

# Officials release names of those killed in racist Buffalo massacre



Katherine Massey, 72



Heyward Patterson, 67



Pearl Young, 77



Celestine Chaney, 65



Andre Mackniel, 53



Roberta Drury, 32



Ruth Whitfield, 86



Aaron Salter, 55



Margus Morrison, 52



Geraldine Talley, 62

**By Stacy M. Brown**  
*NNPA Newswire Correspondent*

The victims of the racist massacre at a Buffalo, New York supermarket have been identified and their ages range from 32 to 86.

Avowed white racist Payton Gendron allegedly put together a 180-page manifesto that revealed his hatred for black and Jewish people and the “replacement theory” ideology that Fox News often speaks of, notably hosts Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham.

Additionally, several Republican politicians have spouted the racist “theory,” saying that

Democrats’ immigration policies would “replace” GOP voters with individuals of color.

New York Republican Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and Ohio GOP hopeful JD Vance recently have been outspoken in supporting “replacement theory.”

Stefanik used the concept in her 2021 campaign ads saying, “radical Democrats are planning their most aggressive move yet: a permanent election insurrection.”

Vance, a Donald Trump-endorsed candidate, recently ratcheted up the rhetoric.

“You’re talking about a shift

in the democratic makeup of this country that would mean we never win, meaning Republicans would never win a national election in this country ever again,” he claimed at a campaign event last month.

Vance’s defeated opponent, Josh Mandel, also ran on “replacement theory.”

“This is about changing the face of America, figuratively and literally,” Mandel stated in a published interview.

“They are trying to change our culture, change our demographics and change our electorate. This is all about power,” he said.

So far, the only Republican politician of note to call out the racist rhetoric is Wyoming Congresswoman Liz Cheney.

“The House GOP leadership has enabled white nationalism, white supremacy, and anti-semitism,” Cheney wrote on Twitter. “History has taught us that what begins with words ends in far worse. @GOP leaders must renounce and reject these views and those who hold them.”

Meanwhile, among the victims in the Buffalo shooting was a former police officer, and 11 of the 13 killed or injured were black.

# Crime at the surface in Jackson



Jackson Capitol Police Headquarters is housed in the E.T. Woolfolk State Office Building located at 501 N. West Street.

**By Chris Young**  
*Contributing Writer*

## COMMENTARY



Implementing solutions to fight crime is hard enough, but it seems in Jackson we struggle to agree on the solutions themselves. I suspect that JPD would agree. Just to provide a snapshot, look at the overall crime just in the month of May in the chart on the next page. See what the Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics in Jackson reveal, when combining subcategories.

These days, especially now in light of the shootings at the Mississippi Fairgrounds Mudbug Festival, Saturday, April 30, there are numerous elected officials scampering around

doing something that looks like a deeper dive on crime fighting. Let’s remember, it’s been less than six months since Jackson earned the distinction of having the highest per capita murder rate in the country.

In 1995, there were 92 homicides in Jackson (7+ per month), 25 years later in 2020 there were 130 (10+ per month), and in 2021 there were 155 (just below 13 per month). These numbers represent all of Jackson, not just select areas.

The Capitol Complex Improvement District (CCID) seems to be getting the majority of the attention and the ma-

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# Hinds County Supervisors Press Conference

**By Chris Young**  
*Contributing Writer*

The press conference conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Hinds County Chancery Court Building was called by District 1 Supervisor Robert Graham and District 2 Supervisor David Archie. It was held in a second floor hallway, not the supervisors’ boardroom.

Supervisor Archie began indicating that he and Supervisor Graham wanted to address three things: 1) the \$5 million that is supposed to go to 664 State Street to create an economic development center in a building that is only worth half a million dollars would be money poorly spent, 2) the proposed \$10m that was to go to economic development had somehow shifted to \$4M in less than 15 minutes after having the discussion in executive session, and 3) that there is talk of giving the Hinds County Jail to the city of Jackson, and that he and Supervisor Graham don’t



Hinds County Supervisor David Archie, District 2 (L) and Hinds County Supervisor Robert Graham, District 1 (R) at the press conference. PHOTO BY CHRIS YOUNG

know anything about it.

He went on to say that “these are the things you need to know

because all of these things are being done in the back room and we are not being invited.”

He characterized the other board members 3-4-5 (not present) as a con-man and two dum-

mies. “We are in the business of fixing roads, fixing streets, and making sure this county is absolutely taken care of when it comes to crime.”

Archie said he doesn’t hear anyone in this county talking about economic development. “They want to get crime under control, fix the potholes, fix the ditches, clean the streets, get the trash off the road, deal with loitering, the homeless and the mentally ill population that’s taking place in Hinds County.”

He indicated he wants to be proactive and let the people of Hinds County know all this now, to “avoid what happened on Farish Street – millions of dollars went into Farish Street and nobody knows where the money is.” He claimed that if he and Supervisor Graham need to file a lawsuit to protect the taxpayer dollars, they are prepared to do so.

Supervisor Graham indicated that supervisors have a responsibility to pave roads, repair

bridges, and make sure that they help the city of Jackson and the seven municipalities in Hinds County fight crime. “That is our priority, but that is what we are not doing at this particular point in time because several other board members want to take the money and divert it into other things that are not dealing with crime and not dealing with roads and bridges,” Graham said.

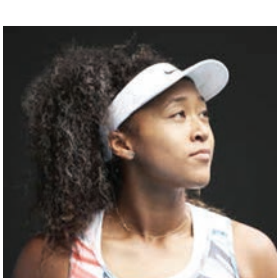
He indicated that he is opposed to monies going to economic development because the Hinds County Economic Development Authority has not requested any money. He restated “there is no higher priority than crime and repairing roads and bridges.” Graham was insistent that we don’t squander away this one-time money from the American Rescue Plan.

He also mentioned that today a motion to give the Dis-

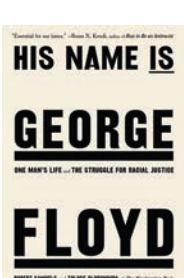
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Naomi Osaka is blazing new trails in the tennis industry



His Name is George Floyd



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Terry

James Fitzgerald Kelley Terry was born at 5:27 pm to Herbert Terry and Althanette Kelley in Jackson, Mississippi. He was the grandson of Paul Sr. and Elvira Terry of Learned, Mississippi, and Ned Kelley and Jessie Jones Lloyd of Raymond, Mississippi. His fondest memories growing up outside Raymond was walking to town with his grandmother Jessie many days as a little boy to check the mailbox and go to the library. He is sitting in his other grandmother Elvira’s kitchen eating everything with syrup which becomes famous later on in his story.

He grew up in a solid religious community of people from Ebenezer AME in Raymond, MS and Oak Grove in Learned, MS, with his grandparents attending Christ the King Catholic Church in Jackson, MS, where he was very active. While in Kansas City, he worshipped at St. Joseph’s (now St. Monica’s) before moving to New Orleans and joining St. Francis deSales (singing with the world-famous Golden Voices and Sons of Thunder) before being merged to become St. Katharine Drexel. He was a very active parishioner at all his parishes from the youth ministry, lector ministry, choir, and the kitchen or whatever food ministry the church had.

James was educated at Raymond

# James Fitzgerald Kelley Terry

## October 1, 1965 - May 9, 2022

Head Start Center at Ebenezer AME, Carver Elementary, St. Mary Elementary, and St. Joseph High School. He graduated with honors from the mighty class of “83” at Jim Hill, and attended Alcorn and Jackson State Universities before joining the U.S. Air Force. While in the Air Force he attained various college credits.

Upon exit from the Air Force, he returned to Jackson State and obtained Magna Cum degrees in BA/BS in Urban Studies and Economics. He received a Master of Urban Planning degree from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, where he was a student leader. He attended the University of New Orleans and was a doctorate program student in Urban Development, completing all work and ABD on the lasting effects of intergenerational poverty in New Orleans.

Professionally, James used the name KELLEY since high school; everyone called him that anyway. He was a personnel specialist in the U.S. Air Force at Fort Meade, MD and Columbus, MS, HUD Fellow for Community Development in Kansas City, senior urban planner for Transportation and Economic Development at Regional Planning Transmission in New Orleans, president of KL&M Planning and Development (his own research and grant development firm). At his death, he was the director of Program Development Planning and Analysis at Total Community Action Inc.

He was a past professor at Jackson State, Dillard and the Southern University of New Orleans and Rutgers Universities online. Besides formal academic instruction, Kelley also taught in the

nationally recognized National Parent Leadership Training Institute. He held certifications in the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Association of National Certificated ROMA Trainers. He was a member of the Planning Accreditation Board Site Review Team. He served on the American Planning Association’s Division Council as vice chair and is past chair of the Planning and the Black Community Division.

Among his most significant credits and faults was socially doing for people and not letting anyone down. If he knew of a resource that he could use, that resource was a benefit for everybody. It was being there when you needed him, burning the midnight oil even when he did it alone. It had to be done a perfect way. From having the most school spirit in high school to supporting to the last man standing, there was no better supporter if he was going to be behind you. He was a man of his word because he had nothing else to give you.

He loved himself some New Orleans. He loved the culture, he definitely loved the second-lines that he got all into building one of the best clubs in the city. He loved the Saints so much that even he was joked by his bigger cousin for liking them “ain’ts,” but he loved them just the same.

And wow, never forget how he loved the food; his greatest joy was cooking the Nawlins food and serving it to family and friends. When he got comfortable enough to show his cooking he renamed his kitchen “Elvira’s Pantry” after his favorite childhood memory.

Kelley belonged to a wealth of organizations, to which we are sure that he made brighter but some that we want to

highlight here are the Catholic Lay Organization Knights of Peter Claver, were he had local, regional and national leadership positions of National Secretary. He helped create the national St. Peter Claver Foundation, Inc. He was a past member and royalty of the Krewe of Mwindo, Inc. He was a member of DeSales Housing Corporation, St. Francis DeSales Stars, New Vision CDC, Renegade Bears of Louisiana, and In This Together to name a few.

Educationally, nothing topped the Jackson State University National Alumni Association New Orleans Metro Chapter. Socially, he was a member of the Mystic Krewe Lords of Leather, ONYX Southeast, and his heart and joy was the Dumaine St Gang Social and Pleasure Club down in the Sixth ward.

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother and father of Jackson, MS, Althanette Cole, Herbert Terry (Dorothy Anne); brother Darron Terry, of Jackson, MS; sisters Chanene Cole; LaToya Cole, of Jackson MS and Dana Terry Thomas (Kerry) of Madison, MS. In addition, he leaves to cherish his ten hearts nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and nephews. !man, Keanya, Garrett Terry; Chanese, Essence and Jasmine Cole; Sidney and Aria Thomas; Chloe Cole and his main man Carter Henderson. Stepfather, Michael Cole of Nashville, TN. His uncles Wilbur Lloyd of Atlanta GA, Curtis Terry of Jackson, MS, James Terry of Raymond, MS; aunts Florence Pullen of St. Louis, MO, Bobbie and Mattie Cole of Vicksburg, MS, Rochelle, Yvette and Hilda Turner of Jackson, MS and Murlene Terry Taylor, of Jackson who always made sure he was Terry connected every weekend, every summer and

in everyway and he was forever grateful. And a host of cousins the worldwide over.

He was entrusted to be a godparent to some exceptional children that he leaves to mourn Romell, Antonio, Clara Edwards, Dahnya and Dontae Mainor, Lawrence Michael Edwards, Jr., MiKayla Edwards, Ja’Kai Lee-Edwards and Tyler Andrew Smith. One of which, Antonio, he helped raised during his high school years.

Kelley was surrounded by special friends who, if you were his friend, were friends for life. He and Dwayne Butler were indeed best friends since CYO at Christ the King and they talked practically everyday since they were twelve and thirteen years old. Byron Hogans and he since moved to New Orleans and realized that battling the JSU/SU rivalry never stood in the way of a great friendship that included so much more in the community. Since J Kelley meet Lawrence John Edwards at St Francis deSales Catholic Church, those two have been even more inseparable from starting the men’s ministry to the kitchen and building the Knights of Peters to even a business venture KL&M Catering with Michael Thompson. His Girlfriend Bernetta Ann Sims always a protector. Lastly, his best pal Edmond Collins Jr. always made him laugh. He just had an unbroken friendship.

He always prayed that he made a difference in lives of the people that he came in contact with.

Mass Celebration was held at St. Katharine Drexel Parish Catholic Church in New Orleans, Monday, May 16, 2022 at 10 a.m. Celebrant: Bishop Fernand Cheri, OFM.

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strict Attorney one million dollars to fight crime was voted down. Another motion reducing the amount to \$500,000 passed. He said, “We really don’t have a plan for these monies. We are flying by the seat of our pants, and that is not good enough for me.”

Supervisor Archie returned to the podium to state that under Graham’s leadership the board was moving in the right direction, but that Supervisor Calhoun is not even the president of the board, saying the matter of the presidency still hangs in the balance in the courts. He indicated that Calhoun’s leadership is about to drive Hinds County into the ground and that the only thing Calhoun believes in is dictatorship.

When the opportunity for questions opened up, *The Mississippi Link* asked what is the name of the next black economic engine in Hinds County. Supervisor Archie replied that would be a great question for the Hinds County Economic Development Department and that they are going to let them do their job.

When pressed about anything that would give the readers hope that something would be around the corner to help our county, he stated, “We can assure you that deals are being done by looking at tax benefits for those companies that come into Hinds County to do business. So there is some stuff on the books to be done.”

Two week ago, on April 28, a press conference was conducted by the other three supervisors – Vice President Vern Gavin, District 4; President Credell Calhoun, District 3; and Bobby McGowan, District 5.

## Jackson

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	Assault	Robbery	MV Theft	Burglary	Homicide	Rape	Arson
2021	Numbers for May 2021 not yet posted on JPD website						
2020	140	39	67	66	6	8	0
2019	158	32	78	154	11	11	11

jority of funding, despite crime being city-wide. CCID stakeholders began having regular meetings in 2018, yet the funding for the infrastructure improvements that were sought began in 2014.

The CCID is 8.7 square miles, less than 8% of the total 113 square miles of Jackson. The Capitol Police now has 150 officers authorized for those 8.7 square miles which include the State Fairgrounds. The Jackson Police Department had 254 officers as of last month, 101 fewer than budgeted, yet they are responsible to cover the remaining 104 square miles of the city.

That converts to a ratio of 17.2 Capitol police officers to one square mile of jurisdiction versus 2.4 Jackson police officers to one square mile of jurisdiction. Sadly, the priorities are very clear.

It all makes me think of an iceberg. There is so much more to an iceberg than what we can see on the surface. The majority of an iceberg and the part that is capable of causing the most damage to a ship is underneath the surface. Just like with crime – root causes. There are always other issues involved. Poverty, mental illness, addiction, racism, unemployment and homelessness are always on the list. These issues represent the part of the iceberg beneath the surface, but no less lethal.

Will the day ever come when we will invest more in our people than on license plate readers and cameras? When will we see clearly that our people are suffering whether or not the sidewalks around the Capitol are pristine? When will the concept of serving the people translate to actually serving the people?

Economic suffocation and indifference breed isolation, pain and desperation.



The part of the iceberg that causes the most damage is underneath the surface.

# PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Hinds County Agricultural High School, Class of 1972, 50<sup>th</sup> Year Golden Class Reunion, Hinds Community College-Utica Campus

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# Commitment to improving the lives of others



(L-R) Tainika Tripp with the American Red Cross, Vern Gavin, Hinds County Board of Supervisor District 4, Mary Church Terrell Literary Club members: Dr. Ramona Cork, Jacquelyn Staffney, Alberta Smith; Jackson Fire Department Chief, Willie G. Owens

**Special to The Mississippi Link**  
On Saturday, May 4, the Mary Church Terrell Literary Club volunteered with the American Red Cross, the Jackson Fire Department and other community partners to install free smoke alarms in the homes of Jackson residents. The activity was coordinated in the early community of the Oak Forest East neighborhood. The Mary Church Terrell Literary Club members and service assisted the efforts of the American Red Cross with installing the members of the fire department with smoke alarms. Club members attested to a rewarding day connecting with other volunteers and the families they assisted.

# 9 to 5 The Musical New Stage Theatre



(L-R) Sharon Miles as Violet, Kate Yost as Judy and Sara Thomas Easley as Doralee

**Special to The Mississippi Link**  
Tumble outta' bed and stumble to Dolly Parton's rip-roaring show – 9 to 5, The Musical! Three coworkers are pushed to the boiling point by their sexist and egotistical boss. Concocting a plan to kidnap and turn the tables on their despicable supervisor – or will events unravel when the CEO pays an unexpected visit? Audiences will have nostalgic fun with this return to the scheming secretarial pool, complete with its Oscar, Tony, and Grammy Award-nominated score by the Queen of Country Music, Dolly Parton. Inspired by the cult film, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is about teaming up, standing up and taking care of business. The Musical, by Dolly Parton and Patricia Resnick, will open May 24 and run through June 5. Randy Redd (Million Dollar Quarter, Sweet Potato Queens) is back to direct an amazing company including Sara Thomas Easley (Doralee), Kate Yost (Judy), and Sharon Miles (Violet). Ticket Prices: \$35; \$30 seniors/students/military Recommended for ages 12+ for sexual references, light drug use, and an occasional curse word. Dolly Parton will not be appearing in this production. Pay What You Can Night: Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. Fully Vaccinated Audience Only Performances: May 25, 27, 28, 31, June 3, 4 at 7:30 p.m. Remaining Performances: May 24, 26, June 1, 2 at 7:30 p.m. & May 28 and June 5 at 2 p.m. Youth and University Nights: TBA The New Stage Theatre is located at 1100 Carlisle Street in Jackson, MS.

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# Mississippi School Board upholds firing over ‘New Butt’ book

*The Associated Press*

A Mississippi educator who was fired for reading a children’s book called “I Need a New Butt!” to second graders says he will go to court to try to get his job back.

Price was initially suspended with pay but later fired after reading the book over Zoom. The book, by Dawn McMillan, chronicles a child’s journey to find a new backside. It is illustrated with cartoons that show the character considering an armor-plated butt, a rocket butt and a robot butt.

While Price was appealing, Superintendent Delesicia Martin called the book “inappropriate” because it showed “private areas of the body.”

Price, an educator for two decades, described the book as “silly” and said: “The kids are in on the joke as they read it.”

Teachers have been under increased scrutiny nationwide – particularly in Republican-led states – as advocates push book challenges and bans in an attempt to restrict how students are taught certain subjects, particularly around racism, sexuality and gender.

Following his appeal hear-

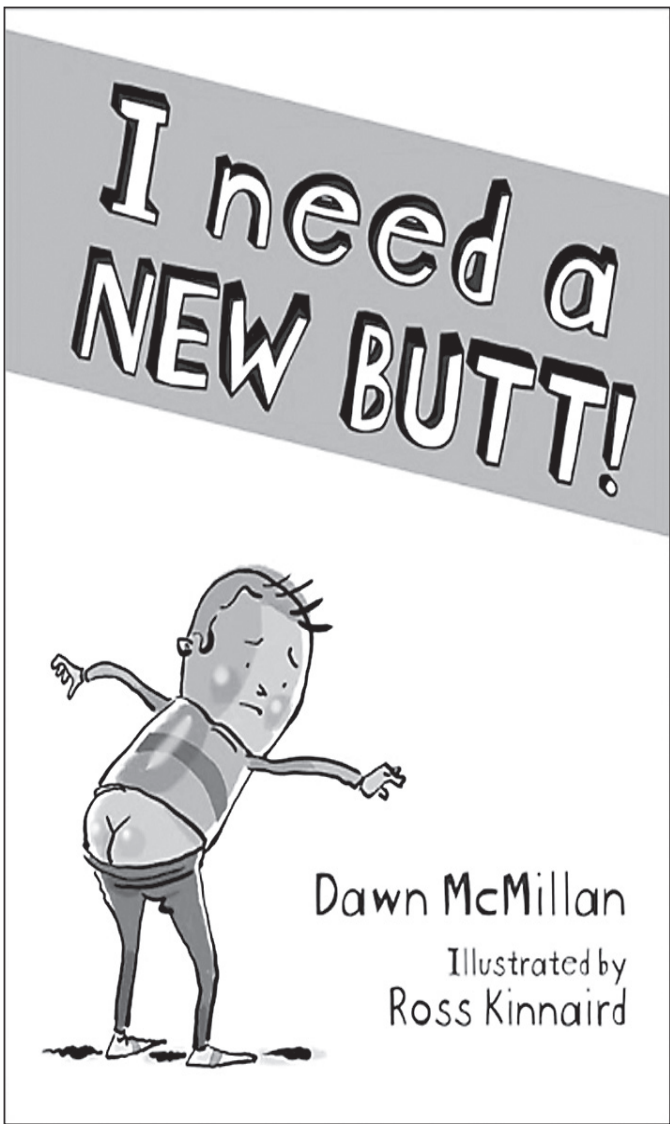
ing, the school board met April 28 and heard from Price, his attorneys and school district officials. Board members then went into a closed session and with two of the five members abstaining, voted to uphold his firing.

“He does not see the problems associated with a school administrator desensitizing both adult nudity and child nudity by exposing it to children under his care,” the board wrote. “At a minimum, it conditions children to believe all types of actions are nothing to be concerned about – they are just funny. However, these activities are dangerous for children.”

The board said “I Need a New Butt!” showed inappropriate activities such as an adult painting on a child’s exposed bottom, an activity that would require a report to the State Department of Human Services for child abuse or neglect, the board wrote.

Price’s attorney listed other books in the school’s library that have similar themes or illustrations, including “Captain Underpants.”

Price posted a short poem on Twitter referring to the superintendent’s decision, saying: “Price’s work in education lasted almost twenty



years / All it took was one silly book to end his career. / Giving that kind of power to one single person / Will only cause education and teaching

to worsen.” Then, he posted an update: “Two voted yes. One voted no. Two said nothing. So Price had to go.”

# Mississippi revises eviction law that judge called ‘absurd’

*The Associated Press*

Mississippi has revised its landlord-tenant law to give renters time to gather their belongings from a home before being forced to leave, after a federal judge ruled that the previous law was unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Michael P. Mills wrote in his Nov. 30 order that the old Mississippi law was “unpredictable and absurd,” saying it went farther than eviction laws in any other state. He wrote that it violated an occupant’s right to due process.

Republican Gov. Tate Reeves signed the new law April 21, and it took effect immediately. It passed with broad bipartisan support.

*The Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal* reported the new law gives a tenant seven days to gather belongings and vacate a home after an eviction notice. An exception is made for emergencies.

If the occupant does not leave during the initial order, a judge could issue a separate one authorizing law enforcement to remove a tenant. That would give the person another 72 hours to gather their belongings.

The previous law allowed landlords to immediately seize and dispose of a delinquent occupant’s personal property.

The impetus for his order was a lawsuit by Samantha Conner, a Columbus woman who sued her landlord after he took nearly everything she owned when she was evicted in 2019.

Conner said her landlord changed

the locks on her apartment and refused to let her take her belongings, including her computer and hard drive she needed while working as a paralegal, keepsakes from when her son was a baby, family photographs and personal records.

The landlord eventually sold, donated or threw away Conner’s possessions, according to legal documents. Mills called that “an act of pure mean-spiritedness and spite” and wrote that the actions were “encouraged by Mississippi eviction statutes, which engage in the legal fiction that a plaintiff who fails to timely vacate her apartment, as required by an eviction order, has irrevocably ‘abandoned’ her property.”

Mills paused his order from taking effect to give legislators a chance to offer tenants more protections.

“In that case, the landlord was not representative of all landlords,” said Senate Judiciary A Chairman Brice Wiggins, a Republican from Pascagoula. “But what he did was violate the Constitution. So we needed to fix it.”

Conner’s case seeking damages from the landlord is still pending.

Mills, a former state legislator, wrote in April: “While this court had hoped that the Legislature would act more quickly than it did, it is pleased that it did, eventually, enact legislation which, upon first reading, appears to represent a substantial improvement over the statutes which it declared unconstitutional.”

# MS woman acquitted in death of toddler stepdaughter

*The Associated Press*

A Mississippi woman has been found not guilty in the killing of her 14-month-old stepdaughter.

A Monroe County jury on Friday acquitted T’Kia Bevely. It was her second trial in the 2017 death of Jurayah Smith in Claiborne County.

A Claiborne County jury convicted Bevely of capital murder in January 2021. Her defense attorneys then raised questions about a juror who is related to the victim’s mother.

In September, a judge granted Bevely a new trial and a change of venue. Monroe County is about 225 miles (362.10 kilometers) northeast of Claiborne County.



Bevely

Bevely and two of her attorneys spoke to WLBT-TV after the verdict Friday.

“She’s been innocent this whole time,” said attorney Dennis Sweet IV.

Bevely said she broke down after hearing Circuit Judge

Tomika Harris-Irving say jurors had found her not guilty. She said the past few years have been torturous.

“It’s an unexplainable feeling to have two small children and not know if you’ll be there to watch them grow up,” Bevely said.

Another of her attorneys, Lawrence Blackmon, said Bevely had to endure unfair attacks on her character.

“When God is for you, no man or woman in suit or in robe can be against you,” Blackmon said.

Jurayah’s father, Morris Bevely IV, also was charged with capital murder. He has pleaded not guilty and has not yet gone to trial.

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# From crisis to death': Probing teen's last, desperate hours

By Heather Hollingsworth  
Associated Press

Mission, Kansas: “Y’all here to protect me,” the youth asked the officers, beseechingly. “Right?”

The 17-year-old’s foster father, unable to deal with a teen who seemed to be in the throes of schizophrenia, had called Wichita police. When they arrived, Cedric “C.J.” Lofton refused to leave the porch and go with them; he was obstinate but afraid, meek but frantic. After an hourlong stalemate, the police lost patience. It was time to take him away – by force, if necessary.

And so began the last two days of a life plagued by family dysfunction, brushes with the law, years in foster care and, finally, mental illness. The events leading to C.J.’s death, just a day short of his 18th birthday, would be captured on video; the result would be litigation, pleas for reform, cries that the system had failed yet another black youth.

Authorities would decide against any prosecutions in connection with his death. But there were crucial errors, and vital holes in the safety net that had fatal consequences.

A team that included a mental health worker was unavailable to respond on that night last September; police alone responded. And C.J. was taken not to a mental hospital but to the county Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center, where for about 40 minutes he was held face down, resulting in his death.

C.J. “went from crisis to death because we got involved,” said Sedgwick County Commissioner Jim Howell. “We all need to own what we did right and what we did wrong,” he added. “And the reality is there’s things that happened that were wrong.”

Friends who met C.J. in foster care described him as a goofball, fun loving, with a dark childhood that he hinted at but never talked about much.

“He would dance everywhere, just wiggly, just you know, no coordination at all. Just dancing just to dance,” said Skylar Mannie, 16, of Wichita.

But under the surface, she sensed anxieties. “He worried about making sure that he was safe, making sure everybody around him was safe and that they were good at all times.”

He was raised with the help of his grandmother. His father, Chadrick Lofton, racked up mul-



The Wichita Branch NAACP facebook.com

tiple convictions for domestic assault; one case sent him to prison for a year and a half when C.J. was 2, and after that, C.J. told friends, his father wasn’t around. His mother, Sarah Harrison, also had a criminal record, including a theft conviction in Texas that carried a 400-day sentence.

As he entered his teen years, C.J. was living with his mother in Junction City, a Kansas town of about 22,000 near the Fort Riley military base. In the summer of 2018, at age 14, he began to get in trouble.

He was accused first of using a stolen debit card, then with stealing a car and tools, court records show. At a football game that fall, he was caught with a BB gun and suspended from school; he was truant often, the court filings show.

Then, in November, he was accused of battery and stealing a video game from Walmart and was sent to a juvenile detention facility. Court records noted that his “behavior is escalating and there is no parental control,” but he was released to his mother that December.

He broke curfew again and again. Ultimately, a judge signed an order removing Lofton from his home, noting there was “no parent/guardian present.” By August 2019, a court filing found that he was doing “very well” in foster care.

C.J. moved around at first, friends said. But in December 2020, he was placed in Wichita with a foster father that his friend, Marquez Patton, described as “one of the good ones.”

By all accounts, they got along. C.J.’s foster father told investigators that he had been doing fine in school and that there were no major issues until their final weeks together, according to a report by

Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett.

The foster father, whose name hasn’t been released, declined an interview request through DCCCA Inc., a private foster care agency that contracts with the state’s Department of Children and Families.

During the pandemic-disrupted 2020-21 school year, C.J. became a favorite of Traci Kallhoff, a zoology teacher at Wichita Southeast High School. He was always asking questions, sometimes tossing a blanket over his head to live up virtual instruction.

“Some of those kids, like when they’re kind of like that, you know, like a little ornery, but really just so full of life, they just kind of grab your heart,” she said, adding that they grew so close that he emailed over summer break and hugged her when classes resumed in the fall.

Patton, 22, met C.J. when they worked at the same McDonald’s. He said among other things, the pair bonded over music – C.J. posted his own classic gangster rap on YouTube, full of references to shootings and bloodshed.

Indeed, C.J. had been part of a Junction City gang, friends said. “Gangs are like a family,” Patton said, but C.J. had vowed to leave that behind and “do better.” The lyrics were merely what sold, he told friends.

He started dating Kyanya Hardyway in June 2021. Her family “loved him,” she said, because he was so respectful. They went to the mall, the YMCA and church together.

Eventually, though, he started telling her and other friends that he was hearing things, that the world was going to end soon. It worried her. But she added: “I was just glad that he was just telling me stuff.”



In this image from body camera video provided by Sedgwick County, staff members perform CPR on Cedric “C.J.” Lofton, 17, in Wichita, Kan., on Sept. 24, 2021. The final autopsy, released in December, listed C.J.’s cause of death as “complications of cardiopulmonary arrest sustained after physical struggle while restrained in the prone position.” The death was declared a homicide. SEDGWICK COUNTY VIA AP

Friends said C.J. planned to remain in foster care until he finished high school. But he was growing restless as he prepared to age out of the system. Two friends had already been forced from the foster placement after getting in trouble, Patton said.

Then, last August, his grandmother died in Texas. Cassandra Harrison’s death was a blow.

His foster father said when Cedric returned from the funeral in September, “it got progressively worse,” according to the prosecutor’s report. He described him as “paranoid.”

Friends saw the difference, too. “He was really sad. He felt like he didn’t really have anybody,” said Angelee Phillips, an 18-year-old who also had spent time in foster care.

She said she knew he was smoking weed. His foster brothers also suspected he was doing drugs, possibly the synthetic marijuana known as K2, although none had witnessed it firsthand. Partly, their suspicions stemmed from his strange behavior; one foster brother heard C.J. saying that his classmates were robots intent on hurting him.

Tests conducted as part of the autopsy report came up positive for marijuana, nothing else.

By Sept. 22, the situation was escalating. C.J. walked away from school that day and his foster father called police to report him as a runaway.

“He has been telling people not to look in the mirror because it takes your soul,” he told a dispatcher, adding that C.J. thought security guards were secret agents that were spying on him and that he doesn’t want anyone to come into his room because he says the house is bugged.

Hardyway said he called her around 2 the next morning. She could tell he was outside, but he re-

fused to tell her where.

“He was just telling me like he loved me and stuff and then he just hung up because his phone was about to die,” she recalled. They never spoke again.

When C.J. returned home around 11:30 a.m. that Friday morning, the foster father immediately took him to the county’s mental health provider for an evaluation. But they never made it inside.

“He started freaking out and then ran off on me again,” the foster father told police.

He said C.J. had mentioned “he can get access to a gun.” He suspected the teen had schizophrenia. Although C.J. hadn’t been diagnosed, a cousin had told the foster father that the condition ran in the family.

It was all too much. The foster father told a caseworker he couldn’t handle C.J. anymore. C.J. didn’t realize that when he returned around 1 a.m. on Sept. 24. His foster father told C.J. to stay on the porch, that he was worried about him. He called police.

The community operates a program in which a mental health professional, a law enforcement officer and a paramedic respond to emergent mental health crisis. But it only operates from noon to 10 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays.

That meant the unit was not available when the foster father called, and police had to go instead – one of the first big missteps, said Sedgwick County Commissioner Lacey Cruse: “We’re expecting law enforcement to do way too much.”

Officers approached the house. What followed plays out on body camera video: While the foster father attempts to reach the after-hours foster care contacts, officers try to persuade C.J. – who

was also sick with COVID-19 – to let them take him to a mental hospital. “Hell no,” C.J. says.

Over and over, for nearly an hour, they beg him to submit. C.J. offers to sleep outside. He points at things he alone sees, things that do not exist.

C.J., who had told his foster father that he feared police would shoot him, empties his pockets at one point – apparently, to show the officers he is unarmed. Change clatters to the ground.

“We don’t want your stuff,” an officer tells him. An officer asks him again about the hospital.

“The hospital,” C.J. says. “I thought you was talking about jail.” The officer responds: “Not jail, just the hospital. ... I promise you we would go there.”

But C.J. will have none of it. At 2:15 a.m., officers call for assistance. The 5-foot-10, 135-pound teenager is still refusing to budge.

The sergeant who responded to the scene would later explain that he wasn’t willing to just leave C.J. alone outside, according to the prosecutor’s report: “We can’t walk away.” They decide to take C.J. forcibly.

This was another mistake, said Cruse and fellow commissioner Howell. “Where is this impatience coming from?” Howell asked.

In the video, C.J. screams and yells “help” over and over again as officers grab for his arms.

“This is illegal,” C.J. says. “Isn’t it?”

Eventually the officers restrain him in something called the WRAP, a device comprised of a locking shoulder harness, leg restraints and ankle straps. The sheriff’s office describes it as a way to restrain a person who is out of control so that they don’t hurt themselves or others.

C.J. is frantic. “They are going to kill me,” he screams, biting at the straps. As the teen is carried to the police cruiser, he can be heard muttering, repeatedly, “Kill yourself.”

The destination was no longer the mental hospital. The sergeant later explained that he believed C.J. was too combative to take there, according to the prosecutor’s report.

Instead, the vehicle headed for the juvenile intake center. C.J. was accused of multiple counts of battering law enforcement officers.

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# America’s white supremacist murders of black people

By Stacy M. Brown  
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Buffalo, New York Mayor Byron Brown called the massacre at a Buffalo supermarket an unimaginable nightmare, while Erie County Sheriff John Garcia framed the onslaught as pure evil.

Put plainly, the deadly shooting by a white 18-year-old whose manifesto revealed his desire to cleanse the country of black people is another example of America’s lingering murderous racial hatred.

It also shows how hateful rhetoric – spewed over conservative national news outlets and on social media and the dog whistles of rightwing politicians – has usurped some of the progress made in race relations since the Civil Rights Movement advances more than a half-century ago.

“Law enforcement is proceeding with its investigation, but what is clear is that we are seeing an epidemic of hate across our country that has been evidenced by acts of



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violence and intolerance. We must call it out and condemn it,” Vice President Kamala Harris said.

“Racially-motivated hate crimes or acts of violent extremism are harms against all of us, and we must do everything we can to ensure that our communities are safe from such acts,” she asserted.

Details of the shooter, Payton Gendron’s 180-page manifesto,

revealed troubling perceptions the self-avowed white supremacist possessed.

He complained of the dwindling size of the white population and included his fears of ethnic and cultural replacement of white people.

Gendron described himself as a fascist, a white supremacist, and an anti-semite.

His live-streamed shooting spree has left at least ten dead and several more wounded. But, unlike the multitude of unarmed black people killed during encounters with law enforcement, the young white racist is alive to plead not guilty or “insanity” in court.

“While past violent white supremacist attacks seem to have factored into this heinous act, we must acknowledge that extremist rhetoric espoused by some media and political leaders on the right promoting theories that vilify or dehumanize segments of our society like ‘the great replacement

theory’ is a factor too,” wrote U.S. House Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson in a statement.

Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. speaking on behalf of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) emphasized, “We are outraged, angered, but we will not be silent again in the wake of more racist murders of black people in America this time in Buffalo, New York.

“The patterns and rising tide of these white supremacists’ attacks and murders of our people will not go without the unified and amplified voice of the Black Press of America to demand justice and an end to white supremacy in America.”

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) National Deputy Director Edward Ahmed Mitchell added that the organization condemns both the white supremacist terrorist attack targeting black men and women in Buffalo and the racist rhetoric that

has sparked such violence.

“The constant repetition of white supremacist conspiracy theories on social media and even mainstream media outlets has led to horrific violence in places as distant as Christchurch, El Paso, Oslo, and Charleston,” Mitchell asserted.

“Those who promote racism, white supremacy, antisemitism, Islamophobia, and other forms of bigotry must be held accountable for the violence they inspire.”

Mitchell added that CAIR has often spoken out against those who promote the “great replacement” and other racist conspiracy theories.

Mayor Brown told reporters that Gendron surveilled both the community and the grocery store as part of the attack’s planning. Brown said the teen surveilled the area for several days and targeted a busy place in an area predominantly populated by black people.

His manifesto noted that “Zip

code 14208 in Buffalo has the highest black percentage that is close enough to where I live.”

According to the U.S. Census, the zip code is 78 percent black and among the top 2 percent of zip codes nationwide with the highest concentration of blacks as a percentage of the population.

It has the highest concentration of blacks as a percentage of the population of any zip code in upstate New York.

“Well, this manifesto tells everything to us. And that is what’s so bone chilling about it is that there is the ability for people to write and subscribe to such philosophies filled with hate,” New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said.

“The white supremacist acts of terrorism that are being fermented on social media and to know that what this one individual did has been shared with the rest of the world as well as the live-streaming of this military-style execution that occurred in the streets of my hometown.”



# Stroke and Marriage

By Vince Faust  
*Tips to be Fit*

Single or unhappy married men seem to run a greater risk of dying from a stroke than those in good marriages. A study of more than 10,000 civil servants and municipal workers found that 10% of the single men died of a stroke compared to only 5% of married men. When age and known stroke risk factors such as obesity, smoking and diabetes were included in the analysis, single men had a 70% higher risk for a fatal stroke than married men according to the American Stroke Association’s annual stroke conference.

There have not been any studies to show that happy married women have the same reduced stroke risk. It would be very interesting to find out.

It’s clear that a long, happy relationship is associated with a higher likelihood of taking the recommended measures against the known stroke risk factors. A married man that smokes will have better support in quitting.

Stroke is the third leading killer in the United States and the 1# cause of adult disability. 750,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke in the United States. 160,000 of these people will die. There are 5.5 million U.S. stroke survivors. While some stroke victims can recover completely, more than 2/3



of all survivors will have some type of disability.

Every 45 seconds in the U.S., someone has a stroke. The economic impact can cost as much as \$40-\$70 billion per year. While women account for 6 in 10 stroke deaths, black Americans are affected by stroke more often than any other U.S. group. Black Americans are twice as likely to die from stroke as white Americans.

50% of all nursing home admissions are stroke victims. The number one reason for

nursing home admissions is stroke. According to the American Stroke Association, 80% of all strokes are preventable.

A stroke or “brain attack” occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain burst or is clogged by a blood clot or some other particle. Ruptures and blockages prevent the brain from getting the blood and oxygen it needs. Without the blood and oxygen it needs, nerve cells in the brain die within minutes.

When brain cells die during

a stroke, the brain’s ability to control various areas of the brain are lost. These abilities can include speech, movement and memory. How a stroke patient’s brain is affected depends on where the stroke occurs in the brain and how much the brain is damaged.

A stroke is a medical emergency. You should know the warning signs of stroke. 50% of all stroke victims have no warning signs. After the age of 55, the risks of stroke can double every 10 years. 97% of

the U.S. adult population cannot identify the warning signs for a stroke.

These signs include:

Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.

Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.

Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.

Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.

Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

Any of these symptoms can be temporary and can last for as little as a few minutes. This condition is called a “mini-stroke” or a “transient ischemic attack” (TIA). TIAs can be a good indicator of a future stroke.

Stroke Prevention Guidelines

1. Know your blood pressure. Have it checked at least annually. If the lower number (your diastolic blood pressure) is consistently over 80, talk to your doctor.

2. Find out if you have arterial fibrillation. Arterial fibrillation (AF) is an irregular heartbeat that changes how your heart works and allows blood to collect in the chambers of your heart.

3. If you smoke, stop. Smoking doubles the risk for stroke.

4. If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation or don’t drink at all.

5. Find out if you have high cholesterol (a soft, waxy fat (lipid) in the bloodstream and in all body cells).

6. If you are diabetic... Follow your doctor’s advice carefully to control your diabetes.

7. Exercise. Include exercise in your daily activities.

8. Enjoy a lower sodium (salt), lower fat diet.

9. Ask your doctor if you have circulation problems, which increases your risk for stroke.

10. Symptoms. If you have any stroke symptoms, seek immediate medical attention.

If you think someone may be having a stroke, act F.A.S.T. and do this simple test:

Act F.A.S.T.

**FACE** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

**ARMS** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

**SPEECH** Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

**TIME** If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 911 or get to the hospital fast. Brain cells are dying.

Remember 80% of all strokes are preventable.

# Is your sleep apnea under control?

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High-quality sleep is fundamental to your health and happiness. However, for the 10-30% of U.S. adults living with sleep apnea, a good night’s rest is not guaranteed.

Obstructive sleep apnea is a respiratory condition where airways narrow during sleep, causing short periods when you’re not breathing. Incredibly common, it’s estimated that there are millions of Americans with undiagnosed and untreated sleep apnea.

Uncontrolled sleep apnea is associated with a number of challenging symptoms, including Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS). This symptom, which can linger even after one begins being treated for sleep apnea, is often described as feeling excessively drowsy. If you experience EDS, you might even fall asleep when you

shouldn’t. For example, sleepiness at work or while you’re watching kids, along with drowsy driving, could put you and others at an increased risk of accidents and injury.

Not everyone being treated for sleep apnea experiences complete symptom relief. This is why the American Lung Association, with support from Jazz Pharmaceuticals, is encouraging the public to recognize their own or a loved one’s sleep challenges.

“The first step to better sleep is to share your unresolved symptoms with your healthcare provider. If you are diagnosed with sleep apnea after participating in a sleep study, your doctor will work with you to manage the condition,” says Dr. Atul Malhotra, a board-certified pulmonologist, intensivist and research chief of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medi-



cine at UC San Diego.

Dr. Malhotra recommends setting up a follow-up appointment within three months after you begin treat-

ment – or sooner if problems arise, and then on an annual basis after that.

“Unfortunately, some patients continue to experience lingering symp-

toms,” says Dr. Malhotra. “It’s important to address these concerns with your doctor.”

You’ll know if your treatment is working based on how you’re feeling. Are you less sleepy during the day? Do you have higher energy levels? Does your bed partner notice less snoring, gasping or sleep disruptions?

To help your doctor understand what you’re experiencing at your appointment, it’s important to distinguish fatigue, which is a lack of energy, from sleepiness, which is an inability to stay awake.

Everyone deserves the benefits of high-quality sleep. If you have difficulty getting a good night’s rest, be sure to talk to your doctor about your symptoms right away.

For more information about sleep apnea and EDS visit lung.org.

## Lofton

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“It shocks me how this child is telling you they are seeing things that don’t exist and an alternate decision, aside from taking him to the hospital, was made,” said Brittany Brest, a community psychologist who is overseeing a grant from the National Alliance on Mental Illness to better support Kansas inmates.

Even one of the officers can be heard questioning the change of destination during the drive, arguing that C.J. would fare better at the mental hospital.

“It fixes whatever is wrong with him,” the officer says. The officers C.J. bit, he said, were “putting themselves in positions of being battered” because they were putting their hands in front of his mouth.

A second officer responds, simply, “It is not our call.”

They pull into the juvenile center at 2:44 a.m. and multiple officers carry him inside. C.J. continues repeating “kill yourself” when he was removed from the WRAP restraint around 3:40 a.m. Officers cautiously back out of the holding

cell, leaving C.J. alone inside.

A juvenile worker later opened the door to the cell and told C.J. he “won’t be here that long” if he cooperated with being weighed and fingerprinted.

C.J., though, was still agitated. He walked out of his holding cell and tried to grab a computer monitor from the intake counter, the prosecutor’s report said.

Surveillance video from inside the facility shows him resisting attempts to place him back in the cell. At one point, he can be seen punching one of the juvenile detention employees in the head, knocking his glasses to the ground.

The video, which contains no audio, shows detention workers wrestling him into the cell. The camera angle doesn’t offer a clear view of what happened next.

But the prosecutor’s office said staff shackled Lofton’s ankles around 4:29 a.m. and put him on his stomach on the floor a few minutes later. One worker held C.J.’s ankles, another his thighs and two others held down

his arms.

C.J. struggled, saying he would “hex” staff and that he was Jesus, according to the report. A worker can be heard calling dispatch: The teen needed to be taken to a hospital for mental evaluation.

Around 5:08 a.m., the workers managed to put C.J. in handcuffs so he would be ready to be transported when police arrived, according to the prosecutor’s report. He remained face down. The workers then heard what sounded like snoring; they assumed he had tired himself out and fallen asleep.

But C.J. was far from fine. The snoring was likely agonal breathing, a common sign of cardiac arrest, explained Dr. Michael Freeman, a forensic epidemiologist who testified in the George Floyd case.

“I think the biggest problem here is that the people who do the restraint don’t understand how dangerous what they’re doing is,” he said.

C.J.’s COVID-19 infection also would “contribute and

make it even more dangerous,” said Dr. Victor Weedn, a forensic science professor at George Washington University. Weedn said the problem is that people can’t breathe fast enough or deep enough when they are restrained face down to get rid of carbon dioxide, especially if they are under stress.

But the workers knew none of this, insisting later that they were using restraints that they had been taught. It took them about 5 minutes longer to notice something was wrong, roll C.J. on his back and start chest compressions, according to the prosecutor’s report.

They called for help. When the emergency crew arrived, he had no pulse. “I have one 17-year-old male post code red coming to you,” a paramedic called in, after the crew managed to restart his heart.

But his condition was grave, his blood pressure just 62 over 24. And two days later, he was dead. He never regained consciousness.

The final autopsy, released in

December, listed C.J.’s cause of death as “complications of cardiopulmonary arrest sustained after physical struggle while restrained in the prone position.” The death was declared a homicide.

Andrew M. Stroth, the family’s attorney, said he is preparing a “robust legal filing,” describing what happened as “tragic on so many levels.”

Sedgwick County Corrections Director Glenda Martens also described what happened as “tragic” in a news conference but said that the corrections workers “acted well within the policy and the requirements of that policy” in restraining the teen.

Meanwhile, interim Wichita Police Chief Lem Moore said his department is looking into the actions officers took when booking the teen. The FBI also is investigating, and Kansas’ governor ordered a review of how the foster care system handled the case.

A task force assembled jointly by the city and county reviewed

C.J.’s death. Its members, who include a local NAACP official and a 20-year-old youth organizer, recommended a series of changes, including improving training and mental health services.

Bennett, the district attorney, said he struggled with whether an involuntary manslaughter charge was justified, but concluded in January that the state’s “stand-your-ground” law prevented him from pursuing it because staff members were protecting themselves.

Robert Spitzer, author of “Guns Across America: Reconciling Gun Rules and Rights,” said Bennett’s interpretation is a “perfectly logical application” of a law that he described as “deeply problematic.”

Bennett agrees, calling on the Legislature to change the law and raising questions about nearly everyone involved in C.J.’s care, from the juvenile workers to the foster care system.

“This,” he said, “should never have happened.”



P R E S E R V E D

# Following in Faith

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



As part of my vacation in California about a decade ago, one of my cousins who lived about 2 hours away from Los Angeles agreed to take me and my sister shopping in Los Angeles. Having lived in southern California for a few years but still not used to the traffic, my sister was hoping that we could all ride in my cousin's car. However, there was no room in her car for all of us. Thinking it might be fun, I volunteered to drive. I'd never driven in Los Angeles traffic but figured it couldn't be any worse than Dallas Fort Worth area traffic. For a variety of reasons, driving in Los Angeles was one of the least favorite

parts of my otherwise fantastic 2011 Christmas vacation. I saw "Immortal," the acclaimed Michael Jackson Cirque Du Soleil tribute show and even drove 22 hours from Los Angeles to San Antonio, Texas with my sister and her children. Ironically, the most challenging part of my vacation was driving in Los Angeles rush hour traffic. Before we began our trip into Los Angeles, I'd tried to get my cousin to tell us what freeways we'd be driving on, but she quickly dismissed my request saying that it would be easy for us to follow her. The part of me that likes to have a plan for EVERYTHING honestly had a challenging time following her and not knowing exactly where we were headed. I had to trust in my cousin and hope that she wouldn't mislead us. My cousin did her best to

drive the speed limit but as we got closer to the LA city limits, she drove faster. Meanwhile, my sister was sooooo nervous she lost her bearings weaving in and out of traffic keeping pace with my cousin's car. I told her that since we didn't have the address for where we were headed, I needed to make sure that I didn't lose sight of our cousin's car. However, at a certain point, I finally relaxed and just enjoyed not having to focus on anything but following. We finally made it safely to our destination. And I had to admit to my cousin that she was right: once I relaxed and gave up wanted to control the situation just as a follower. From this experience, I learned that we still have to trust God especially when we may not know all of God's plan or even be able to see what's ahead. Joshua 6 de-

scribes how this happened with Joshua and the destruction of Jericho. Joshua first got the word from God on verses 2-3 what needed to happen. He then told the people of the Lord's command in verses 6-7 to silently walk around the walls of the city of Jericho for six days. Hebrews 11: 30 says that it was faith that ultimately made the walls come down. Similarly, we have to learn to faithfully follow God and his plan for our lives. Even when we can't see the plan, we have to trust God's heart. Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based 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 follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

# Being a Godly Example

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Special to The Mississippi Link



As Saints of God, we have a great responsibility. We have things that God wants us to do. We are an army for the Lord, and an army has battles. Are you working for the Lord and talking to others about God or are you always busy with your own life? When was the last time you invited someone to church? You may get turned down repeatedly, but you need to keep asking. God is more than able to talk to hearts. If you are getting turned down constantly, maybe you need to check yourself. Are you acting right when you are around that person? Out in the religious world, I was acquainted with one individual who said he was a preacher, but he smoked cigarettes and told dirty jokes. What a bad witness he was! When you go to a restaurant, what happens when you do not get your food the way you ordered it? How do you talk to the server? The way you interact with people is important. People should feel the love of God from your heart when you talk to them. You have a great responsibility to lead a Godly example before the world, before your

family, before your friends, and before one another. Is God seeing that you are a truly Godly example? You are no more spiritual in public than you are in the home. Are you battling something in your life? Is something hindering you from going further for the Lord? Maybe, you are struggling in your Christian experience. God has greater victory for you if you truly want it. Has the devil led you into something that you do not know how to get out of it on your own? Are you as spiritual as you once were? You should be growing stronger spiritually. The devil has many devices to draw you away from walking the straight and narrow way. We read in 1 John 2:15-16, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." If you are doing things that are not pleasing to God or if you need to draw closer to God, this could be your last chance. You do not know what tomorrow will hold." Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joyne's Road Church of God, 31 Joyne's Road, Hampton, VA 23669.




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# Black businesses leaders undervalued in America

By Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.  
President and CEO of the NNPA



When is the last time that you read a national news story in the so-called mainstream media about a successful black business in America that has achieved unprecedented excellence and profit in today's marketplace? I know it has been a long time.

On the other hand, when was the last time that you read or heard in the media about allegations of corruption, financial failure and excessive greed by the owners of some black businesses?

In my opinion it, has been an all too frequent and reoccurring false narrative that continues to be cast in the media to undermine and devalue black business leaders across the nation.

Late last year, I called attention to a barrage of unfair attacks being leveled in the media against CORE Services Group, Inc., a black-run nonprofit that has for years provided food, shelter and other services to New York City's growing homeless population. I was particularly offended that the attacks appeared to be waged through anonymous leaks by city bureaucrats in the previous mayoral administration who seemed bent on destroying the nonprofit organization and its founder, Jack Brown, a successful black businessman.

Now, seven months later, the case has moved to court, where CORE has begun to fight back – and where city officials cannot hide behind a veil of anonymity. In a series of legal filings, CORE has presented evidence that appears to rebut the allegations by NYC's Department of Homeless Services (DHS) against CORE and its leaders, while raising questions about the city's motives under the previous mayor, Bill de Blasio, according to published reports.

Central to the city's case, for example, are claims that CORE officials concocted a scheme to enrich themselves by hiring several for-profit companies that CORE itself owned to provide food, security and maintenance at CORE-run shelters.

An outside observer without



The challenges that black businesses are facing is a national concern from the east coast to the west coast, and from the north to the south.  
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the benefit of all the facts might be tempted to conclude that CORE was engaged in some kind of self-dealing. But upon further examination, this hardly seems to be the case. Far from it, in fact.

As CORE has reportedly noted in court documents and elsewhere, the for-profit companies – wholly owned subsidiaries of the non-profit – are part of a model of integrated services that CORE established to run its shelters efficiently – and without the uncertainty its leaders say they regularly faced from outside vendors that all too often provided inferior services or threatened to cut off services because the city was slow to reimburse CORE for its expenses.

More than that, according to documents filed with the court, CORE told DHS about the formation of the for-profit companies even before the companies began providing services at CORE's DHS-funded shelters. In other words, CORE operated the for-profit companies for years with the city's knowledge and consent.

But none of this explains why city officials have targeted CORE for this kind of attack, particularly after years of consistently providing support to the city's neediest residents, a disproportionate number of whom are black and Latino. Yet to hear CORE tell it, city officials began raising questions about the organization under the previous mayor, Bill de Blasio, only after CORE officials began demanding that the city pay a backlog of unpaid bills that

totalled \$35 million.

"The sequence of events says it all: de Blasio used CORE to deflect from his own failures addressing homelessness in New York City," Wendy Weingart, CORE vice president/general counsel, told the news outlet Inside Sources. "The failure to pay nonprofits that continued to operate during the worst of the pandemic is indefensible. Simply put, the de Blasio administration took advantage of CORE through administrative delays and did not pay CORE for several programs it operated at the behest of the city for over a year."

As a result, many black leaders are speaking out on behalf of CORE and urging the city's new mayor, Eric Adams, to correct this injustice.

In a recent Op Ed in *Black Enterprise*, the renowned freedom-fighting Attorney Benjamin Crump argued that Brown and his organization have been singled out for attack despite the essential role the nonprofit has played in helping legions of homeless individuals in a city with a notoriously overburdened social service system.

"Jack Brown's plight is yet another sad example of the impediments black Americans still face when we strive for excellence," he said. "Mr. Brown is being pilloried for his commitment to caring for the homeless New Yorkers, a group which unfortunately includes a disproportionate number of black and brown people. CORE came every time DHS called. But sadly, as Con-

gresswoman Chisholm once said, 'Racism is so universal in this country, so widespread, and deep-seated, that it is invisible because it is so normal.'"

Now that there is a new administration in New York City, I believe that the Honorable Mayor Eric Adams will have the opportunity to rectify the situation with Jack Brown and CORE. The city's homeless deserve to receive the best care possible as the city rebounds from the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Adams has already expressed a priority in ensuring the future sustainability of local and citywide businesses that are owned by African Americans and other people of color.

Yet, what Jack Brown, as a black business leader, was facing and continues to face in New York City is not isolated to that one city. The challenges that black businesses are facing is a national concern from the east coast to the west coast, and from the north to the south.

There appears to be a systematic attempt throughout the country to undervalue the strategic importance of supporting black businesses. This is apparent at the municipal, county, state and regional levels in nearly every state. The eventual fate of businessmen like Jack Brown III will be the future fate of our advance and progress in America.

The vital key to advancing the economic status of African-American communities and families is the support and the promotion of the success of black-founded, managed and owned businesses.

We will not stand silent about this matter. Our businesses deserved to be respected, engaged and empowered. No one should attempt to devalue what is invaluable to the future of our communities. It is time to vote. It is time to speak out. It is time to support our black businessmen and women – especially those devoted to serving the underserved.

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# Brown v Board of Education: When the Supreme Court rejected a racist system

By Ben Jealous  
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The U.S. Supreme Court wasn't always a threat to civil rights.

Almost 70 years ago this month, the court issued its ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*, one of the most important in our history. It was unanimous. And it was a glorious moment. Our highest court affirmed the constitutional promise of equality.

In *Brown*, the court rejected the "separate but equal" doctrine that some states used to justify legally enforced racial segregation in public schools.

But defenders of Jim Crow's separate schools for black and white children rallied to defend the racist system. Opposition was particularly strong in Virginia. One of the cases the court combined as it heard *Brown v. Board of Education* had come out of Virginia. After they lost in court, state officials organized a campaign of "massive resistance" to the ruling.

The state legislature even rejected a local control option that would allow school districts to decide that black and white students could attend schools together.

But under the state's massive resistance plan, public schools were closed to avoid complying with court orders to desegregate. Some county officials just shut down their public schools completely. The state even funded the establishment of private schools that were only open to White students. It took years, and more Supreme Court rulings in 1964 and 1968, for desegregation to take hold across the state.

But resistance did not end there.

When the federal government moved to deny charitable tax status to private "segregation academies," many southern white evangelical leaders were outraged and began mobilizing to build political power. And build it they have.

After years of litigation, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1982 that the federal government had the authority to revoke the charitable tax status of fundamentalist Bob Jones University over the school's racially discriminatory policies. That was an 8-1 ruling.

The one dissenter from the Bob Jones ruling was Justice William Rehnquist. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan nominated him to become Chief Justice. From that position, Rehnquist helped lead the court in a harmful shift toward the Far Right.

Today, the long-term legal and political movement of the Far Right has delivered us a Supreme Court majority indifferent, if not hostile, to voting rights. We have a Supreme

Court majority shaped by a movement that looks longingly back to the days when "states' rights" to discriminate trumped the federal government's ability to protect civil rights and address issues like education and poverty.

Today's Supreme Court majority is on the verge of overturning the nearly 50-year-old ruling in *Roe v. Wade*. That will let states make criminals out of people seeking abortions and the caregivers who serve them. We all know who will suffer the most: vulnerable people of color, LGBTQ people, those without the time and money to find care far from their homes.

*Roe* is not the only precedent the far right-wing legal movement is planning to reverse. And the Supreme Court is not the only place we are hearing echoes of massive resistance.

Politicians like Glenn Youngkin, Virginia's new governor, are building power by generating distrust and hostility toward public schools over teaching about racism. On the campaign trail last year, Youngkin embraced a dishonest far-right scare campaign against "critical race theory." When he took office, his first executive order was to ban "inherently divisive concepts" from public schools – shorthand for truth telling about our history and our present.

Across the country, far right-wing political groups are working overtime to mobilize fear and resentment as political weapons. They are running candidates to take over local school boards. They are passing laws to whitewash our past, restrict teaching, and shut down efforts to make our schools safe and welcoming places for all students. They want to divert public education funds into private religious schools and conservative homeschoolers.

We cannot allow them to win.

*Brown v. Board of Education* is an important part of our history. So is the shameful campaign of massive resistance to equality. So is the persistence of the brave students, parents and advocates who kept up the fight for fairness and educational opportunity in the 1950s and 1960s – and are still doing so today.

Our students deserve to learn the truth about our history – and our present-day inequities. And all of us deserve political leaders and courts that will uphold our rights. Whether we get them is up to us.

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# Racial violence, hate crimes and "us"

By Dr. John Warren  
San Diego Voice and Viewpoint/NNPA Member



The recent slaughter of black people at the TOPS Grocery Store in Buffalo, New York carries a number of messages for those who are paying attention, even in our grief.

First, we see another young white male, convinced that it's okay to arm himself and seek out people of color to kill for no reason other than who they are.

We saw this at Mother Emanuel Church in South Carolina where a young white male entered a black church and killed nine people in a Bible study. We saw a white male in Texas drive several hours to a Walmart Store and target and kill Mexican shoppers for no reason other than their ethnicity. We saw a young white in San Diego County go to a Jewish Synagogue with the intent of killing many, and killing one worshiper. We have seen another church in Texas, at a different time, have 27 worshippers killed on a Sunday morning, without race or ethnicity being a

factor. They were all white. We also saw that the very next day, this past Sunday, 6 people were shot while at church in Laguna Woods, California with one fatality. We are told there have been more than 200 mass shootings so far this year. Hate crimes are on the rise.

Now, the real question is: "What do we do about it?"

The answer depends on who you are, not where you live. There are no safe places left. If you are black, one of the first things you notice is that white mass shooters appear to be taken alive, even with guns in their hands, while black men seem to get shot for the slightest police encounter such as an air freshener hanging from a rearview mirror or a simple traffic stop. The white teenager in Michigan who shot and killed classmates was taken alive.

The killer of the worshipers at Mother Emanuel Church in South Carolina was taken to a McDonald's during his extradition back to South Carolina because he was hungry. The Buffalo shooter had been to the store the day before and a black man bought him a soda because he

was thirsty. His response to that person: 'Will you be here tomorrow?'

We saw white supremacists rally support around Rittenhouse after he killed two people during the Minnesota protest and we saw the judge manipulate the jury so that he was acquitted.

Now, what is the point of all this? A reminder so that you will begin to think seriously about the racial violence, hate crimes, and how this affects each of us, as well as our options.

Second, let us realize that there is a connection between whether or not we vote and the attention, funding and respect we receive as members of the national community. We can't stop those who are elected to office or hold the public trust with badges and uniforms from being racist, but we can stop them from gaining and holding office and we can vote them out of office. But we have to care enough to focus on the long-term outcome which will remove such people if we vote and let it be known that we will be voters from now on.

Third, we must come to grips with the fact that we are targets

at all times, whether shopping, praying, or just going about our daily lives. This does not mean we live in fear, but in awareness for ourselves and those around us. We must discuss, develop and teach "active shooter plans," start observing those who are observing us and consider arming our households, not carrying weapons so as to fuel the violence and efforts on the part of some to start a race war. We must rethink how and where we spend our money. We don't have to accept "redlining" and targeted zip codes when we can question and avoid doing business with those who use such tactics against us, even if we have to be inconvenienced in our spending.

The political primary season is upon us and those who are against us are stacking the ballots and preparing for what they hope will be a political future that gives them more power.

This week's key primary is in Pennsylvania and on June 7, 2022, it will be California's turn. "Us" can make a difference now and change the national mood which is encouraging racial violence and hate crimes.

Where are you on this?



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING  
ZONING CASE NO. 4175

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Yolanda M. Bell has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial to allow for a commercial day care center on property located at 2425 Martin Luther King Dr. (Parcels 108-2-60 & 108-2-61). in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 8, Block C, Meadow Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 5 at Page 34, reference to which is made in aid and as a part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO MAY 18, 2022.

WITNESS my signature this 28th day of April 2022.

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

5/5/2022, 5/19/2022

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**ORDINANCE GRANTING DMG REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS 319 MEADOWBROOK, LLC A REZONING FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND C-3 (GENERAL) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO CMU-1 (COMMUNITY) MIXED-USE DISTRICT, PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED TO ALLOW FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY AS HIGH-END LOFTS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON 315-335 MEADOWBROOK RD. (PARCEL 430-310), CASE NO. 4172.**

**WHEREAS**, DMG Real Estate Holdings 319 Meadowbrook, LLC has filed a petition to rezone property located on 315-335 Meadowbrook Rd. (Parcel 430-310), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District and C-3 (General) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the redevelopment of property as high end lofts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended the approval of the rezoning of the property located on 315- 335 Meadowbrook Rd. (Parcel 430-310) from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District and C-3 (General) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the redevelopment of property as high end lofts; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2022 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the City Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS**, it appeared to the satisfaction of the City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on March 3, 2022 and March 17, 2022 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on March 23, 2022, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board had recommended the rezoning of the property located on 315- 335 Meadowbrook Rd. (Parcel 430-310) from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District and C-3 (General) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District; and

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

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

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

A certain piece or parcel of land situated in Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, City of Jackson Hinds County, Mississippi, being Lot A-2 in Meadowbrook Resubdivision, and being part of Lots 4-23, including that portion designated as Seminole Avenue, in the Stokes Subdivision and Lots 1, 6 and part of Lot 7 of the Seminole Gardens Resurvey, said property being more particularly described as follows:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT  
ZONING CASE NO. 4174

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Light of the World Baptist Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit within a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to allow for a commercial daycare as an accessory use for a church on property located at 5020 South Dr. (Parcel: 821-815). in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Begin at the NE corner of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 35, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, and run thence West along the North line of said SW ¼ of NE ¼ and North line of SE ¼ of NW ¼ for a distance of 1437 feet to a point, run thence South 1205 feet to a point on the West line of Westhaven Boulevard. Run thence west 303.5 to a point. Turn thence left through an angle of 90°08' run thence southerly for a distance of 294.6 feet to a point turn thence to the left through an angle of 89°46' and run thence 49 feet to a point, said point being the point of beginning of the property herein described; thence continue Easterly along the last mentioned course 98 feet to a point. Turn thence to the right through an angle of 87°49' run thence 254.05 feet to the North line of South Drive. Run thence South 80°30' West along the North line of said South Drive for a distance of 129.6 feet. Run thence northerly for a distance or 281.6 feet to the point of beginning. Being parcels 7 and 8 of Mrs. H. W. Alford's survey, said property being situated in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 35, /township 6 North, Range 1 West.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 28th day of April 2022.

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

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Commencing at a ½" iron rod set at the intersection of the Northerly right of way line of Choctaw Road and the Easterly right of way line of North State Street; thence North 06 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East along said Easterly right of way line a distance of 310.60 feet to a ½" iron rod set on the Southerly right of way line of Meadowbrook Road, as it now exists; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 01 seconds East along the said Southerly right of way line a distance of 197.00 feet to a mag nail set on said right of way line for a POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 89°05'01" East along said right of way line a distance of 724.11 feet to a ½" iron rod set; thence South 00°09'19" West a distance of 245.07 feet to a point; thence South 02°03'52" East a distance of 60.92 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of Choctaw Road; thence West along said right of way line a distance of 2.36 feet to a ½" iron rod found; thence continuing West along said right of way line a distance of 724.17 feet to a ½" iron rod set; thence North 00 degrees

09 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 308.06 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; containing an area of approximately 5.105 acres more or less.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 315- 335 Meadowbrook Rd. (Parcel 430-310) from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District and C-3 (General) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the redevelopment of property as high end lofts. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

**Council President Lindsay** moved adoption; **Council Member Banks** seconded.

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

**ATTEST:**

**Angela Harris**  
**Municipal Clerk**

**I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Zoning Council Meeting April 18, 2022 and recorded in Minute Book "6V, Pgs. 52-53".**

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.



*Angela Harris*  
Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

5/12/2022, 5/19/2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT  
ZONING CASE NO. 4173

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Terence Lott has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit within a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to allow for a community recreational center on property located at 1189 East County Line Rd. (Parcel: 738-8-3). in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

**TRACT 1**  
A certain parcel of land being situation in Lots 1 and 8, Block 49, Highland Colony (Virden-Hatch Place), a Subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book A at Page 283, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest Corner of Wildwood North, Part II, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the offices of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book 23 at Page 19; run thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 55 seconds West along the South right-of-way line of County Line Road (as now laid out and improved) for a distance of 40.10 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; said point being the Point of Intersection of the West line of a 40 foot right-of-way (undeveloped street) with said South right-of-way line of County Line Road; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence South 04 degrees 24 minutes 10 seconds West along said West line of a 40 foot right-of-way, said West line further being 40 feet West of and parallel to the West line of the aforesaid Wildwood North, Part I F, for a distance 766.66 feet to a point; run thence North 86 degrees 04 minutes 09 seconds West for a distance of 578.27 feet to a point on the East top of bank of Purple Creek; run thence North 01 degrees 54 minutes 05 seconds East along said East top of bank of Purple Creek for a distance of 71.00 feet to a point; run thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds East for a distance of 221.00 feet to a point; run thence North 04 degrees 00 minutes 33 seconds East for a distance of 242.48 feet to a point; run thence South 85 degrees 59 minutes 27 seconds East for a distance of 69.97 feet to a point; run thence North 04 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds East for distance of 418.13 feet to a point on the aforesaid South right-of-way line of County Line Road; run thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 55 seconds East along said South right-of-way line of County Line Road for a distance of 296.36 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 261,912.573 square feet or 6.013 acres, more or less.

**TRACT II**  
Together with those certain easement(s) appurtenant which constitute and interest in real described in Reciprocal Easement And Operation Agreement of record in Book 3714, Page 384, as amended by Amendment of Reciprocal Easement And Operation Agreement of record in Book 5879, Page 958, as amended by Waiver For Reciprocal Easement and Operation Agreement of record in Book 5879, Page 972, as amended by Second Amendment to Reciprocal Easement and Operation Agreement of record in Book 6141, Page 001.

**TRACT III**  
Together with those certain easement(s) appurtenant which constitute and interest in real property described in Declaration of Cross Access Easements and Covenants of record in Book 5879, Page 989, as amended by Amendment to Declaration Of Cross Access Easements And Covenants of record in Book 6141, Page 009.

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

5/5/2022, 5/19/2022

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY MISSISSIPPI  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE  
TESTAMENTARY TRUST CREATED  
BY THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT  
OF VIOLA E. LAKE, DECEASED

CAUSE# \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST  
IN "THAT BLOCK OF LAND DESCRIBED AS BOUNDED  
BY CAPITOL STREET, ROSE STREET, GRAND AVENUE  
AND ARMANDALE STREET CONTAINING 5 ACRES MORE OR LESS  
AND being described in an instrument of conveyance from Robert Lake, Executor of the Estate of Viola Lake to the City of Jackson recorded in Book 800 at Pages 555-558 of the Hinds County Chancery Court land records

The City of Jackson has filed a Petition to Dissolve the Testamentary Trust and for Other  
Relief in the Hinds County Chancery Court, which seeks to dissolve the testamentary trust  
created by the Last Will and Testament of Viola Lake. The Petition also requests that the Court declare the restraint on alienation of the property void and authorize the sell and disposal of  
the property.

You may object to the petition or assert any claim or interest within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this Summons by Publication. If an objection is filed or a claim or interest asserted, it should be filed with the clerk of the Hinds County Chancery Court, and a copy of same should be mailed to counsel representing the City of Jackson at Post Office Box 2779, Jackson MS 39207-2779.

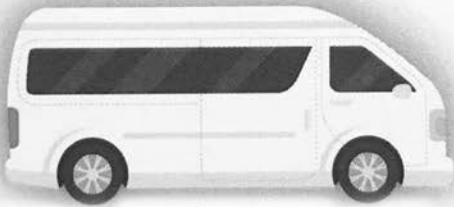
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AT THE  
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
JMAA PROJECT NO. 011-22

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking electronic bids for services in connection with the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) to Relocate Passenger Boarding Bridge from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) to Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

Sealed bids to perform the Work will be accepted by JMAA until 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Friday, June 10, 2022, the "Bid Deadline". Bids shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

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

JMAA will publicly open and read all bids on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 4:05 p.m. (CST) (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

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

The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) bidder's company name; (ii) Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number; and (iii) the wording: Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) Relocation of PBB from MSY to JAN at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, Project No.011-22." If the submission is submitted via email, then the identification information must be provided in the email subject line. If the submission is submitted by hand delivery or mail, then the identification information must be marked on the outside or exterior of the bid envelope or container.

JMAA will not consider any submissions, including bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received, after the Bid Deadline for any reason whatsoever.

JMAA will award the Work to the lowest and best bid as determined by JMAA in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Information for Bidders. Plans and specifications related to the Work are considered part of the Agreement. Any Addenda issued clarifying and/or changing plans and specifications; clarifying and/or changing instructions in the Instruction to Bidders; and/or answering questions in relation to the Instructions to Bidders shall become part of the Information for Bidders.

The Information for Bidders and bidding documents for the Work can be found at (<https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>). The website will be updated periodically with addenda, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Work.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 10:00 am (CST) using the following login information:

<https://jmaa.zoom.us/j/95968020095>

Meeting ID: 959 6802 0095  
Passcode: 520966

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid Deadline; to reject any and all bids; to waive technicalities in the bid proposals.

JMAA has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprises participation goal of 0% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
DATE: May 11, 2022  
Paul A. Brown, Chief Executive Officer  
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
City of Jackson  
Jackson, Mississippi  
Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, June 07, 2022, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 400 E. Silas Brown Street in City Hall for the following:  
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BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE CITY OF JACKSON WEBSITE, <https://www.jacksonms.gov> and Central Bidding [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com).

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

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

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

Monia Oliver Acting Purchasing Manager  
Purchasing Division  
(601) 960-1025  
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Advertisement for Bid  
Bid 3208 Softball and Baseball Facility at Hughes Field

Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) June 16, 2022 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conferences concerning this project will be held at 545 Ellis Avenue, Jackson, MS 39209 on May 27, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is non-mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at [www.jpdsdm-projects.com](http://www.jpdsdm-projects.com). A \$200.00 non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Preston McKay at M3A Architects, Phone: 601-981-1227, or Email: [pmckay@m3aarch.com](mailto:pmckay@m3aarch.com).

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT  
ZONING CASE NO. 4176

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that WBF Rainbow Learning Center, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit within a NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District to allow for a commercial child care center on property located at 962 North St. (Parcel 20-28). in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land being part of Lot 67, North according to H.C. Daniel's Map of the City of Jackson (1875), in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Point of Intersection of the original South right-of-way line of Fortification Street with the East right-of-way line of North Street being the Northwest corner of the aforesaid Lot 67 and run thence South 08 degrees 38 minutes 30 seconds West along said East right-of-line of said Fortification Street; continue thence South 08 degrees 38 minutes 30 seconds West along said East right-of-way line of North Street for a distance of 80.60 feet to a "x" marked in concrete marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING and leaving said East right-of-way line of North Street, run thence South 80 degrees 18 minutes 31 seconds East along the westerly extension of an existing fence and along an existing fence for a distance of 90.74 feet to an existing fence corner; run thence South 07 degrees 14 minutes 07 seconds West along an existing fence for a distance of 21.81 feet to an existing fence corner; run thence South 79 degrees 53 minutes 30 seconds East along an existing fence for a distance of 25.14 feet to an existing fence corner; run thence North 59 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds East for a distance of 2.72 feet to an existing ½ " iron pin; run thence South 81 degrees 32 minutes 49 seconds East for a distance of 58.42 feet to an existing ½ " iron pin; run thence South 77 degrees 52 minutes 11 seconds East for a distance of 136.07 feet to an existing ½ " iron pin on the West right-of-way line of Jefferson Street; run thence South 08 degrees 12 minutes 36 seconds West along said West right-of-way line of Jefferson Street for a distance of 49.80 feet to an existing ½ " iron pin; run thence South 08 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds West along said West right-of-way line of Jefferson Street for a distance of 63.24 feet to an existing 1" pipe; leaving said West right-of-way line of Jefferson Street, run thence North 77 degrees 46 minutes 31 seconds West for a distance of 156.36 feet to an existing ½ " iron pin; run thence South 47 degrees 53 minutes 09 seconds West for a distance of 2.66 feet to an existing ½ " iron pin; run thence North 80 degrees 44 minutes 59 seconds West for a distance of 155.17 feet to an existing 4" metal post on the aforesaid East right-of-way line of North Street; run thence North 08 degrees 38 minutes 30 seconds East along said East right-of-way line of North Street for a distance of 134.14 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 37,196 square feet or 0.85 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING [EAIN-SWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US](mailto:EAIN-SWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US) TO REGISTER PRIOR TO MAY 18, 2022.

WITNESS my signature this 28th day of April 2022.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth  
Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi  
5/5/2022, 5/19/2022

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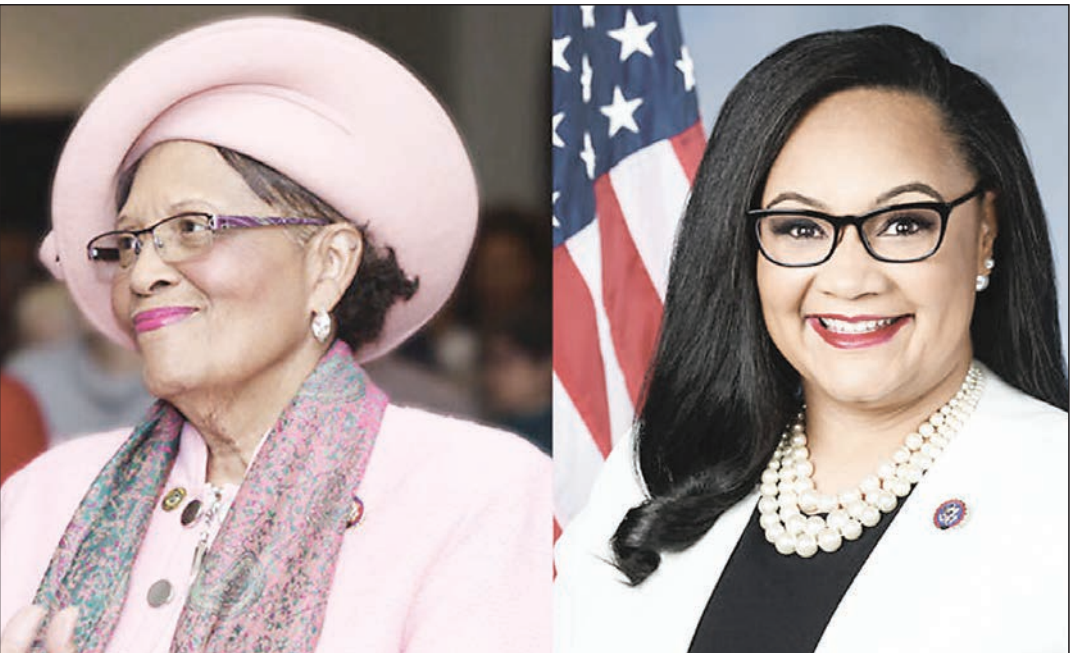
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# Reps. Adams and Williams focus on student loan debt, Biden extends moratorium

By Lauren Victoria Burke  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

On April 5, Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC) and Rep. Nikema Williams (D-GA), held a press event on legislation to provide student debt relief. Student loan debt payments were scheduled to resume on May 1, 2022 at the end of a moratorium, but the Biden Administration announced on April 5 that they will extend the moratorium. Student loan debt impacts 41 million Americans and Adams and Williams pointed out that black borrowers are disproportionately impacted. Reps. Adams and Williams are leading on a series of bills focused on assisting borrowers with student loan debt. High student loan debt disproportionately is carried by black women who then disproportionately earn less money

which the members say continues to drive the wealth gap. Three bills have been offered by the Congresswomen: the Clean Slate Through Consolidation Act; the Clean Slate Through Repayment Act; and the Student Loan Rehabilitation and Credit Score Improvement Act. “I can tell you this with certainty: The debt is too damn high. Student debt is crippling generations of Americans. Countless predatory practices have taken one of the most transformative human experiences – going to college and getting an education – and made it a burden. Instead of making higher education a place to develop the mind, body and soul, we’ve turned college and university into another barrier that keeps families out of the middle class,” Adams told a room full of reporters on Capitol Hill at a February 5, press conference. “Any Gen Xer, Millennial, or recent college graduate knows how important that credit score can be when it comes to buying a car, opening a small business, obtaining a loan or line of credit, or applying for a mortgage,” Rep. Adams continued. Adams was a professor at Bennett college for 40 years. Rep. Williams mentioned that she herself has student loan debt that she will have to repay and emphasized that the Atlanta area, which she represents, is disproportionately impacted by the weight of student loan debt. In December 2021, President Biden directed the Department of Education to pause federal student loan repayments. On February 5, 2022, he extended the moratorium again.



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## Wingfield scholars get competitive in Biology Boot Camp

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Wingfield High School hosted its Biology Boot Camp April 27. Scholars participated in fun physical activities after answering state practice test questions as they matriculated through an obstacle course. The questions used were aligned to the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards. District Science coach Aisha Cork assisted Wingfield educators Ashley Jones and Stephanie Peters with the event. This was a way for scholars to experience outdoor fun without disrupting the testing environment and still participate in instructional learning. Scholars were required to answer a question correctly before advancing on the obstacle course. Once a question was answered, they moved to the next station where they had to transcribe a strand of DNA into RNA. After successfully completing the transcription process, the students moved on to a series of physical obstacles that had to be completed. Once completed, scholars ran back and tagged the next person on his/her team. The team to have the most scholars successfully complete the course was the winner. Wingfield plans to make this an annual event.



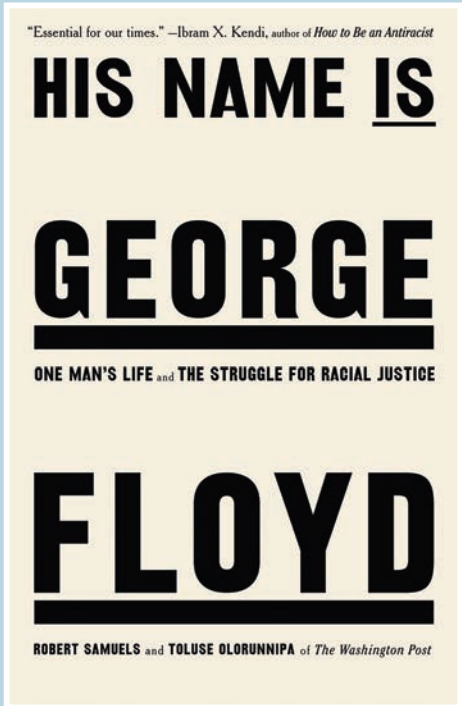
## Hundreds of JPS scholars and families participate in the JPS S.T.E.A.M. Expo

Mississippi Link Newswire

Over 350 scholars, teachers, and community members participated in the JPS S.T.E.A.M. Expo held April 30, 2022, at the Jackson Convention Center. Parents, scholars, K-12 schools and district staff celebrated literacy through science, technology, engineering, art and math (S.T.E.A.M.). The expo featured fun shows, free books and approximately 100 STEAM exhibits. The entrance hall was filled with outstanding and thoughtful S.T.E.A.M.-related projects by scholars from across the school district. Scholars greeted visitors and explained the purpose and ideas that went into their magnificent projects. Free books focused on S.T.E.A.M. topics were also available to JPS families to support literacy, especially around informational text. “The event was a great way to launch our district’s literacy campaign: Growing Proficient Readers,” said Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Division I Dr. Kathleen Grigsby. Developing a robust literacy campaign is part of a key initiative in the district’s strategic plan. Some of the participating vendors and donors included Entergy, Food Corps, Kirkland Group, Kroger, Mississippi Book Festival, Mangia Bene (Sal and Mookie’s, Broad Street, and Bravo!), Lobaki, Mississippi National Guard Engineering Department, Mississippi National Guard Safety Department, WBF Global, Toni Cooley of the Center for Social Entrepreneurs and Dr. Rickey Thigpen of Visit Jackson.







BOOK REVIEW:

HIS NAME IS  
GEORGE FLOYD:  
ONE MAN'S LIFE AND THE STRUGGLE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE  
BY ROBERT SAMUELS AND TOLUSE OLORUNNIPA  
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

The pavement was hard. At that time of day, it still held the last of the sun's warmth but that didn't make it comfortable. Pebbles embedded in blacktop can bloody skin in a minute; bits of broken glass can scratch a cheek lying on the concrete. Street-side is never a good place to be, and in the new book, "His Name is George Floyd" by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa, it gets worse.

Everyone who knew George Floyd knew that he loved them.

He said so, in texts and in person, every time he saw them. That's the kind of man he was.

Born in North Carolina in 1973, Floyd was a joyous child surrounded by female relatives who doted on him, and missed him badly when his mother took her children and followed a man to Houston. There, the family lived in a neighborhood that was mostly black and all poor, and Floyd gained two younger half-brothers.

The authors say that Floyd wasn't the best student at Jack Yates Senior High School in Houston, but he wasn't the worst. Teachers and students liked him; coaches liked him because he could really play basketball and football. He was gentle; they had to notch up his fierceness in both games but since he was more than six feet tall and a couple hundred pounds, there was promise. Which was just enough.

Much to his heartbreak, Floyd couldn't pass the TAAS test given to assess the proficiency of all high school seniors in Texas. No pass, no diploma, but though he wasn't able to attend

his graduation ceremony, he did land a basketball scholarship to South Florida Community College.

Alas, bad grades followed him there and he soon returned to Houston, frustrated and broke, and he began selling drugs.

That didn't go well, either: Floyd was arrested, convicted and sent to prison.

More than four years later, with a felony on his record, Floyd decided to move to Minneapolis. It was a chance for a fresh start...

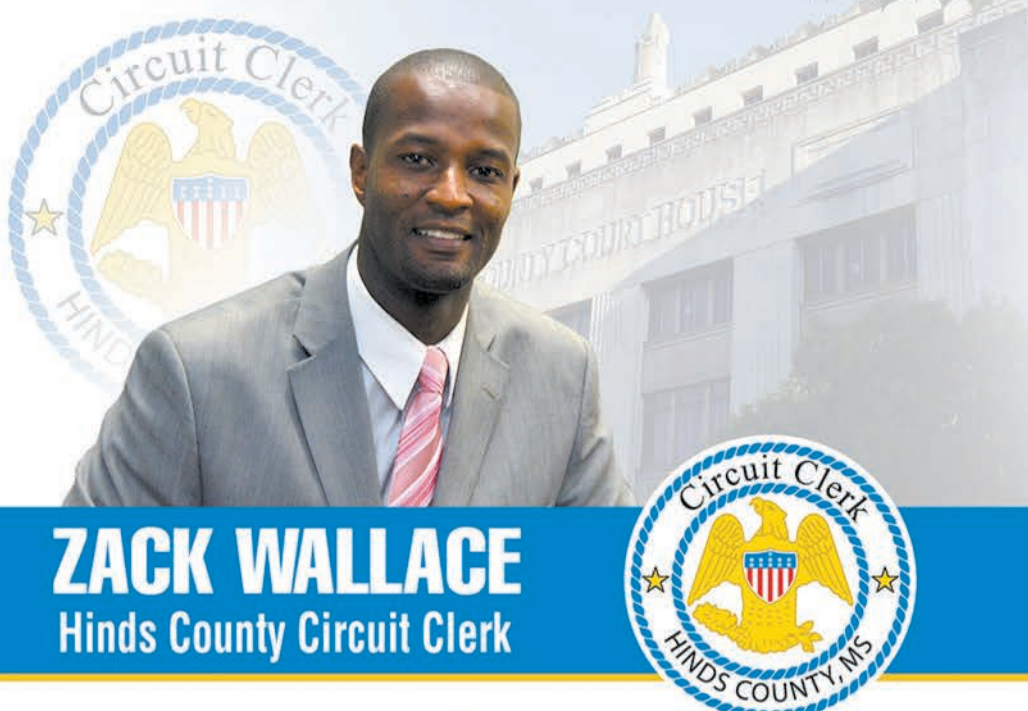
While it may seem that "His Name is George Floyd" might be too painful to read, even now, two years after his death, that's not so. Not entirely.

There are huge pockets of sunny joy in this book, at a childhood enjoyed, dreams reached for, and people beloved. Those sides of Floyd, parts that were missed by many news outlets, are shared but authors Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa don't let him become larger than life; Floyd had flaws, and we're allowed to see them.

Then again, there are times when George Floyd becomes almost a side-note here.

That's when Samuels and Olorunnipa turn away to focus on what else happened that boiling-hot summer of 2020, including the BLM protests, politics and other incidences of police overreach; we also get a good overview of Derek Chauvin, his background, and his trial.

Readers who want to somehow memorialize Floyd will appreciate this book for its candor, good research and its storytelling. You'll also want "His Name is George Floyd" for its concrete answers.



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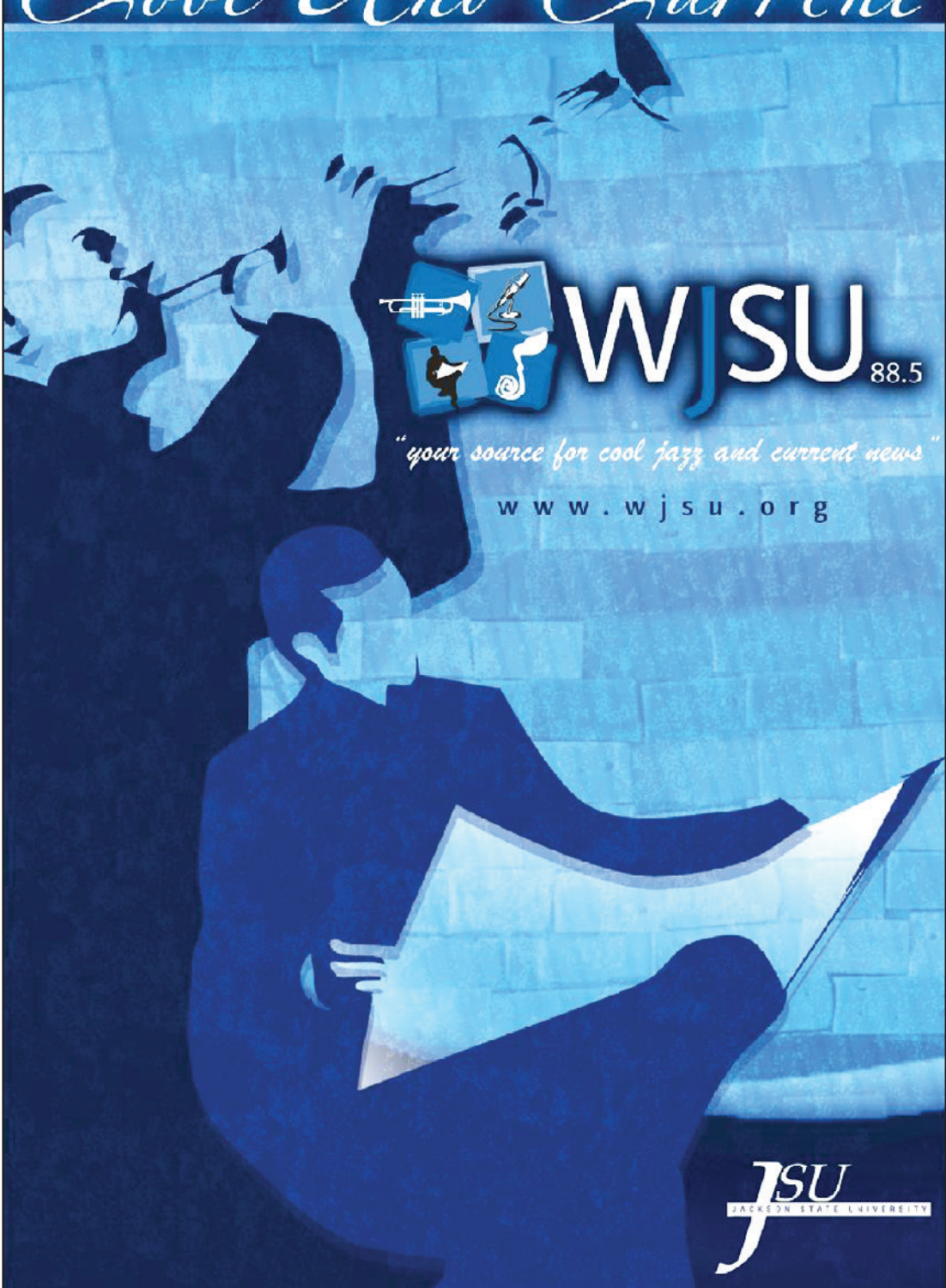
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# Naomi Osaka is blazing new trails in the tennis industry

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.  
President Emeritus  
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Naomi Osaka is a champion on the court having won 4 major championships. She has become a name that is familiar to all of us. Each of her Grand Slam wins has become an instant classic.

Osaka has always been her own person. Some would say that the timeless quote by Henry David Thoreau applies to her. (If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away).

She does in fact march to her own drumbeat. That is what the tennis community admires about Osaka.

The former No. 1 has throughout her career dealt with many challenges. She has faced them openly and honestly. Her innocence has been on full display for all of us to see. Yet her resiliency continues to show her strength of character.

When Osaka burst onto the tennis scene some years ago, we didn't know her. Now, that has changed. She is a champion both on and off the court. She is one of the top 20 highest paid athletes in the world. It is safe to assume that she



Osaka will continue to climb in the rankings. The French Open is coming up so we'll see if she plays at Roland Garros. However, there is in my

opinion, a much bigger story about Osaka.

Osaka was until recently represented by the IMG (International Management Group).

She is now hearing the drum of independence and creating a strategy to achieve it.

Osaka will be developing her own sports and talent agency. According to reports, she will be partnering with Stuart Duguid. He is a former high-ranking staffer with the IMG. This talent combination is poised to make a big impact on the cross section of sports and entertainment.

The name of the company will be EVOLVE spelled in capital letters. Osaka told Sportico, "I've spent my career doing things my way, even when people told me that it wasn't what was expected or traditional."

She added, I'm excited to start this with my business partner Stuart and our plan is to use the same approach we took in building my businesses authentically and strategically as a vision for this company."

Osaka has business acumen that belies her age. She will become one of the few professional athletes to handle their business affairs.

Hard work, tenacity and self-confidence have been bridges that have strengthened

her will to win tennis matches. It is also proving to be a formula for her off the court as well.

So, when we watch Osaka play tennis, we will also be watching a champion tennis player and an astute businesswoman.

Osaka is living history and breaking barriers each day. She goes about it with great integrity and fortitude. Young girls of both races and all ethnicities see her as a role model. The next generation of athletes will point to her as the standard bearer. Her future is bright and full of promise. She is defining her future and showing us a roadmap of her journey.

Osaka's vision is clear, and the promise of success is ahead of her. There will be other athletes who will want to emulate what Naomi Osaka is doing. Will they be successful? Only time will tell.

There is one thing for sure that we have come to know about her and that is she has a strong belief in her talents. She has only just begun.

Let us congratulate and cheer Naomi Osaka on as we celebrate Asian-American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout May.



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# Maria Taylor named new host of NBC's Football night in America



Taylor

*The Atlanta Voice Staff Report*

In a predictable move, Maria Taylor is the new host of Football Night in America, the most-watched studio show in sports, NBC Sports announced on Thursday. Football Night is NBC Sports' flagship studio show which precedes Sunday Night Football – primetime television's No. 1 show for an unprecedented 11 consecutive years – each week during the NFL season. Taylor debuted on the program as a co-host in 2021. "Maria is the perfect choice to carry the legacy forward of anchoring the most-watched studio show in sports," said NBC Sports Executive Producer Sam Flood.

In the last 12 months, Taylor – who was named one of 2021's "Most Powerful Women in Sports" by Adweek – has hosted many of the most-watched events and programs in sports.

Following her move to NBC Sports in July 2021, she hosted the Tokyo Olympics, Super Bowl LVI Pregame Show and Beijing Olympics and Paralym-

pics. Just prior to joining NBC Sports, she also hosted the primetime network broadcast of the NFL Draft and the NBA Finals.

The last line of the release is important because Taylor's versatility is an asset valued by NBC Sports.

In addition to her hosting roles, Taylor is executive producing and currently in production on an eight-part documentary series on the history of the black quarterback in the NFL that will stream on Peacock.



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