Jordan stresses that he was



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determined not to allow dismal, hard, and unfair times dictate his future. “I was referred to as ‘little nigger Jordan’ in reference to being a member of the Jordan family,” he says in his book. “It was quite degrading to be referred to in that manner,” he continued.

Although a serious struggle to obtain amidst cotton picking demands, education was key to Jordan’s rise above such degradation. “There was a rule that children on the plantations couldn’t start school until all the cotton was picked. The school year lasted from December to April. It was already difficult learning under the conditions that we were subjected to and a short school session made it that much harder” (p. 32). There were no public schools on the plantation for African Americans.

In 1940, he began school in a country church called Traveler’s Rest at age seven. He would later attend one of the newly built Rosenwald schools, erected by a wealthy Jewish family in the South for African-American children. Back then seventh grade was considered

high school. He enrolled in Stone Street High School, a public school for blacks in the city of Greenwood, but he had to start late due cotton picking times. Plus, he had also secured a part-time job to help his family.

Jordan shared that he and his siblings were determined to learn as much as they could “in order to prepare for a life away from the cotton field.”

That drive and determination for education paid off big for Jordan. He attended Mississippi Valley State University and the University of Wyoming. He served as a Mississippi Public School science teacher for 33 years. He also served on the Greenwood City Council, where he has also served as chairman. He also served as president and is still active in the Greenwood Voters League.

However, the 30-year member of the Mississippi Legislature told *The Mississippi Link* that a crowning achievement of life was when he, as a presidential elector, during the roll call at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Co., on Aug. 27, 2008 cast Mississippi’s vote for the first black Democratic Party nominee for president, Barack Obama, who became the 44th President of the United States. President Obama was re-elected Nov. 6, 2012 for a second term. “It was indeed the highlight of my political career,” Jordan said. He said he has a huge published photo clipping of him casting that vote as a very valuable and endeared keepsake in his Greenwood home.

Jordan currently serves in the Mississippi Senate on the following committees: Drug Policy – Chair, Agriculture, County Affairs, Education, Environmental Protection, Conservation and

Water Resources, Finance, Housing, Municipalities and Tourism.

Jordan’s colleague, Sen. Hillman Frazier, District 27, said Jordan “brings a unique background to the body” (Legislature). Frazier referenced Jordan’s background in chemistry. “And, because of that background, he was appointed chairman of the Drug Policy Committee in the State Senate. That’s a very important thing.” Jordan’s expertise is extremely helpful. Frazier believes Jordan is the first African American to chair the Drug Policy Committee.

In this interview with *The Mississippi Link* Jordan explained that the federal government hands down new drugs each year, and before the state of Mississippi can use them, they must be approved by the Health Department of Mississippi. “Then we have to be put the federal regulations pertaining to them into law,” Jordan said. “The pharmacists all have to follow the federal regulations. It’s a very important committee.”

Frazier, who says has been in the Mississippi legislature 43 years himself, has known Jordan for more than 30 years. “He has been that long distance runner,” Frazier said. “He has been fighting for the little person for many, many years in the legislature.”

Jordan’s constituents share similar sentiment about his love for serving people.

“Senator Jordan has proven time after time that he is a senator for the people,” said Beulah Greer, executive director of the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) of Lexington, Mississippi. CSLC is a non-profit 501 c 3 organization. “He would always use

those words: “Senator for the people.”

Espy had prior shared similar sentiments in his Foreword of Jordan’s book: “Because of his personal sacrifice during some very menacing times, and moreover, because of his victories that advanced multiple political civil rights causes, David Jordan has more than earned the title “A man of the people.”

Jordan, who also served in the U.S. Army, has sponsored and championed many pieces of legislations during his career. All of which he says have been in the best interest of the people.

Two, among many, that he is most proud are the changing of the confederate state flag and instituting character education) (Senate Bill 2121) in the schools. “These are just basic principles our children need to know. They need to know how to say ‘thank you.’ They need to know how to appreciate compliments. They need to know how to persevere, and not just give up and wallow in despair simply because they have had some shortcomings. They need to know how to be respectful,” he told *The Mississippi Link*. “Character education is basic principles you need to know to be a success.”

“I had a major part in the changing of the state flag,” said Jordan. He stressed how long and hard they had fought for that legislation.

He also shared that he is the process of getting a statue done of Emmett Till which will be erected in downtown Greenwood in honor of his memory. It will also be a historical and educational reminder that Till’s cruel and outrageous death, due to racial hatred, was not in vain. It was the catalyst that sparked the Civil Rights Moment.



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versary is tempered by fears of the impact of new voting restrictions being enacted.

“And now they are trying to take our voting rights from us. I wouldn’t think in 2022 we would have to do all over again what we did in 1965,” Boynton said.

Ora Bell Shannon, 90, of Selma, was a young mother during the march and ran from the bridge with her children. Ahead of Bloody Sunday, she and other black citizens stood in line for days at a time trying to register to vote in the then white-controlled city, facing impossible voter tests and long lines.

“They knew you wouldn’t be able to pass the test,” Shannon recalled.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 2013 gutted

a portion of the 1965 law that required certain states with a history of discrimination in voting, mainly in the South, to get U.S. Justice Department approval before changing the way they hold elections.

The supporters of the end of preclearance said the requirement – while necessary in the 1960s – was no longer needed. Voting rights activists have warned the end of preclearance is emboldening states to pass a new wave of voting restrictions. The proposed Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act would restore the preclearance requirement and put nationwide standards for how elections operate – such as making Election Day a national holiday and allowing early voting nationwide

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His tenure as board chair was one faced with unprecedented challenges brought on by COVID-19. Moss spoke to the audience about the tenacity and resiliency of the chamber staff and board as they navigated through unfamiliar and uncertain times, and how everyone worked together to support existing businesses while still working to attract new ones.

Jeff Good, 2021 chairman, joined Moss on stage and presented him with the Past Chairman’s Award for his outstanding leadership and service.

Good, president of Mangia Bene Restaurant Management Group, discussed the chamber’s primary focus on economic development, quality of life and diversity, equity and inclusion. He explained these three areas

serve as the foundation to lift our communities and elevate them for generations to come.

As part of the ceremonial passing of the gavel, Good welcomed 2022 Chairperson La’Verne Edney to the stage. Edney, who is a partner at Butler Snow, LLP Law Firm, is the first African-American female to chair GJCP in its 142-year history.

Edney expressed her commitment to carry out the three-pronged agenda established by Good: Increasing knowledge around diversity; equity & inclusion; and creating places and spaces where diverse people and businesses can thrive and excel.

The annual meeting was sponsored by corporate partners PraCon Global Investment, Continental Tire, Entergy Mississippi, MWB, Inc. and Butler Snow LLP.

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people and basic civil rights are being usurped right under our noses in the broad light of day. Justices of the Supreme Court, the Congress of the United States, state legislatures, county officials, city councils, and school boards all exercise their right to vote and have them counted but the vote of – We the People – continues to be negotiable in ‘The Land of the Free, The Home of The Brave.’

Today, under the mostly sunny skies of Selma, no one was beaten, bloodied or terrorized by law enforcement. Today, thousands symbolically marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, encumbered only by long-winded speeches and select groups whose photo ops were so important that it took 45 minutes after the speeches ended to open the gates where regular people could begin their own personal march, a pilgrim age for many.

Today there were no Confederate flags in sight. Among the many speeches, a few messages stood out: Reverend William Barber, fiery from start to finish, stated, “Our deadline is victory. We don’t stop until we win.” Sherrilyn Ifill stated, “We must honor the foot soldiers – get involved.” Marcia Fudge stated words to the effect that she knows it’s hot out

there and I’m not gonna stand here for more pages – “I love you Selma,” and Vice President Harris, who was introduced by the current Miss Alabama State University, Kendra Angion, firmly stated that she had come to Selma today to say Thank You. She reminded us that freedom and democracy can never be taken for granted, and that we must keep shouting and making good trouble and marching until victory is won.

From the top of the bridge, and on both sides, I looked down into the Alabama River and watched the flow and was struck by the swirling circles. Perhaps that’s normal for waters around bridges, but I saw a pausing, kind of like slo-mo – let us never ever forget Selma – is what it said to me.

The powerlessness I felt after crossing the bridge and driving back to Jackson from Selma was numbing. Yet my mind returned to those foot soldiers, and I quickly resolved to do more. In the words of John Lewis, “Those of us who are committed to the cause of justice need to pace ourselves because the struggle does not last for one day, one week, or one year, but it is the struggle of a lifetime, and each generation must do its part.”



The Rev. Jessie Jackson at the commemoration of the 1965 March for Voting rights at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. PHOTOS BY CHRIS YOUNG

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Hinds County Human Resource Agency Project Head State is currently accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year.



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- 3) **Proof of Hinds County residency** - lease, mortgage statement, current utility bill (light, water, gas or sewer), current phone or cable bill
- 4) **Child's Social Security number**
- 5) **Medical insurance of child (if applicable)**
- 6) **IEP or IFSP (if applicable)**
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Plaque of John Lewis, leader of the 1965 March



Plaque of Rev. Hosea Williams



Plaque of Amelia Boynton Robinson and Marie Foster, pivotal figures at the 1965 Selma march

LHSNAA wins the Governor’s Award

Special to The Mississippi Link

Each year the Mississippi Association of Partners in Education (MAPE) select outstanding school and community partnerships for the Governor’s Award. On February 21, 2022 MAPE announced that the Lanier High School National Alumni Association (LHSNAA) was a recipient of the 2022 Governor’s Award. This is the third consecutive year the LHSNAA has received this distinguished award.

The goal of LHSNAA is to support all aspects of W.H. Lanier High School and serve as a resource for school leadership, families, and students.

The needs of students and families during the pandemic have been ever-changing. In response, LHSNAA’s efforts became dynamic and bridged the gap that occurred due to the COVID pandemic, i.e. food insecurity and student athlete scholarship needs.

While continuing to make an annual financial contribution to support Lanier High School, the association continues to identify community partners to expand

the reach of services to make a greater and more meaningful impact.

The highlight of the work by LHSNAA is the ability to sustain its’ projects by seeking out like-minded, long-term partnerships. Each service provided in 2020 was not only continued in 2021 but expanded upon.

LHSNAA will continue to follow best practices procedures in the day-to-day operations of LHSNAA.

Alvin Thomas, LHSNA board member, stated the organization is very appreciative of the following partners who assisted them with their objectives:

University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing, Children’s of Mississippi Community Outreach Program, Ms. State Department of Health Dentistry Program, Farish Street Community of Shalom, U Sew Nice, Stanley Weakley & Associates, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, Lanier High School Health Clinic, Footprint Farms, United Healthcare and the fifteen hundred devoted and loyal members of LHSNAA.



Board members, officers and volunteers of LHSNAA. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

In Memoriam Nay Ruth Manyfield *May 30, 1933 - February 25, 2022*



On August 20, 1955, Nay Ruth was united in holy matrimony to Bennie Manyfield. This union was blessed with one daughter, Melva Jean Manyfield.

Throughout her 88 years of life, Nay Ruth Montgomery Manyfield touched lives wherever she went. Kind, thoughtful, loving and giving, she won the hearts of many with her unmatched history of family roots and her keen memory of past events. As an excellent cook, her delicious dishes were always sought after on special occasions.

Nay Ruth loved the Lord and delighted in discussing His amazing blessings and promises with others.

On Friday morning, February 25, 2022, God called Nay Ruth Manyfield from earthly labor where she is now “asleep in Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 4:14b.

Her parents, Camie Montgomery and Elnora Foster McClelland, spouse, Bennie Manyfield, daughter, Melva Jean Manyfield Townes and granddaughter, Adrienne preceded her in death. Nay Ruth leaves to cherish her memories, four grandchildren: Dennis Townes (Initra) Utica, Mississippi; Camie Townes (Lacoya) Loganville, Georgia; Amber Tatum (Kenny) Pearl, Mississippi; and Christopher Townes (Jocelyn) Brandon, Mississippi; six great grandchildren, two goddaughters: Patricia Cloy of Jackson, Mississippi, and Marilyn Alexander-Turner, Vidalia, Louisiana; godson, Worth Thomas of Madison, Mississippi and god sister, Wilma Morris, Jackson, Mississippi; special cousins, Martha Ree Montgomery, and Alma Fisher, both of Jackson, Mississippi and Robin Robinson, Utica, Mississippi; special classmate and neighbor, Doris Young, Utica, Mississippi; and a host of relatives, friends and the Greater St. James M.B. Church family.

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” 2 Timothy 4: 7-8

Nay Ruth Montgomery Manyfield was born May 30, 1933, in Learned, Mississippi to Camie Montgomery and Elnora Foster Montgomery. She confessed Christ at an early age, and joined Welcome Missionary Baptist Church of Learned, Mississippi. After relocating to Jackson, Mississippi, she united in membership with the Greater Saint James Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson.

She received her education in the Hinds County School System, beginning with primary and elementary school at Welcome School and continued her high school education at Utica Institute, Utica, Mississippi. Nay Ruth worked in the cafeteria at Jackson State University until she retired.

In Memoriam Clara Lee Herron *Aug. 20, 1937- Feb. 23, 2022*



This is the story of the beautiful spirit of a woman, how she lived and the legacy of pride and love that she leaves her family.

Clara Lee Higgins Herron, the youngest of four children born to the late Armon and Irene Dixon Higgins, began her life on August 20, 1937 in Learned, Mississippi. She was united in holy matrimony with Darrel Hugh Herron on December 16, 1977.

Her husband, Darrel, brother, Armon James Higgins, Sr., and sister, Mae Julia Higgins Brocks, preceded her in death.

Clara accepted Christ at an early age and united with Antioch MB Church. She later moved her membership to Oak Grove MB Church where she served as a mother of the church. She was an active member and loved to beautify the church with flowers and decorations.

Clara loved family and encouraged them to stay together as illustrated by planning a yearly memorial to celebrate her nephew Armon Jr.’s life and encouraging everyone to come.

She attended Burleigh Hamilton and Utica Institute Hinds Co. A.H.S. and Junior College in Utica, Mississippi. She obtained her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Elementary Education in 1959 and her Masters of Arts Degree in Librarian Science. Clara also received her Golden Diploma during the Jackson State University Commencement Ceremony on May 8, 2009.

Clara’s professional career began as a teacher at Mt. Mariah Elementary School and continued as a second grade teacher at Mixon Elementary School. She shifted her career choice and became the librarian for Mixon Elementary School until her retirement in 1986.

A beautiful and faithful life came to a pause at her home on February 23, 2022 shortly after 5:00 a.m.

Clara was an awesome role model. She was a model wife and caregiver, sister and second mother to many. Clara was an outstanding educator, a wonderful friend and a blessing to those who knew her. She was a devoted daughter who cared for both of her parents until they went home to be with the Lord. When her sister Mae Julia became ill, Clara dropped everything to be at her side. These are just a few examples of Clara’s love and devotion.

Clara loved gardening. She had a “green thumb” and grew beautiful flowers that were admired by many. She enjoyed dining out, watching game shows and basketball games.

Clara will continue to live through those who cherish her memories: her sister, Annie Belle Higgins of Utica, Mississippi; uncle, Alonzo (Rose) Higgins of Detroit, Michigan; sister-in-law, Lynoris Marie Higgins of Utica, Mississippi; nieces: Carolyn Higgins of Jackson, Mississippi; Alma (Connie) Dixon of Jackson, Mississippi; Beverly Dianne (Eric) Hodge of Milton, Florida; Josie (Bobby) Latham of Jackson, Mississippi; and Beverly Brocks of Lansing, Michigan; nephews: Carl Wayne Brocks of Richmond, California; Charles (Barbara) Higgins of Hazlehurst, Mississippi; Michael (Adriana) Higgins of Ellenwood, Georgia and many great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends. Clara loved and cherished her godson, Anthony Davis; riding-buddy, Hazel Caston; friend, Beverly Kelker Dixon; and god-daughter, Jacquelyn Wright-Lewis.

Talk about race: Mississippi House passes bill to set limits

Mississippi Link Newswire

The same Mississippi Legislature that proclaimed racial reconciliation after removing the Confederate battle emblem from the state flag nearly two years ago passed a bill Thursday to limit how race can be discussed in classrooms.

Several black legislators said during the six-hour debate that the bill could squelch honest discussion about the harmful effects of racism because parents could complain if history lessons make white children uncomfortable.

Democratic Rep. Chris Bell of Jackson opposed the bill. He said some people support it because they are fearful of black people and are fearful of when white people will no longer be in the majority.

“In Mississippi, we always tend to live in the land of purgatory of the most negative things around. This bill adds to that purgatory,” Bell said.

The Republican-controlled House voted 75-43 to pass Senate Bill 2113. It will go to Republican Gov. Tate Reeves, who has pledged to sign it into law.

The bill’s short title says it would prohibit “critical race theory.” But the main text of



Rep. Zakiya Summers, D-Jackson, asks a question of Rep. Joey Hood, R-Ackerman, during his presentation of legislation in the House Chamber at the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson, Thursday, March 3, 2022. AP PHOTO/ROGELIO V. SOLIS

the bill does not mention or define the theory, and many supporters of the bill also have said they cannot define it.

The bill says no school, community college or university could teach that any “sex, race, ethnicity, religion or national origin is inherently superior or inferior.”

Democratic Rep. Zakiya

Summers of Jackson said she has been told by some colleagues that the bill does nothing substantial but it gives them a talking point at election time.

“Censoring teachers, dismantling education bit by bit, attempting to erase the past, refusing to acknowledge the hurt and the horror and the hei-

nous acts that have been done to my people and then hiding behind this ‘inferior versus superior’ argument – that’s what this bill will do,” Summers said.

No legislators gave speeches in support of the bill. Republican Rep. Joey Hood of Ackerman, who is white, did not define critical race theory as

he explained the bill Thursday.

“History will continue to be taught – American history, Civil War history, Mississippi history,” Hood said.

When the bill passed the Republican-controlled Senate in January, all of the black senators withheld their votes and walked out in protest.

Republicans across the country have been raising money by saying critical race theory is a threat and multiple Republican-led states have banned or limited the teaching of critical race theory or similar concepts through laws or administrative actions.

Critical race theory is an academic framework that examines how racism has shaped public policy and institutions such as the legal system, and how those have perpetuated the dominance of white people in society.

State Superintendent of Education Carey Wright said critical race theory is not taught in Mississippi schools. The University of Mississippi law school offers an elective class on the theory.

Mississippi has the highest percentage of black residents of any state – about 38%. Along with other states in the

Deep South, including neighboring Alabama, it was a crucible of the civil rights movement.

All House votes for the bill on Thursday came from white Republicans. Of those voting against it, 39 are black Democrats, two are white Democrats, one is a black independent and one is a white independent. Four white lawmakers did not vote – two Republicans, one Democrat and one independent.

Republican House Speaker Philip Gunn led efforts to change the state flag in 2020, saying the Confederate symbol was hurtful to many. Voters approved a new flag that features a magnolia, and legislators put the new design into law in early 2021.

Gunn supported the bill Thursday, and immediately after it passed, he commended the House for having a respectful debate.

Gunn, who has been a leader in his Baptist church, also led the House in prayer and said representatives often face difficult issues, including the one Thursday. He asked God for “healing” and said: “We pray that you would not allow this to create division.”



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Jackson State student lands internship with Black Lives Matter Mississippi

By Justin Wall
Jackson State University

Jackson State University student Javon Blair plans to enact change in the world as the recipient of a Black Lives Matter Mississippi (BLMMS) internship.

Born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and raised in Houston, Blair is a junior accounting major. He shared that his passion is to serve his community. After watching the 2016 presidential election, he became inspired to invest more in social issues. He found himself at JSU, which he considers his second home, organizing various events from the Keep Your Hands Off My Body March to the Men’s Empowerment Luncheon.

BLMMS reached out to Blair after the success of the luncheon. The event was a safe space for the black men on JSU’s campus to speak about mental health and receive assistance to achieve their goals. The first BLMMS event Blair took part in was the MLK Day of Action & Remembrance. The panel was held on various social media platforms and focused on voting rights.

“The panel was designed for the radical king, (like) Martin Luther King Jr. He sacrificed his life on so many fronts,” said Blair. “I had to speak on the instances of fighting beside the radical kings of my generation, whether it is protecting voting rights, ending mass incarceration or lifting impoverished people out of poverty.”

As of now, Blair’s focus is preparing for the upcoming midterm elections and encouraging everyone to vote with his motto, “Can’t stop. Won’t stop.”

“What’s next for me is making sure that we prepare for the 2022 Midterm Elections. I’m going to make sure again, though, that we include my people. I’m doing voter registration drives, but not just me. I’m going to make sure I have people working with me like Black Lives Matter to make sure that we keep voters informed,” said Blair.



Blair

Jequireon Johnson of Callaway High School named 2022 Cadet of the Year

The Mississippi Link Newswire

JROTC Cadet Jequireon Johnson is the 2022-23 JPS Cadet of the Year. Johnson has been promoted to the rank of Cadet Colonel and will serve as the JPS JROTC Brigade Commander for the 2022-2023 school year.

A junior at Callaway High School, Johnson currently serves as the 4th Battalion Executive Officer. Cadet Johnson is an extraordinary person, outstanding scholar and leader. He is highly dedicated, goal-oriented, and will work diligently on what he is passionate about.

When his mind is set on a specific outcome, he will strive for perfection and take the responsibility of working hard until his goal is met. One of his short-term goals is to graduate in the top 10 of his class and continue to increase his 3.7 GPA to become a nurse.

He has been very active within JROTC for three consecutive years and, before that, he attended Kirksey Middle School.

At Callaway High School, he participates in the National Jr. Honor Society, the JROTC Drill Team, the Charger Bolt.

Jequireon has performed various acts of community service,



Johnson

such as feeding the homeless at Stewpot, visiting the elderly at nursing homes. He also participated in the Jackson State University Interdisciplinary

Center of Nanotoxicity STEM Leadership Academy Summer Institute.

He believes that to be a successful leader, you’ll need to

respect authority, have an ethical mindset 24/7, and have the courage to take on new responsibilities and face new challenges every day in life.

Margaret Walker Center invites students to submit proposals for Creative Arts Festival

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Margaret Walker Center invites proposals for papers, presentations, and panels for the hybrid 16th Annual Creative Arts & Scholarly Engagement (CASE) Festival, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 8 & 9, 2022.

The 2022 CASE Festival will focus on music through the broad theme of Past, Present & Future: A Legacy in Music.

Proposals must be submitted by Saturday, March 12, 2022.

This year, CASE will host a discussion with Mississippi and Jackson State music legends Cassandra Wilson, Nellie Mack and Rhonda Richmond, as well as performances by the JSU Department of Music.

Although the focus is on music, the organizers welcome proposals from high school, undergraduate and graduate students on any topic.

As a continuing consequence of COVID-19, the Spring 2022 CASE will be a hybrid event: held both in person on the JSU campus and virtually via the MWC’s Facebook, YouTube and Zoom platforms. Additional info regarding the virtual format and event registration will be shared in the new year.

Proposal submissions should be 250-500 words, include a title and name of the participant’s school, and should fit in one of four categories:

1. Poetry/Spoken Word (10-15-minute presentations in original storytelling or poetry, including brief comments about inspiration &/or form of the work)
2. Visual Arts (up to 3 pieces of artwork in any media with 10-minute presentations)
3. Written (8-to-10-page essays with 20-minute presentations)
4. Performing Arts (10-minute dance, musical, and theatrical presentations).

In the case of panel proposals, please submit the names of the participants and provide a brief synopsis

of the panel’s topic and provide individual paper or presentation proposals.

To submit a proposal, please send a document in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF to mwa@jsums.edu.

Note that the best essay by a JSU student on the “Black experience in the American South” will receive the \$1,000 Margaret Walker Annual Award. Submissions for the Margaret Walker Annual Award can be in various forms, including literary analysis, creative writing, research paper, biographical study, autobiography and historical study.

JSU students who would like to be considered for this award must submit their 8-to-10-page essays by Thursday, March 17, and present their papers during the CASE Festival on Saturday, April 9.

We will also present the annual \$300 Doris Derby Visual Arts and Social Justice Award to three students at any level from any institution whose contribution best reflects this year’s CASE Festival theme in the category of visual arts, including painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, photography, video, filmmaking, design and crafts.

As a former staff member of Margaret Walker’s Black Studies Institute (today the Margaret Walker Center), Derby contributed to some of the groundbreaking conferences hosted at Jackson State that served as inspiration for the CASE Festival, and she created this award to inspire others to give back.

Students must present their artwork during the CASE Festival on Saturday, April 9, to be eligible for the award.

Winners for all awards will be announced during the Closing Ceremony for the 2022 CASE Festival.

For more information, contact the Margaret Walker Center (mwa@jsums.edu or 601-979-3935) or the Conference Coordinators, Dr. Helen Crump (helen.j.crump@jsums.edu) and Dr. Robert Luckett (robert.luckett@jsums.edu).

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Living to be 100

I have 28 years, 3 months and 23 days to go

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Here are some tips that can help increase your life expectancy. If you follow my column you know most of them:

Get married

A 2013 study published in *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* stated that baby boomers that stayed married are less likely to die early than their single counterparts. But another study found that if your partner is younger you lived even longer. 100-year-old Daisy Dunnett says she owes her longevity to having a younger husband. If it doesn't work out stay social.

Have more sex

A study of 1,165 middle-aged men published in the *American Journal of Cardiology* in 2010 found that having sex once a month or less is linked with a 45 percent higher risk of heart disease than having sex two to three times a week. The study didn't say how much is too much.

Wash your hands

Hand washing could save more lives worldwide than any vaccine or other medical intervention according to the CDC. If you wash your hands with soap and water you will remove more disease causing organisms than if you wash your hands with water alone. If you find that your soap causes skin irritation change it. All soaps have a different pH level. Find one that is neutral. Soaps that are alkaline, acidic, contain dyes or have perfumes can cause irritation. Changing your soap will



Willie Bailey, 100 year-old war veteran

help. It's better to use liquid soap than bar soap, especially at work. Bar soap is better than no soap. Antibacterial soap is unnecessary and does not offer any advantage over regular soap. "Still shaking hands? Be aware of the handshake."

Be rich. Hit the Lottery

Having a lot of money means you have a better chance of living to 100, according to a study published in the *JAMA journal* in 2019. This study concluded

that rich people have better access to education, health care and a lower risk of violent crime. Remember money can't buy you happiness.

Get a pet

Both cat and dog owners tend to live longer than petless people. A study published in the *Journal of Vascular and Interventional Neurology* in 2009 found that owning a cat could cut your risk of heart attack by nearly one-third. A 2017 study

published in the journal *Scientific Reports* found that people who owned dogs reduced their risk of death by 11 percent.

U.S. households own 85.8 million cat and 77.8 million dogs. U.S. households also own in order fish, rabbits, turtles, reptiles, hamsters, guinea pigs, snakes, rodents, ferrets and a host of other animals. We love our pets but they can make us sick if we're not careful.

If you have any pet you

should be careful living with your pet. To protect yourself try these tips:

Wash your hands after handling your pet.

Clean your pet's living area regularly.

Take your pet to the vet regularly.

Don't sleep with your pet.

Visit animal parks with caution.

Make sure you change you pet's water daily.

Also keep in mind that just because it's a therapy animal doesn't make it safe.

Live in a blue state

The US States with the highest life expectancy were Democrat-leaning in presidential elections, according to a 2018 study published in the *JAMA* journal. If you can't move to Hawaii move to a Democratic state. Does that mean that Democrats live longer than Republicans?

Work hard, but not too long

A hardworking personality trait extends life by an average of two to three years, according to research cited in *The Longevity Project*. Don't work for a jerk. Research indicates that being bullied and unduly stressed at work can lead to serious health consequences. Researchers followed middle aged workers and after taking other risk factors for depression into account, found that workers on the job for 11 hours or more each day are twice as likely to suffer from depression as those who worked just seven to eight hours daily.

Researchers also looked at

the physical, mental, emotional and social effects of working beyond your standard 40 hours a week. Their findings concluded that working more than 10 hours a day is associated with a 60 percent increase in risk of cardiovascular issues. Studies showed that the more frequently men took vacations the longer they lived.

Get preventative care

A study published in the *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health* in 2007 followed 2,000 30- to 49-year-olds over a period of 15 years. The researchers found that the 30- to 49-year-olds who had regular preventative care experienced a "significantly greater" lifespan than those who didn't.

Some have suggested that if you are healthy and under 50 you only need a check-up every 3 years. I don't recommend doing that. Everyone should get an exam by a health professional every year no matter how healthy they think they are. It's one of the best preventive measures we have to stay healthy.

Quit smoking

I've written dozens of articles on why you should quit smoking. If you need to see a study that shows smoking cigarettes is bad, a study published in *The Lancet* followed 1.3 million people between 1996 and 2001 showed that giving up cigarettes helped subjects live 10 years longer than if they'd continued smoking.

No matter how long you live or want to live, enjoy your life as it happens.

Hope and optimism inspire people to get healthy on a plant-based diet

Special to the Mississippi Link

It would be an understatement to say that Charles Smith of Madison, Miss., has experienced tragedy in his life. In 1985, Charles's mother died at the relatively young age of 58 because of underlying conditions of poor health and obesity. In the years that followed, two of his sisters died at ages 54 and 52, of kidney disease and cancer. Charles watched each of these women struggle with poor diet and obesity, and saw their lives cut short as a result.

Just a few weeks ago, Charles's brother died of COVID-19.

The expected response to such loss would be anger and sadness, and while Charles admits that there have been bouts of grief and anger, he generally approaches life with a sense of hope and optimism. In fact, he is very active helping his family and community adopt healthier eating habits so that they can improve their health and live longer, fuller lives.

Charles's effort to improve his diet began 20 years ago at his church, New Horizon Church International, where he and his wife Gail serve as children's pastors. After a one-month no-



Smith

meat fast, Charles experienced a new level of energy and never returned to eating meat.

In the years that followed, he removed more animal products from his diet, going from a pescatarian, consuming fish and dairy products, to vegetarian, and finally, vegan. "If you know me, you know that when I'm done, I'm done," Charles says. "Now, my family and people around me see my pattern of

eating and see me work out, and my eating routine is drawing them closer." By "drawing them closer," Charles explains that his family watches him cook and enjoys trying new dishes. His wife, who had sworn off tofu, recently tried tofu scramble and it is now one of her favorite dishes.

In recent months, Charles has expanded from teaching cooking at his church to reaching

even more people. He became a certified instructor with Food for Life, a nutrition education and cooking class program sponsored by the Physicians Committee, in December 2021. Why? "I love having energy and good-tasting food," Charles says. "Cooking helps me attract people rather than them feeling like I am pushing something. Rather than me telling you, let me show you."

Charles has been doing both online virtual classes as well as small group in-person classes, which he prefers. "I want them to be able to taste the food," he says. "My wife converted just like that and that is a real testimony to me. I'm excited about the possibilities."

In part because of his concern about his family's and community's eating habits, Charles is participating in The Food for Life: African American Culinary Heritage series, plant-based nutrition and cooking classes that began in January 2022. The six-week course is designed to honor and explore the history of African-American culinary traditions.

The course also helps participants seeking to prevent or overcome high blood pressure, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and other health conditions that disproportionately affect African Americans.

"In the beginning, our culture created meals based on what they had," he explains. "Though they did a good job finding something to fill them, to avoid hunger, what it was doing was creating generational disease and the biggest one was obesity."

Charles is exactly right though that there is reason for hope in his community and beyond. According to a recent Pew Research Center survey, the number of African Americans who identify as vegan or vegetarian is more than double the overall number of Americans who identify as vegan or vegetarian.

Research shows the health benefits of adopting a plant-based diet for high blood pressure, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and breast, colorectal, and prostate cancers, all chronic diseases that, due to multiple socioeconomic factors, disproportionately affect African Americans.

Charles reflects on his mother-in-law's stay with him and his wife a few years ago while she was ill with type 2 diabetes. The couple helped her with daily medication, including injections, and aided her recovery when she ultimately had to have a leg amputated.

"My wife's family has similar eating habits to my family," Charles says. "It gives me hope because there was a time that I thought that I was eating right. Food For Life allows me to show them that there is a better way."

P R E S E R V E D

Soaring above the hater

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“I thought she was my friend but what she wrote about me on Facebook proves that she was never my friend.” I listened intently as my student explained how baffled she was that a friend who was once close to her was now writing vicious things about her online. She said they didn’t have a fight but noticed when she started attending college, her friend suddenly became critical and negative towards her. My heart went out to her because I knew how painful that kind of quick relationship shift can be. In fact, I’d recently been through remarkably similar experiences. Just like she was trying to figure

out what went wrong with her friend, I also had spent time trying to figure out what happened with mine. I didn’t have an answer for her on why it happened, but I did offer her what I hoped was an encouraging word on how to handle it. And the word was simply: Soar! I shared with her that rather than focus on the hurts from the past, she needed to focus on her future. Like the eagle that soars using the adverse winds to take it higher, she could soar higher, if she kept the right attitude. Having the right attitude would help her soar above the hurtful words. Rather than fight words with words, I encouraged her to do like the eagle and use the opposition to go higher. Hater. That was the best way to describe her former friend. Simply put, haters are jealous people who make

your life and the lives of those you love miserable. Unable to celebrate the success of others, angry and envious haters want to bring others down a notch and expose their flaws. R & B recording artist Jill Scott even touched on it in her song “Hate on Me” when she sang, “You cannot hate on me ‘cause my mind is free, Feel my destiny, so shall it be.” It’s like eagles and chickens. Once grown, eagles gracefully soar alone at high altitudes. On the other hand, non-flying chickens do their best to survive the rooster-dominated pecking order of who is the most important. Eagles can see forward and to the side at the same time which helps them find food. Chickens spend a good deal of their time looking down at the ground looking for their food. Just like eagles and chickens don’t naturally

spend time together, haters and those they hate don’t either. Amos 3:3 says, “Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?” It’s insane to expect someone who is jealous of you to support you. Rearrange the letters in “hater” and you get...heart. You can choose to be a hater. Or you can rearrange your life, soar and show that you have heart. When people suddenly shift out of your life, it’s a perfect opportunity for God to put the people in your life who can support not only where you are but where your destiny will take you. Shewanda Riley is the author of “Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or Twitter @shewanda.

Stumbling blocks that Satan uses

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



We read in Isaiah 1:18, “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” If you are not saved, let us reason together. I ask you to open your heart for a few minutes and reason this out in your mind. It seems so easy when, in essence, the Lord said: “I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Choose you this day whom you will serve.” Many times, after hearing God’s Word preached, I have observed individuals with tears streaming down their faces, yet they held on to the pew in front of them and refused to move to the altar. Sad, Satan made the decision seem so difficult by placing stumbling blocks before them. The devil put before me reasons that I needed to wait and get saved some time later. A stumbling block for some is the addiction to drugs or alcohol. They know if they get saved, they will have to stop drinking or stop using drugs, and that is something they

do not think they have the power to do. However, God’s power and God’s Spirit are strong enough to break the bondage of those sinful habits. Friend, if you are bound by the tobacco habit, you might say, “I have tried to quit, but I can’t do it.” You cannot quit; however, God’s power can give you the victory to overcome that stumbling block. A stumbling block for some people is that they are unfaithful to their spouse. They want to get saved, but they know that if they get saved, they will have to make it right with their spouse. The fear of that keeps them from getting right with God. God can work out any situation. The devil makes that look so impossible and so hard. Friend, with God’s help you can get through that difficulty. Another stumbling block for some people is that they are unwilling to give up the world. My friend, God can and will change your heart and make you a new creature. Then old things will pass away, and all things will become new. With God’s help, you will want to give up that sin. He will give you the power to give up whatever it might be! Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton, VA 23669.

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Being a strong black woman in the United States Of America Is not easy

By James B. Ewers Jr.
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The landscape for black women has always been filled with potholes and pitfalls. They have achieved despite these impediments.

March is Women’s History Month and I say this respectfully and with pride that African-American women have always been trailblazers and difference-makers. From Harriet Tubman in the past to Kamala Harris in the present, black women have led the charge for respect and renown.

Their contributions have been widespread and have touched all corners of the world. They took the can’t out and replaced it with ‘can’ and took the won’t out and substituted it with ‘will.’

There are moments of note when education and history cross paths. I believe this is one of those moments.

Did you know that Marie Van Brittan Brown was an early inventor? She was a resident of New York city and created a closed-circuit television security system in 1966. Her patent was approved in 1969. So, when we see these modern versions of home security systems and networks, we should give kudos to Marie Van Brittan Brown.

As we age, our vision becomes more problematic. Some of us resort to glasses or contact lens. While some may have cataracts removed. Dr. Patricia Bath was the first black woman medical doctor to develop a laser cataract treatment device called a Laserphaco Probe. She received the patent in 1986. Dr. Bath was the first African American to complete a residency in ophthalmology according to reports.

And of course, we cannot forget Katherine Johnson who worked at Langley Research Center and was instrumental in NASA’S spaceflights. Watching the movie, “Hidden Figures” is a history lesson in and of itself.

Politically, we applaud vice president Kamala Harris, yet in my opinion, she could not have been in the White House without Shirley Chisholm and Fannie Lou Hammer.

Shirley Chisholm was the first black woman to serve in Congress and the first black person to run for president in a major party. Chisholm was an early champion of voting rights and civic education.

Fannie Lou Hammer is a Civil Rights icon. The Mississippi records say that she helped to register black voters in that state only to be challenged at every turn. In 1964, she co-founded the Mississippi Freedom Party and challenged the all-white Democratic delegation at the 1964 Democratic National Convention.

Flonzie Brown Wright, another Mississippi African-American legend was the first African-American female elected official in a Mississippi bi-racial town. I had the honor and privilege of working with her at Miami University of Ohio (Middletown campus) where she served as the student affairs scholar in residence.

There, she developed programs and events that raised the awareness of students about the Civil Rights Movement. One such program was the Mississippi Civil Rights Legends Lecture Series.

While we celebrate and honor these women in March, we must not stop there. They deserve our admiration and recognition every day. Young girls of color, in particular, must learn about their stories and how those stories served as a bridge for their own success. They must understand that their future achievements are inextricably bound to the achievements of the early pioneers who refused to give up and to give in.

If you have senior citizens in your community who look like me, then engage them in a conversation. Find out about life “back in the day.”

What we have in America has not come without a deep and abiding commitment to justice and equality. Black women have been leaders and are still leaders as we continue down this road.

This column is dedicated to my mom, Mrs. Mildred Holland Ewers who graduated in the early 1940’s from the Kate Bitting Reynolds Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Winston-Salem NC. She was an RN (registered nurse).

A legacy worth leaving

By Avery Ross
Grief Counselor/Facilitator



We are hard-wired to deal with grief, but everyone grieves differently. Acknowledging the complexities and simplicity of grief allows me to live a full life. Sometimes my grief manifests itself as gratitude for another day, sometimes it moves me to help others.

As a grief counselor, I encourage others to acknowledge and move forward in grief. When we engage in open and honest conversations about death, we are giving ourselves the tools to

manage grief.

My mother never minced words when it came to death. We had conversations over the dinner table throughout my life about it. When we knew she had congestive heart failure, we decided to celebrate her life while she was still here. She chose hospice, an end-of-life care option for terminally ill people, and died peacefully in her sleep. She encouraged me to think about death in a positive light, rather than as a negative and frightening thing.

I was in my mother’s favorite place when I found out that she died, Las Vegas. So, I went to her favorite hotel and lost \$20 in her honor. Because I would go with

her, and she would win, and I would take her money and lose it. I said, “I’m just being consistent.”

My mother had her affairs in order before she died, from her funeral to where her belongings would go. It made our grieving process smoother to not focus on those things. I want the same for my son, so I’ve made my wishes clear to him. Instead of looking at it as a daunting task, I look at it as a gift to him.

When you prepare your loved ones for what you want if you get sick and when you die, you are showing them just how much you love them.

Start by having a conversation

with your loved ones about your wishes and the legacy you want to leave. What matters most to you? How do you want to be remembered? Do your spiritual or religious beliefs inform your values? Is there someone you want involved in your healthcare decisions?

There are many tools and resources to prepare you to have these conversations and get your affairs in order. Compassion & Choices offers an End of Life Decisions Guide & Toolkit that provides helpful information on end-of-life decisions.

Avery Ross is a grief counselor and bereavement facilitator based in New York.

State of the Union: Democracy needs defenders

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



President Joe Biden’s State of the Union address reminded Americans that democracy needs defenders – here at home as well as in Ukraine.

Russian dictator Vladimir Putin’s attack on Ukraine was understandably a major focus of Biden’s speech.

Putin’s eagerness to expand his power by unleashing brute force against his neighbors is a threat to peace in Europe and the world. Putin’s track record of killing journalists and political opponents has made it clear that he is an enemy of democracy and democratic values.

We have our own threats to democracy to confront, including the Capitol insurrectionists, the political and media figures who portray them as heroes, and politicians who undermine our democracy. And we have important domestic priorities that cannot be put on hold or set aside.

President Biden reminded Americans that the right to vote is under assault. “In state after state, new laws have been passed, not only to suppress the vote, but to subvert entire elections,” he said.

The president called on Congress to defend democracy at home by passing the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, two vot-

ing rights bills blocked by Senate Republicans’ filibuster. The president added a call for more transparency and accountability in our elections, saying, “And while you’re at it, pass the Disclose Act so Americans can know who is funding our elections.” But, as we know, we won’t see solutions like that on the federal level until we have a pro-democracy majority in the Senate. And that means we have much work to do between now and the November elections.

President Biden also addressed policing, another issue on which Americans are demanding more transparency and accountability. Police unions and politicians who resist change and accountability for law enforcement officers frequently tell Americans that they must choose between fair policing and safe communities. President Biden rejected the false narrative that we cannot have public safety and equal justice, saying “Let’s not abandon our streets – or choose between safety and equal justice.”

Unfortunately, the president muddled this message with a call for greater police funding without making it clear that we must invest in innovative approaches to public safety rather than shoveling more money into a system that fails to keep many Americans safe.

The president did point to one important aspect of reform by calling for better training for police officers. But we must think

much bigger. Young political leaders and community activists across the country are taking bold steps to reimagine public safety. We should all get behind those efforts.

One important model for making communities safer for everyone is moving forward in Ithaca, New York. When it is fully implemented, the Ithaca model will replace the current police department with a department of public safety. The new department will be civilian led and will include both uniformed police and unarmed community safety workers. That will reduce the potential for situations that do not require an armed response, which we know can escalate into deadly violence. And it will free armed officers to focus their time on the kinds of crimes that do require their attention.

That’s how we can keep everyone safe, including people who are most likely to be targets of unjustified and deadly police violence.

By helping more Americans view public safety from a broader perspective and breaking out of the idea that our only choices are more or less money for cops, we can overcome political resistance and move toward better models of public safety.

And that brings me to Judge Ketanji Jackson Brown. Just a few days before the State of the Union address, President Biden nominated Jackson to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. She is

a brilliant lawyer who is now serving as a federal judge.

She will bring to the Supreme Court perspectives that have never been represented among the justices. She will be the first black woman ever to serve on our highest court. She will be the first justice to have been a public defender and the first, since Thurgood Marshall, to have done criminal defense work. She has a personal understanding of how our justice system can treat people without wealth and political influence.

Having Jackson’s brilliant mind and her life experience on the Supreme Court will strengthen the court and our democracy. Her confirmation will be one more step in our country’s long and continuing journey of becoming “a more perfect union.”

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and Professor of the 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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I, Joseph Sambou
Intend to make application for an On-Premise Retailer permit.
As provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, Section 67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, I propose to operate as a 100% owned Limited Liability Company.
Under the trade name of Sambou's African Kitchen
Located at 1625 E County Line Rd Suite 150 Jackson, MS 39211 – Hinds County.
The name, title, and address of the owner of the above named business is:
Joseph Sambou
Owner/Manger
132 Lakeway Dr.
Madison, MS 39110

If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published.
Requests shall be sent to:
Chief Counsel, Legal Division
Department of Revenue
P.O. Box 22828
Jackson, MS 39225

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NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29th, 2022, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: parcel 77-22, located at 516 N. Mill Street in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at \$750.00. The City will retain all mineral rights it owns, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same from said property. For additional information or for a “bid form”, contact Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail vs Sexton@city.jackson.ms.us.

BID INSTRUCTIONS: All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the City Clerk of the City of Jackson (located in City Hall at 219 S. President St. Jackson, Mississippi 39201). The outside of the envelope must be plainly marked to identify the parcel number being bid on along with the bidder's name. Enclose one (1) original and one (1) copy of the bid. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, March 29th, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Information-2022 Special Election for Greater Belhaven Community Improvement District

Election Date

- All registered voters residing in the proposed Greater Belhaven Community Improvement District will vote on the creation of a Special Local Improvement Assessment District to be held on April 5, 2022.
- Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Information

The ballot proposition is as follows:
Shall residents within the Greater Belhaven Community Improvement District establish a Special Local Improvement Assessment District through an additional property tax assessment of 6 mills?

Absentee Voting

- The last day to vote by absentee ballot is Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 12:00 (noon). To accommodate the absentee voting process, The Department of Municipal Clerk will be open on Saturday, March 26, 2022 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 (noon), and on Saturday, April 2, 2022 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 (noon).

Qualified Electors

- All registered voters residing in the proposed Greater Belhaven Community Improvement District (Belhaven and Belhaven Heights) will be eligible to vote in this special election. The participating polling places are as follows:

- Precinct 1- Eudora Welty Library- 300 N. State Street
- Precinct 8- Fire Station #5- 1810 North State Street
- Precinct 9- Belhaven College Library- 1500 Peachtree

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is considering Amendment Number 1 to its 2018 One-Year Action Plan and Amendment Number 4 to the 2019 One-Year Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan by:

- Decreasing funding in the amount of \$520,000 from a City-wide Infrastructure project in the 2019 Action Plan
- Decreasing funding in the amount of \$100,000 from a Demolition project in the 2018 Action Plan
- Increasing funding for the Fire Department Equipment and Rehabilitation Project already identified in the 2019 Action Plan in the amount of \$624,433.18.

These amendments are necessary to ensure that funding is expended in a timely manner and to provide funding for essential equipment to ensure that appropriate fire response is provided in low- and moderate-income areas in the City of Jackson.

If anyone would like to ask questions or make comments on these proposed amendments, they should email them to OHCD@jacksonms.gov. The City is required to provide a 30-day comment period on all proposed amendments to our one-year action plans, therefore, comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., April 15, 2022.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, unless there are objections from the general public, this Amendment will be considered adopted, however, if there are any objections from the public, these objections will be presented to the City Council for consideration prior to the adoption of the Amendment.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30p.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2022. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson.

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

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

All proposals for General Funds Arts and Community Based Grants must be submitted online. Complete application requirements are available on the City of Jackson, Department of Human & cultural Services webpage. Visit <https://www.jacksonms.gov/departments/human-and-cultural-services/> to submit your application. Proposals must be submitted online by 3:30pm on March 29, 2022. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Request for Proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website listed above.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson hereby gives notice that its annual audited financial report for the year ended September 30, 2020 has been completed. Copies are available to the public at 219 S. President St., Jackson, MS 39201.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

JH FEWELL WATER TREATMENT PLANT CARBON DIOXIDE CHEMICAL FEED EQUIPMENT PROJECT

Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all materials and equipment only as required under the specifications for the construction of JH FEWELL WATER TREATMENT PLANT CARBON DIOXIDE CHEMICAL FEED EQUIPMENT PROJECT. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

The entire project equipment must be delivered within (210) calendar days. The contract will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per calendar day for each consecutive calendar day in which the contract time is exceeded.

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 an equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a precondition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) plan. Failure to comply with the City's ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact Michael Davis with the office of Economic Development at (601) 960-1856. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the Program are available at 200 South President Street, Warren Hood Building, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and/or conduct business in the City to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in whole or in part by the anticipated funds from the EPA Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grant Program (SDWA 1459A). Neither the State of Mississippi, the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, the MS Department of Health, the MS Commission on Environmental Quality, nor any of their employees, is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting or related contracts. This procurement will be subject to all applicable sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as they apply to local governments.

The PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

1. Office of the MSDH/DWSIRLF Program: located at 570 East Woodrow Wilson, Suite U232, Jackson MS 39215, call Lee Alford, Project Manager at 601-576-7738.
2. Office of the Consulting Engineer: Cornerstone Engineering LLC, located at 600 Northside Drive, Suite A, Clinton, MS 39056, call Mauricka McKenzie, P.E., Project Engineer at 601-473-2403 office. One copy of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured from the Consulting Engineer, upon payment of \$100, none of which is refundable.
3. Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations:

A. Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP)
Mississippi Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development
Woolfolk Building
501 North West Street, Suite B-01
Jackson, MS 39201
Contact: LaTisha Landing 601-359-3448

The Standard Specifications adopted by the City Council may be procured from the Department of Public Works, if desired upon payment of \$5.00 dollars for each specification.

A NONMANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference will be held on April 1, 2022 in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room located on the first floor of the Hood Building at 200 President Street, Jackson, MS, at 11:00 A.M. local time. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi law and possess a certificate of responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid. Each bidder must deposit with its proposal, a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid for the work, payable to the City of Jackson, as the bid security.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney.

Proposals shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City of Jackson's City Clerk prior to the hour and date designated above. Each bidder shall write its certificate of responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing its proposal.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities

Charles Williams, Jr, PE, PhD
City Engineer, Department of Public Works

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March 19th Auction City of Jackson

INVENTORY NUMBER	CASE NUMBER	YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/COLOR	VEH IDENTIFICATION	INVENTORY NUMBER	CASE NUMBER	YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/COLOR	VEH IDENTIFICATION	INVENTORY NUMBER	CASE NUMBER	YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/COLOR	VEH IDENTIFICATION	
1	20293	13-067894	1999 FORD MUSTANG (SILVER)	1FAFP4041XF233267	130	28867	19-025904	259	40300	20-095211	2015 DODGE CHALLENGER (GRAY)	203DDZAG68FH58114
2	22883	14-235083	1999 TOYOTA CAMRY (BLACK)	JT2B622K9W0118497	131	28894	19-030073	260	40304	20-095992	2001 DODGE RAM (SILVER)	2GCEC19V021334134
3	23130	15-030058	YAHAMA MANNING STAR (BLACK)	UNKNOWN	132	28920	19-036112	261	40310	20-096595	2012 FORD FEIST (SILVER)	3FADPA4EJ2CM169966
4	23205	15-040095	1998 DODGE RAM	187HC16X4WS738627	133	28937	19-039128	262	40324	20-098267	2004 HYUNDAI SANTE FE (BLACK)	KM8SC13D74U659823
5	23297	15-054651	2006 ARTIC CAT 4WHEELER (GREEN)	UNKNOWN	134	28949	19-040798	263	40347	20-062730	2009 DODGE RAM 2500 (BLACK)	3D7KS2T89G6514182
6	23326	15-061010	2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA (TAN)	2G1VH52K759163894	135	28951	19-042096	264	40370	20-104573	1998 TOYOTA CAMRY (GOLD)	4T1B622K6WU285850
7	23428	15-075477	2001 FORD F-150 (BLACK)	1FTRX17L61NB837926	136	28953	19-042962	265	40374	20-105418	2000 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN (GRN)	2B4GP44G2YR630478
8	23432	15-076127	BASKETBALL GOAL (BLACK)	UNKNOWN	137	28956	19-040577	266	40381	20-106587	2013 HONDA ACCORD (SILVER)	1HGCRC2F59DA129521
9	23697	15-111487	2004 VOLVO C70 (SILVER)	YV1NC63D74J047311	138	28986	19-046651	267	40382	20-106635	2006 CHRYSLER 300C (GREEN)	2CEKA63H66H441943
10	23725	15-115149	LOAD CS8 TRAILER (BLACK)	4ZECH182XE1058373	139	29015	19-050879	268	40383	20-106786	1998 TOYOTA CAMRY (TAN)	4T1B622K1WU323761
11	23740	15-117489	HAMMERHEAD GO-CART (RED)	N/A	140	29033	19-017865	269	40387	20-107337	2016 NISSAN ALTIMA (GRAY)	1N4AL3AP9GC198326
12	24393	15-216086	1999 TOYOTA COROLLA (SILVER)	1NXBR12ESXZ021761	141	29042	19-057720	270	40391	20-108329	2000 CHEVY SILVERADO (GRAY)	2GCEC19T1Y1204399
13	24431	15-220174	SUZUKI ATV (GREEN)	N/A	142	29069	19-062953	271	40398	20-109041	2010 DODGE JOURNEY (WHITE)	3D4PFG4B1AT102229
14	24529	15-235130	2013 NISSAN MURANO (BLACK)	JN8A21MW6DW320505	143	29076	19-064574	272	40421	20-113152	2007 CHEVROLET AVEO (RED)	KL1TD6677B793285
15	24602	16-008611	1995 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN (GREEN)	1GNEC16K4S1316792	144	29084	19-066810	273	40424	20-094427	2009 KAWASAKI ORV (BLK/GREEN)	JKAKXMMWC69A011499
16	24615	16-009801	1997 LINCOLN TOWNCAR (GREEN)	1LNLM82W8VY707269	145	29087	19-067109	274	40425	20-113352	2016 CHEVROLET TAHOE (BLACK)	1GNSK8C3GR107448
17	24640	16-006577	1995 GMC SIERRA (GREEN)	1GTEC14H8S2553089	146	29094	19-066484	275	40441	20-115578	2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA (BLACK)	2G1WFS2E259391849
18	24659	16-015071	2007 DODGE CHARGER (BLACK)	2B3KA43G37H785160	147	29094	19-066484	276	40442	20-115594	1997 NISSAN ALTIMA (SILVER)	1HGBR31DVBW2538282
19	24779	16-030275	1999 ACURA 35R (BLACK)	JH4KA9657XC004745	148	29104	19-070865	277	40444	20-115670	2017 HONDA ACCORD (GRAY)	1HGBR2F51GA055922
20	24831	16-037517	2000 FORD TAURUS (GREEN)	1FAPP55S8YA226361	149	29113	19-068660	278	40445	20-115672	2007 HONDA 450R (WHITE)	JH2TE32097K106644
21	24862	16-041752	2003 PONTIAC VIBE (WHITE)	5Y2SL628232474764	150	29133	19-074372	279	40447	20-115778	1999 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS(SILVER)	2MEFM75W7XK688870
22	24896	16-046727	2010 KIA RIO (WHITE)	KNADH4A31A6646363	151	29147	19-081084	280	40462	20-117919	2010 HONDA ACCORD (BLACK)	1HGCP2F49AA025555
23	25003	16-060297	1989 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE (WHITE)	1GZHX54CSKW285573	152	29149	19-082156	281	40464	20-118275	2005 PONTIAC G5 GT (WHITE)	1G2AN18877357537
24	25027	16-063236	1993 BUICK CENTURY (GREEN)	164AG55N6P6484647	153	29171	19-086722	282	40467	20-118570	2010 FORD FUSION (BLACK)	3FAHP0HAXAR233287
25	25058	14-093499	2007 HONDA CBR (RED)	JH2CS57037M304145	154	29199	19-091305	283	40469	20-119220	2006 CHEVY IMPALA (SILVER)	2G1WC581T69136273
26	25103	16-071880	GO-KART (GREEN)	UNKNOWN	155	29203	19-079402	284	40471	20-119819	2008 SATURN VUE (BLUE)	3GSC13P285690857
27	25387	16-113150	2014 CHEVROLET CRUZE (RED)	1G1PCS5B8E7120403	156	29205	19-095341	285	40486	20-121919	2004 CHEVY AVALANCHE (TAN)	UNKNOWN
28	25435	16-120042	2011 KAWASAKI MOTORCYCLE (RED)	JKAZBD01018513198	157	29216	19-096313	286	40487	20-121978	2007 CHEVROLET COBALT (GREEN)	1G1AK55F37T154270
29	25480	16-125889	1995 HONDA ACCORD (WHITE)	1HGCP7257SA014396	158	29217	19-093093	287	40490	20-122110	2003 FORD MUSTANG (RED)	1FAPF40413F357078
30	25553	16-135488	2005 PONTIAC GRAND AM (GRAY)	1G2NE52E65M179520	159	29219	19-098598	288	40497	20-122751	1995 HONDA CIVIC (GRAY)	2HGEG12335H58912
31	25691	16-156165	2004 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR (BEIGE)	5LMFU27R34U138806	160	29232	19-100692	289	40500	20-123022	2012 KAWASAKI DIRT BIKE (GREEN)	JKAXXMYC2CA017921
32	25759	16-168264	1998 CHEVY 1500 VAN (WHITE)	1GBFG15R9WU1019401	161	29272	19-107710	290	40502	20-161929	2008 HONDA CIVIC (BLUE)	1HGFA16B48L082692
33	25775	16-165998	YAHAMA 4WHEELER (GRAY)	N/A	162	29277	19-108892	291	40506	20-123309	1994 MAZDA B300 (GREEN)	4F4CR16U6RTM92989
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35	25958	16-199538	2002 SATURN LS (MAROON)	1G8JS54F22Y504333	164	29295	19-111845	293	40518	20-117730	1997 LINCOLN TOWNCAR (GRAY/BLUE)	1LNLM81W2VY712099
36	26188	17-007559	2000 CHEVROLET SILVERADO (BLUE)	2GCEC19T0Y1132305	165	29301	19-104935	294	40520	20-125184	2009 NISSAN ALTIMA (GRAY)	1N4AL21E99N554838
37	26189	17-008912	2007 NISSAN ALTIMA (GRAY)	1N4AL21E07C202496	166	29308	18-004158	295	40549	20-129925	2007 SATURN AURA (BLACK)	1G8ZV5777F7184881
38	26274	17-000000	2014 HOME TRAILER	ES443	167	29341	19-116369	296	40573	20-128563	2020 NISSAN ALTIMA (SILVER)	1N4BL48V9LC246733
39	26379	17-036618	1990 FORD F-150 (BLACK)	1FTEK14NXLKA68210	168	29362	19-122909	297	40577	20-137806	2003 PONTIAC SUNFIRE (WHITE)	1G2JB12F237350025
40	26390	17-033012	1997 FORD CROWN VICTORIA (GOLD)	2FALP73WXXV167529	169	29366	19-000887	298	40578	20-133624	2020 CHRYSLER 300 (WHITE)	2C3CCA699LH158751
41	26427	17-045170	1994 MITSUBISHI MIRAGE (WHITE)	JA3EA26A8RU054577	170	29388	19-128702	299	40579	20-133624	2011 FORD ECONOLINE VAN (WHITE)	1FMDU526368D089979
42	26448	17-048336	2001 DODGE INTREPID (WHITE)	2B3HD46R71H685620	171	29394	19-130084	300	40588	20-134545	KAWASAKI 4X4 300 (GREEN)	UNKNOWN
43	26561	17-066041	1995 CHRYSLER SEBRING (GRAY/BRN)	4C3AU42Y8SE201138	172	29395	19-130084	301	40589	20-134937	2003 DODGE CARAVAN (WHITE)	1HGCP256368238245
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4. N. A. Indian
10. Ram’s mate
11. Debated
12. Caesar’s twelve
13. Reveled
14. Takes the lid off
16. Wily
17. Was looked at
18. Medium frequency
20. Hey!
22. Reflect
26. Check
29. Pirate’s wooden leg
31. Loan shark
33. Hear
34. Sports car brand
35. Representative
36. Macadam
37. Ornament

DOWN

1. Acura’s competitor
2. Tangle
3. Keep free of ice
4. Retired persons association (abbr.)
5. Colorful glass
6. Gone by
7. Severs
8. Foot part
9. Whirl
15. Some
19. Madagascar franc (abbr.)
21. Musical production
23. Extreme
24. Dried up
25. African nation
26. Cluster
27. Afloat
28. Cold person’s noise
30. Little Mermaid’s love
32. Male sheep

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Congresswoman: House has votes to pass reparations bill

By Stacy M. Brown
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For several years Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee has picked up the mantle to lead efforts to create a commission to study reparations for African Americans, and now the Democrat from Texas and others believe they finally have the votes for passage in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“This has been a 30-plus year journey,” Jackson-Lee declared. “We had to take a different approach. We had to go one by one to members explaining this does not generate a check.”

Jackson-Lee said this week that there’s now enough votes in the House for passage of the historic piece of legislation. If the measure passes and ultimately becomes law, it will create a commission that would hold hearings with testimony from those who support and oppose the idea.

“Reparations is about repair and when you repair the damage that has been done, you do so much to move a society forward. This commission can be a healing process. Telling the truth can heal America,” she said.

If the Senate doesn’t join the House in passing the bill, the congresswoman said she and others would push President Biden to sign an executive order to create the commission. The White House didn’t immediately respond.

Jackson-Lee added that there has



Jackson-Lee

never been another time in which she has garnered so much support and momentum for H.R. 40, the so-called reparations legislation that focuses on truth, racial healing and transformation.

Jackson-Lee recently reflected on the long-overdue redress to African descendants of slaves. She also praised the resiliency of black Americans.

“I want to give credit to the giants that were and are black Americans. They are giants,” Jackson-Lee de-

clared. “I want to give credit to the everyday mom and dad who get up every day and get to work and provide for their family. I’m going to give credit to those who came up on the farms or stayed on the farm and raised nine and ten and twelve children,” she reflected.

The Congresswoman continued, “I want to give them the honor that they deserve, and that is to recognize the insurmountable odds that some of them had and how they continue to plant seeds of respect and dignity in

their children.

“Has anyone addressed the question of slavery and its comprehensive impact on black Americans in this country? This is what H.R. 40 will do.” While the bill doesn’t place a monetary value on reparations, it does focus on truth, racial healing and transformation. The bill would fund a commission to study and develop proposals for providing reparations to African Americans.

The commission’s mission includes identifying the role of federal and state governments in supporting the institution of slavery, forms of discrimination in public and private sectors against freed slaves and their descendants, and lingering adverse effects of slavery on living African Americans and society.

Jackson-Lee, who sits on numerous House committees, including the Judiciary, Budget and Homeland Security, has made the reparations legislation her top priority during the 117th Congress.

“I think if people begin to associate this legislation with what happened to the descendants of enslaved Africans as a human rights violation, the sordid past that violated the human rights of all of us who are descendants of enslaved Africans, I think that we can find common ground to pass this legislation,” Jackson-Lee pronounced. “Can anyone imagine

that we’ve never gotten a simple, effective, deeply-embedded and well-respected apology?”

The Congresswoman is further encouraged by the support of the most co-sponsors (166) in the bill’s history, which dates back decades to former Democratic Rep. John Conyers Jr., of Michigan, who first introduced the legislation in 1989.

In an earlier NNPA interview, White House Senior Advisor to President Biden and Director of the Office of Public Engagement Cedric Richmond sounded an urgent tone about the administration’s commitment to ensure racial justice, accessibility and equity concerning Black America.

Richmond told the Black Press that the administration supports Congresswoman Jackson Lee’s H.R. 40.

“We do support a commission and H.R. 40; we know we can’t wait. We have to start acting now,” Richmond declared. “We don’t need a study to tell us that systemic racism is out there. We don’t need a study to tell us that redlining in black communities has been treated a lot differently.”

Richmond continued: “We don’t think the black community should have to wait on a study, we need to deal with systemic racism right now and, yes, we support the commission, but it’s not going to stop us from acting right now.”

U.S. Supreme Court rejects Pennsylvania D.A.’s request to hear Cosby case

By Stacy M. Brown
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Andrew Wyatt, the longtime spokesman, and crisis manager for entertainer Bill Cosby, had a simple word for Montgomery, Pennsylvania Prosecutor Kevin Steele, “Cheating never gets you far in life,” Wyatt insisted after the U.S. Supreme Court announced it would not review Cosby’s case despite the hail-mary request from Steele.

“On behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Cosby and the Cosby family, we would like to offer our sincere gratitude to the justices of the United States Supreme Court for following rules of law and protecting the constitutional rights of all American citizens,” Wyatt remarked.

“Mr. Cosby’s constitutional rights were a reprehensible bait by Kevin Steele, Judge Steven T. O’Neill and their cohorts. This is truly a victory for Mr. Cosby. Still, it shows that cheating will never get you far in life, and the corruption that lies within the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office has been brought to the center stage of the world.”

The high court’s decision reaffirms that Cosby will remain free. It ends a saga that betrayed and gravely damaged the image and reputation of one of the most influential African-American figures in television history.



Wyatt and Cosby surrounded by officers

After failing to secure a guilty verdict against Cosby in a 2017 trial, Steele vigorously prosecuted Cosby a year later. But from the beginning, seasoned legal professionals questioned Steele’s ethics, in part, because as he ran for Montgomery County District Attorney in 2015, much of his campaign centered on prosecuting Bill Cosby.

Many, including his opponent and former District Attorney Bruce Castor, called the theme unethical.

Steele did win the election and immediately became part

of a formidable tandem with Judge O’Neil in securing a conviction against Cosby. After serving nearly three years of a three-to-10-year sentence, Pennsylvania’s Supreme Court overturned Cosby’s conviction in June 2021.

Steele appealed Cosby’s release to the U.S. Supreme Court nearly six months later, continuing his crusade against the “I-Spy” legend. “Unwilling to accept its epic loss in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the Montgomery County District Attorney has now filed a petition to the U.S. Supreme Court,”

Wyatt remarked at the time.

“In short, the district attorney asks the U.S. Supreme Court to throw the Constitution out the window, as it did, to satisfy the #Metoo mob.

“There is no merit to the request which centers on the unique facts of the Cosby case and has no impact on important federal questions of law.” After vacating Cosby’s conviction, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Max Baer blasted Steele for going back on an agreement Cosby struck with former District Attorney Bruce Castor. The agreement stipu-

lated that a civil deposition by the famed comedian used in a civil case was off-limits in any potential criminal trial.

“[Steele] didn’t just break the deal. He broke the rules,” Chief Justice Baer asserted. “What we said is we’re not gonna let the commonwealth, the state through the district attorneys, to engage in that kind of reprehensible bait-and-switch.” He emphasized that the court’s decision wasn’t to protect Cosby but “13 million Pennsylvanians against that kind of conduct.”

Baer concluded that it wasn’t the Supreme Court’s duty to find guilt or innocence on the part of Cosby.

However, what the court did find was an illegal prosecution on the part of Steele. “What we found was what the state did was inappropriate,” he said.

Cosby and his team have argued against some who called the Pennsylvania high court’s decision a technicality. “You’re sitting in a room trying to explain something, and there is a knock on the door. You say, ‘who is it?’ ‘It is the truth.’ So people start jumping out of the window,” Cosby told the Black Press in his only extensive interview since his release.

“The court’s decision was not a technicality,” Cosby said. “These people sound like they haven’t read what the judges have written. It’s not a techni-

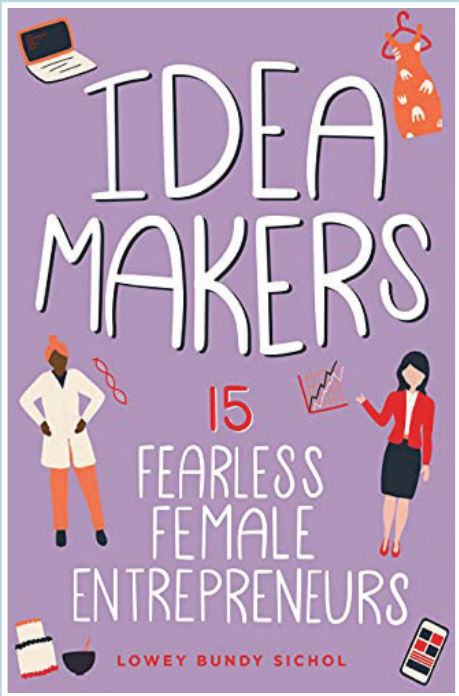
cality. These [detractors] don’t want to know anything. It’s like the woman who said she knows five women that I drugged and raped. Well, where are they?”

Castor has told the Black Press that Steele should never have prosecuted Cosby. The former district attorney has asserted that he didn’t find the complaining witness against Cosby credible enough for a successful prosecution. “There’s a big smile on my face,” Cosby insisted.

“A big smile on my face because I was there. I know what happened, and I’m watching and hearing these fascists and Nazis, and I watched them really come out of the woodworks as termites. “The infestation of when [former President] Donald Trump came through, and they just let it all hang out. That’s who they are. That’s who their ancestors are.

“They want their ancestors to be people who came here for religious freedoms after being persecuted – but by whom? Things weren’t right in dear old England,” Cosby said.

“They got on these ships, but you were criminals, and people signed on to look after wealthy people’s findings. So, Christopher Columbus got as lost as a white man can get, but got off the boat, took a flag, and said he would name this and so forth and so on.”



BOOK REVIEW:
**IDEA MAKER:
15 FEARLESS FEMALE
ENTREPRENEURS**
BY LOWEY BUNDY SICHOL
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You’re a problem-solver. You see something that you can make better and so you do. You’ve never met something that can’t be improved, fixed or altered in some way, and the solutions always come easy. It’s a gift, really, one that you’re happy to share with people, so why not take a page from “Idea Makers” by Lowey Bundy Sichol and make it a career?

“I coulda thought of that!”

You’ve probably said that a lot, especially after you’ve seen

something that’s making somebody a lot of money. You could have created that. You could improve on that idea right now. You could be rich like Mark Zuckerberg or Jeff Bezos or Elon Musk.

But what about female entrepreneurs? Says Sichol, about forty percent of the businesses in the U.S. are run by women, generating nearly \$2 trillion bucks a year. Their stories are just as exceptional, and just as inspirational...

To be an entrepreneur, Sichol says, solve a problem. Heidi Zak realized how inconvenient it was to buy a bra in-person, so she founded ThirdLove. Jenn Hyman understood that designer clothing was expensive, and she sketched out Rent the Runway.

If there’s something for which you have a passion, then look at the story of Alli Webb, who knew that women wanted fun, fuss-free beauty and so she founded the Dry Bar. Lisa Price followed her nose, quite literally, into Carol’s Daughter, an empire that offers wonderfully-scented beauty products specifically for African-American skin.

Think about Reshma Saujani,

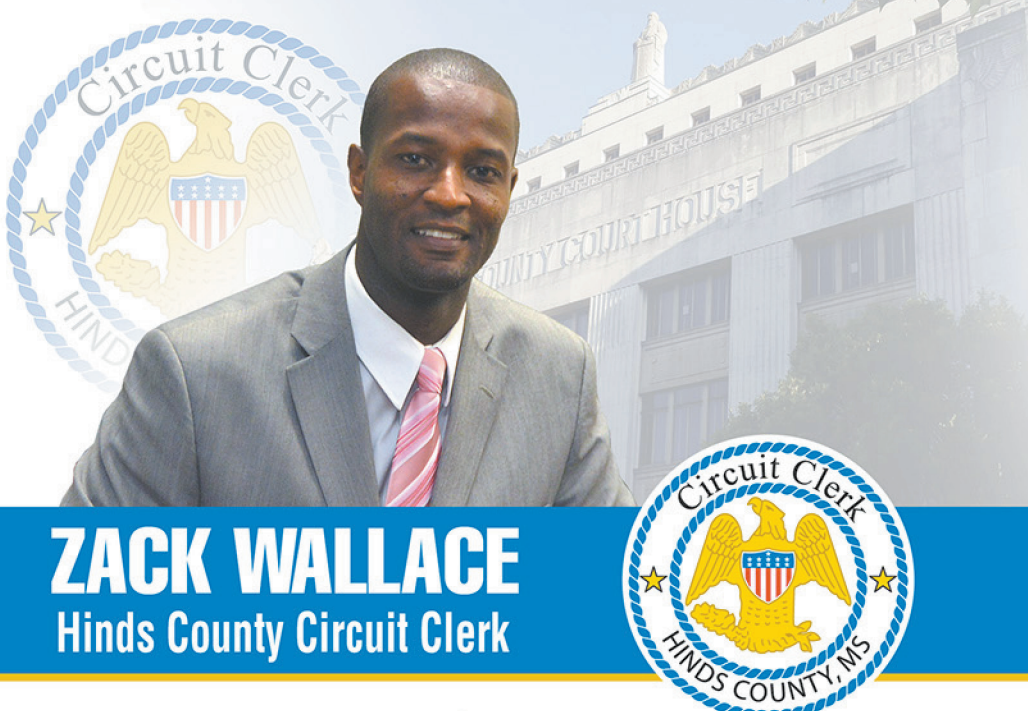
if you like to make a difference by helping others. She had two careers before realizing that helping girls learn to code was what she loved to do. Jasmine Crowe knew the stats: millions of people go hungry every day in this country, and her Goodr helps fix that problem.

Finally, pay attention. Good ideas often come naturally when you work hard and keep your eyes open. It happened to Tate’s Bake Shop’s Kathleen King and Spanx’s Sara Blakely, and it could happen to you.

As you’re paging through “Idea Makers” and feeling quite inspired, one thing might eventually strike you: the women inside these pages are not necessarily household names. Some, in fact, may be totally unfamiliar to you which, in a way, makes its own point: fame isn’t a requirement for entrepreneurship. The Gwyneth Paltrows and the Beyonces of the world aren’t the only ones who can launch businesses.

In her introduction, and repeatedly through the profiles she shares, author Lowey Bundy Sichol also shows that gender has nothing to do with success, either, nor does speed. The stories of the women inside this book subtly show perseverance and dedication, two traits that are often ignored in many be-an-entrepreneur books. That honesty may, for readers who dream of being their own boss someday, be the best part of what you’ll read.

You might find this book in the Young Adult section, but it’s completely appropriate for an adult who’s struggling to find a path. If that’s you, reading “Idea Makers” may solve that problem.



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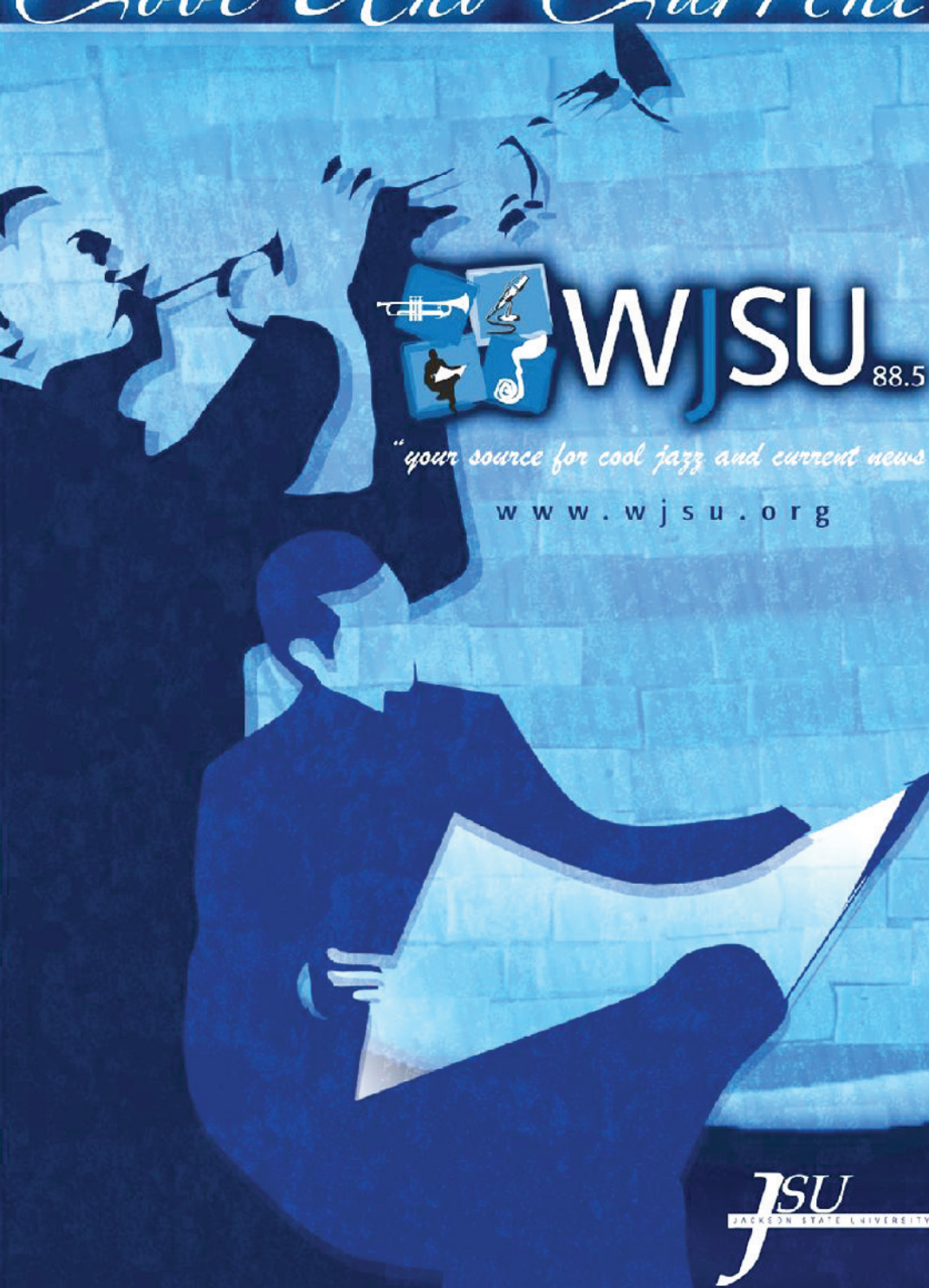
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Jackson’s Ealey selected as one of just 17 Afterschool Ambassadors in the U. S. this year

Monique Ealey will work in Mississippi and nationally to increase access to afterschool and summer Learning programs



Ealey

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Afterschool Alliance recently announced that Monique Ealey, director of Education and Programs at the Mississippi Children’s Museum, has been selected to serve as an Afterschool Ambassador for the Afterschool Alliance in 2022. She is one of just 17 leaders in the country chosen for the honor this year.

Afterschool Ambassadors continue their work with local afterschool programs while serving a one-year Afterschool Ambassador term, organizing public events, communicating with policy makers and community leaders, and in other ways increasing awareness and support for afterschool and summer learning programs.

“We are thrilled that Monique Ealey will serve as an Afterschool Ambassador this year,” said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. “The pandemic has had a profound effect on children and youth, and the afterschool community has a vital role to play in helping everyone recover lost ground. That will require support of all kinds, and we need strong advocates who know their communities to lead the charge.

Afterschool programs keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help give working families peace of mind. They offer hands-on learning, opportunities to think critically and collaborate, homework help, mentors, science and technology, healthy snacks and meals, sports and fitness, arts programming, college and job prep, and much more – and students need all that more than ever.”

“I am eager and honored to join the Afterschool Alliance in building support for afterschool programs,” said Ealey “Over the last two years, afterschool and summer learning programs have provided critical services to kids and families, and we have more work to do as we recover. Our children have ground to make up – not just in academics, but in their social and emotional development, as well. I’m proud to be part of the afterschool movement and thrilled to have a chance to serve as an Afterschool Ambassador for Mississippi.”

The Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM) currently serves close to 200 children, five days a week through the Launch into Learning Afterschool Program. Launch into Learning was developed out of a need for children to

have a safe space to attend school virtually during the onset of the pandemic. Parents needed to go back to work and feel confident that their children were in a space receiving the academic help they needed, as well as having their social and emotional needs met.

When students returned to the classroom, MCM recognized the need to continue providing services to the children and their families, therefore, they shifted to a five day a week afterschool program. Each day, students receive a snack, academic enrichment in literacy, math and STEM, museum exploration and playground time, and character trait building programs.

MCM serves students in the Jackson Public School District. Key partnerships have been formed, such as First Tee of Central Mississippi, which provides every student an opportunity to learn the game of golf. Such partnerships as critical to ensuring that the needs of all children are met and that they are receiving a first class, unparalleled and unforgettable afterschool experience.

Each ambassador will organize a major event for Lights On Afterschool, the Afterschool Alliance’s annual rally for afterschool. Most of the thousands of local Lights On Afterschool events will be on or around Thursday, October 20, 2022.

The 2020 America After 3 P.M. household survey of more than 30,000 families, commissioned by the Afterschool Alliance and conducted before the pandemic, found that unmet demand for afterschool programs has reached an all-time high. For every child in an afterschool program in America today, three more are waiting to get in. The study found significant inequities, with black and Latinx children disproportionately without afterschool opportunities. Ninety-four percent of parents of afterschool students say they are satisfied with their child’s program.

A large and powerful body of evidence demonstrates improvements in grades, school attendance, behavior and more among children who participate in afterschool programs.

Researchers have also found that students in afterschool programs are more engaged in school and excited about learning and develop critical work and life skills such as problem solving, teamwork and communications.

MSDH News: State Health officer to resign in July

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) announced Wednesday that State Health Officer Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH, will resign from his position at the end of July 2022.

Dobbs began his career at MSDH in 2008, and has held numerous roles including District Health Officer, State Epidemiologist, and Deputy State Health Officer.

His passion has always been infectious disease treatment, and he has served in various roles related to that field, such as medical director for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, clinical consultant for the Southeastern National TB Center and infectious disease consultant for several hospitals throughout Mississippi.

“I feel like the time is right for me to return to the clinical side of medicine, particularly the communicable disease treatment of patients,” said Dobbs. “I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at MSDH, particularly working with this dedicated health staff and advancing the field of health equity in Mississippi.”

Dobbs said he also would



Dr.Dobbs

like to step back into the academic world. He has held numerous faculty positions at colleges and universities throughout the Southeast, including at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and he would love to teach and

train healthcare professionals about public health and infectious disease.

State Board of Health Chairman Thad Waites, MD, MACC, says the board has always fully supported Dr. Dobbs in his role as Mississippi’s State Health Officer but understands his desire to return to the clinical side of medicine.

“I speak for all of us when I say that we have truly appreciated his professionalism, sterling personality, and stellar leadership throughout his tenure, but especially during COVID. He has been a wonderful asset to Mississippi,” said Waites.

Daniel P. Edney, MD, FACP, has been named Deputy State Health Officer. Edney is a long-time resident of Vicksburg, and a graduate of the University of Mississippi Medical School where he graduated summa cum laude and with other honors.

Edney is also a member of the American Medical Association and the Mississippi State Medical Association where he serves as past president. He has served as chief medical officer at MSDH for the past year and worked closely with Dobbs during COVID providing outreach and guidance to other physicians.

The board will take up the issue of interim state health officer in one of its upcoming meetings.

Mississippi should waive the passing mandate for 3rd grade MAAP-ELA test

By Celestial Gordon



Did you know that in 2013 our Mississippi lawmakers passed a law called the ELA Literacy-Based Promotion Act?

This law states that any child in the 3rd grade must pass a reading examine before they can be promoted to the fourth grade.

This act affects third graders in Mississippi Public Schools. Due to the COVID pandemic, Mississippi was under a State of

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Emergency, and as a result, the pass requirement was waived for our third-grade students for the 2020-2021 school year.

Well, this year is different. If third graders do not pass the ELA Test 2021-2022 school year, they will fail the third grade. There are over 31,000 third graders in Mississippi Public Schools. As a parent of a third grader this concerns me. COVID has made the last two years tough for our children.

Children have had to deal with the challenges of virtual

learning, having internet issues when they were not in school and when they did go to school. Some had quarantining issues of 10 to 14 days because a student and/or teachers tested positive for COVID. And all of these disruptions hindered a child’s learning pattern.

COVID has been hard for adults, so imagine what it has been like for children. My goal is not to keep the test from being administered, but to waive the passing requirement for this school year. I need parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, friends, anyone, and

everyone to get involved.

Please call your legislators, and representatives and ask them to tell Governor Reeves to waive the 3rd Grade Pass or Fail Mandate. The power of passing or failing a student should be given to the teacher and not the state.

Currently, there is a petition on Change.org (In the search bar type Mississippi Waive) sign it and let your voice be heard. A rally on the State Capitol is next. If you would like to get involved you can reach me at (601) 401-5058, Celestial Gordon-Griffin.

Mayor Lumumba lifts mask mandate, other COVID-19 restrictions

The Mississippi Link Newswire

On Friday, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba made significant changes to his Safe Recovery executive order which put restrictions on the public due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The mayor made the decision after discussions with his COVID-19 Task Force.

The new order includes the lifting of the citywide facial covering (mask) mandate. “All restrictions previously implemented through any (order) related to face cover-

ings are hereby lifted in their entirety,” the order reads. The order follows a similar one issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week that also lifted mask wearing requirements.

The mayor’s new order also lifts all restrictions related to capacity and hours of Jackson businesses.

“I have imposed restrictions and limitations on certain businesses with public health in mind, and also understand that such restrictions and limitations com-

plicate the economic picture for many business owners... this executive order seeks to provide a further economic lifeline to businesses by lifting some restrictions of business services,” said Mayor Lumumba.

An ordinance allowing businesses to establish a temporary leisure and recreation district remains in place. Businesses in Jackson with alcohol permits may offer alcoholic beverages through carry out, drive-thru and curbside pickup.

Restaurants, bars and retail establishments affected by COVID-19 restrictions may contact the City’s Constituent Services Office at 601-960-2324 to request a temporary permit to create or expand an outdoor area for customers to consume food/alcohol and to expand business operations to public parking lots, sidewalks and streets closed to public access, and other areas within proximity of the business.

The new order is effective Friday, March 4, and supersedes any contrary provision.

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TERRY HIGH SCHOOL SIGNING DAY

In February, several Terry High School Bulldogs participated in National Signing Day festivities by signing scholarship papers during a ceremony held at the Terry High School Fieldhouse.



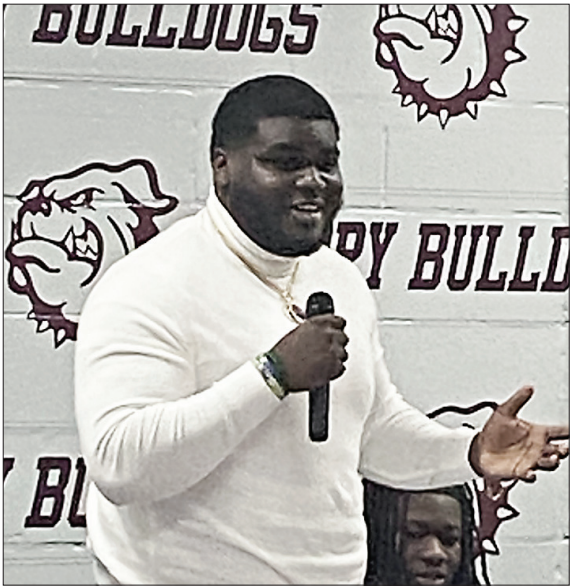
Front row: Zavion Shaw, Jarred Caston, Armond Thedford, Ira Porter, Kaleb Patterson, and Davian Liddell; Back row: Head Coach Kris Thigpen, coaches Jay Hughes, Jeffery Nelson, Johnny Willis, and Rondell Coleman



Bethany Stubblefield and Renee Layman



Parents brought items to display commemorating the event.



Jarred Caston poses with his family during the signing ceremony.



The seniors take turns addressing the crowd.