

City Council denies mayor access to city funds



Jackson City Council members

By Othor Cain
Guest Writer

In a special called Jackson City Council meeting this week, the council voted 5-2 to deny Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba access to city funds [should he request any] to cover the cost of a potential appeal to a court’s ruling in favor of the city council.

Lumumba has hinted repeatedly, towards appealing the decision that special appointed Judge Larry Roberts made last week. In Chancery Court, Roberts said, “So when a matter such as occurred with the solid waste con-

tract, the failed ratification of this emergency contract, to me constitutes inaction, not action, and was never adopted by the city council. Consequently I agree with the Attorney General’s interpretation that when a matter is not passed by the city council it is a negative action to which the mayor does not have the power to veto – an inaction – there’s nothing there to veto, the council didn’t pass affirmatively the matter, they rejected it.”

The order was placed on the council agenda and introduced by Ward 3 Councilman Kenneth

Stokes. The council made the decision in an executive session. Voting in favor of the measure were council members Ashby Foote, Kenneth Stokes, Vernon Hartley, Aaron Banks and Virgi Lindsay; opposed were council members Angelique Lee and Brian Grizzell.

According to a copy of the measure, obtained by WLBT, “it is in the best interest of the citizens...that the citizens are not continuously being asked to pay for the mayor to carry on with this garbage contract issue that has already been heard and de-

cided by the court in favor of the Jackson City Council.”

Additionally, in executive session, the council voted 6-1 to maintain its current attorneys to represent it in the latest case filed in relation to the city’s garbage-hauling controversy.

“We believe the attorney’s we’ve hired have done a good job not only representing the council, but they’ve represented in the best interest of the citizens of Jackson,” said Councilman Aaron Banks, who represents Ward 6. Ward 4 Councilman Brian Grizzell was the lone no vote.

Lumumba unapologetic about supporting black businesses

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba held a press conference inside City Hall Monday afternoon covering several topics and fielding questions from local news outlets.

He introduced Wanda Smith, Constituent Services manager, who spoke about upcoming back-to-school events. The first is a two-day event, joining the City of Jackson with All Souls Matter to host THEE Level Up Youth Festival and Crusade Friday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and again on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Hank Aaron Sports Academy, formerly known as Smith Wills Stadium. The event will be for the whole family.

School supplies will be given away to children grades K through 12 (all children must be accompanied by parents or an adult), security will be provided.

Minister Shannon Easter of All Souls Matter said, “This event provides an opportunity to gather our children and bless them with school supplies, fun, and most important, to cover them in prayer to make sure that they get off to a



(L to R) Minister Shannon Easter, Minister Barbara Baugh, Wanda Smith, Ambassador Laverne Rainey, Ambassador Artricia Robinson-Chambliss and Pastor Delois Randall. PHOTO: CHRIS YOUNG

good start this school year.”

Bounce houses and food vendors will all be on site.

“Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center will be there and we want to invite the entire community,” Easter said.

She indicated they will also have ‘soul conversations,’ talking to our youth, and listening to what their concerns are.

Then separately, Saturday, July 30, at the Agriculture Museum, Women of Royalty and Destiny and other community leaders will come together to discuss plans and share with city leaders the things that the children have said and what we can do. All Souls Matter can be reached at www.allsoulsmatter7.com.

The mayor announced that the

city is partnering with Operation Hope and Trustmark Band in their initiative for one million black businesses. He mentioned a little over a year ago Jackson hosted John Hope Bryant, founder of Operation Hope, who offers a new approach to community uplift, economic empowerment,

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Vice President Harris addresses NAACP convention; urges black voter participation



“We’re not going to be able to get these days back, so each one of these days we must, with a sense of urgency, ensure that the American people know their voice and their vote matters,” Vice President Harris declared.

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Vice President Kamala Harris appeared at the NAACP convention in Atlantic City Monday, July 18, declaring that freedom, liberty and democracy are on the ballot in the upcoming midterm elections.

She implored the large gathering at the Atlantic City Convention Center to make sure that all voices are heard.

“We’re not going to be able to get these days back, so each one of these days we must, with a sense of urgency, ensure that the American people know their voice and their vote matters,” Harris declared.

“It is their voice. The right to vote is something that the leaders of this organization and its founders knew to be at the core of all of the other rights and freedoms to which we are entitled,” she further implored.

“So, we know what we need to do. And, in particular, to protect the freedom to vote and a women’s right to make decisions about her own body, we need people who will defend our rights up and down the ballot, from district attorneys to state attorneys general, from local sheriffs to governors.”

The vice president received several standing ovations as she spoke of the need to vote. The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), a trade association representing 235 African-American-owned newspapers and media companies, has teamed with the Transformative Justice Coalition in an effort to register 10 million more black voters ahead of the midterm and 2024 general elections.

As Harris arrived in Atlantic City, Mayor Marty Small greeted her as she descended from Air Force Two.

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson spoke to the vice president and railed against politicians and the U.S. Supreme Court for “the erosion of constitutional freedom, including the right of a woman over her own body.” Harris also decried the sharp increase in mass shootings and gun violence in the United States.

“There is no reason for weapons of war on the streets of America,” she asserted. With West Virginia Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin repeatedly stopping the Biden-Harris administration agenda, Harris called on voters to participate in the U.S. Senate election.

“We will not, and the president has been clear, we will not let the filibuster stand in our way of our most essential rights and freedoms,” Harris declared.

“I visited Buffalo, New York, to attend the funeral of an 86-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Whitfield, who went to the grocery store and often spent the day with her husband who was in a nursing home,” Harris continued:

“I went to Highland Park, Illinois, where there were strollers and lawn chairs scattered up and down a street where there was supposed to be a parade for July 4th. There – as in Uvalde, Texas; as in Greenwood, Indiana, just last night; and in so many communities across our nation – scenes of ordinary life have been turned into war zones by horrific acts of gun violence.

“Mass shootings have made America a nation in mourning. And it’s not only the mass shootings. We see it in our communities every day, and it is no less tragic or outrageous.

“Think about it: Black people are 13 percent of America’s population but make up

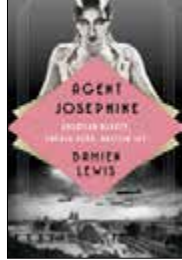
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Doty (center) presents a mock check to members of the Theta Sigma Omega chapter of AKA for endowed scholarship.

Mississippi Link Newswire

Family and friends of Dr. Juanita Sims Doty announced the fully endowed scholarship at Jackson State University (JSU) to celebrate her 50 years of service as a Golden Soror in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. A Golden Scholarship Reception was held in her honor during the 50th AKA Boule in Orlando, Florida July 13, 2022 at the Orlando World Center Marriott in the Hawk's Landing Golf Club.

In addition to family and friends, President Sheila Varnado, Judge Deborah Gambrell Chambers and other members of the Theta Sigma Omega chapter were present to celebrate with students from the Hattiesburg/Pine Belt area who will attend JSU.

Dr. Karla McCullough, niece and god-

daughter of Doty, led the team of family and friends who planned this spectacular student-scholarship focused event.

On January 23, 1972, the Theta Sigma Omega Chapter in Hattiesburg, MS initiated Doty as a general member of AKA because there was no black Greek Letter organization on the University of Southern Mississippi campus. To celebrate this 50 year milestone, Doty requested that gifts be directed to the JSU Development Foundation to support this scholarship which was announced January 23, 2022 and the first \$25,000 was raised within five months.

This fully endowed scholarship of \$25,000 will be matched with \$25,000 by JSU making the endowed scholarship \$50,000.

It is anticipated that the scholarship for students will be \$2,000 each year.

During the reception, Doty thanked all of those in attendance for their contribution to the success of this endowed scholarship and for helping her to continue her legacy of generosity, being grateful and serving God by serving others. She also challenged those in attendance to 'focus on things that will last forever.'

The guests also had fun learning a new line dance: The Sims Family Shuffle! Twenty members of the Sims Family from all over the country attended the celebration and spent four days in Orlando for a Sims Family vacation. Her nieces and nephews said that it was the "best vacation ever."

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62 percent of gun homicide victims. “This issue of the need for reasonable gun safety laws is a real issue when we are talking about the civil right, the right that all communities should have, to live in a place that is safe without weapons of war running those streets.”

She concluded that the number of guns manufactured in the country tripled over the last 20

years. “Today we have more guns in our nation than people,” Harris said.

“Earlier this month, the president signed the first federal gun safety law in nearly 30 years. And it was an important and necessary step. But we need to do more. We must repeal the liability shield that protects gun manufacturers. And we must renew the assault weapons ban.”

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combating financial illiteracy, restoring dignity, offering redemption and addressing the critical issues facing corporations and financial institutions.

“We are unapologetic about the support of black businesses. If 85% of your population is left-handed, then the reality is that you need some left-handed jobs,” said Lumumba.

He tied in that he is quite sure the media will want to talk about the Richard’s Disposal Garbage Contract and that due to litigation, he will only talk about it sparingly today. “The administrations position is unchanged, from the start our goal has been to have a contract in place that works to the best interests of our residents and also to abide by a fair and legal procurement process,” he said.

Lumumba spoke about affordability and that this agreement is the only one and with the lowest cost, and that there has been an effort by some people to confuse that. “The contract that we are fighting for is the lowest cost contract, whether you are talking about with a bin or without a bin. When Councilman Stokes says we want to give it to the lowest without a bin, then he should check this data and then he would know that Richard’s was the lowest without a bin also.”

The mayor said, “We don’t want to set a stage in Jackson where we don’t have a competitive process, and therefore are at the mercy of vendors who set whatever high outrageous prices they want to set. That is what it has always been about and that is what it will continue to be about.”

The mayor was asked if Richard’s will continue to pick up the trash and how long can we expect that to continue, and he responded that they are continuing to pick up the garbage and anything further should be directed to Richard’s Disposal. He added that Richard’s has a right to assert they be paid. He also challenged the media to tell the complete story of what is going on with the trash contract.

The Mississippi Link asked if the mayor could provide an update on the poverty situation in Jackson, because the Strategic Plan – focused on the dignity of human life for all Jackson residents, addresses poverty, but the problem is much more severe than is usually reported. He responded, “This goes to things that we have already talked about like small business enterprise. We are big proponents of co-operative enterprise which we see as an opportunity to not only fill our voids as a city but also to determine how people will labor and what the fruits of their labor will be. Jackson has no problem producing wealth, we have a problem maintaining wealth. The money that is made from 9 to 5 is out by 6 p.m. We must be strategic in how we maintain that revenue here in the city and make sure that it is evenly distributed and secures opportunity and dignity for all of our residents.”

He also mentioned ARPA Funds, and that he is one of the mayors who is part of the Guaranteed Income Plan because we recognize that poverty is the worst form of violence, and that we cannot overlook the trauma that is inherently involved.

Beyond baffling

By Chris Young
Contributing Writer



Mississippi is the poorest state in the country. Overall, 20+% of our population lives below the poverty level. For children, the number goes up to 27.9%. In Hinds County, 25.9% of our population lives below the poverty level. In Jackson, the number is 24.5%, all according to Census data – but just take a drive through the city to the south and to the west and you might question that number.

The population of Jackson is declining, along with its tax base. The 1980 Census claimed the Jackson population to be above 200,000 souls. Forty years later, the 2020 Census claimed 153,643, and a 12+% decline from the last Census in 2010, which claimed 173,514. Why would people be leaving? Racism and all it breeds surely is the answer, after all, 82.5% of Jackson residents are African American today.

Historical data from the *Jackson Free Press* reports that “from 1980 to 1990, Jackson’s white population dropped from 52% to 43%. From 1990 to 2000, another 35,000 white people left the city. Whites went from making up almost half of the city’s population to a little more than a quarter.” In 2000, Census data reports Jackson’s population as 70.6% black and 27.8% white. So in the last 20 years, the percentage of African Americans in Jackson has risen 11.9%, whereas the percentage of European Americans has declined 11.6%.

Many people point to the water. It is a known fact that for many years people have complained about Jackson’s water infrastructure, yet the city still grew. What’s the difference between now and then? It leaves one to wonder, if Southaven (62.5% white), or Gulfport (54% white), or Tupelo (58% white) discovered they had water infrastructure troubles would the majority of white people move away? How about Brandon (74% white) or Madison (79% white) – do you think the white people would run off? Me either.

Lots and lots of bedroom community residents continue to work in Jackson, but they bring their paychecks home with them. So in the end, we have a vastly majority African American city being consistently and persistently robbed of its economic base. Lack of residency requirements ensures it remains this way. So now what? Leadership. African American leadership, of course.

We have an African-American mayor of our city; Chokwe Antar Lumumba. He is young, committed and competent. He won reelection in 2021 with 69+% of the vote. He has a vision for Jackson and a strategic plan. The byline of this strategic plan is, “Investing in the inherent dignity of every citizen in Jackson.” The plan has five pillars, articulated as goals: “Healthy

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citizens, affordable homes in safe neighborhoods, a thriving educational system, occupational opportunities in a growing tax base, and lastly, a city that is open and welcoming to visitors.” From an executive leadership and humanistic perspective, it hits all the right notes.

We have a seven-member city council, one council member for each ward. Five of the seven council members are African American; a clear majority that can work with the African-American mayor and his administration to lead our city forward. Surely when they were campaigning they promised to serve the people, promote business, ensure the city is safe, a brighter future for everyone – all the usual stuff. The buck stops with them. They can deliver on their promises and there are no dress rehearsals, because remember, that white flight thing. Oh yes, we have two European Americans to round out the seven-member council.

You just know this arrangement is going to work out for the betterment of Jackson, and for the black economics of our black city. Sadly, nope, it hasn’t – baffling! The infighting is embarrassing. The public name-calling is juvenile. The lack of principled leadership is the worst of it, because the people are not being served – the personalities of these elected officials seem to be the only thing being served, as our city continues in various forms of decline. This doesn’t apply to the entire council, there are council members who seem to consistently demonstrate a servant-leader mentality and a high degree of reasonableness.

A year or so ago, one of the two white city council members, Virgi Lindsay, was elected by a majority vote to serve as the council president for one year. This was her second time being elected president by her peers in the last three years. Seemed a bit odd to me – a black majority electing a white colleague to the leadership chair, but okay, I was brand new in Jackson, perhaps there are things I’m not aware of.

Then last week, they did it again. The majority black city council elected the other white person on the council to be the president of the council for the next year – Ashby Foote. Baffling is the first word that comes to mind. Did our black city advance, for all its residents, during Lindsay’s second term as council president? Sure doesn’t look like it.

The votes are cast, Foote is the head of the city council for the next year. Whether he will demonstrate leadership that helps our black city prosper, at all levels and for all residents, remains to be seen. History tells us that he will not. Being a realist with optimistic tendencies, I’m hopeful.



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Senator Jordan appeals to youth during Marshall Family Reunion

Family with Holmes County roots kicks off celebration in Leflore County

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"I want young people to realize that God and education were my shovel from poverty," said State Senator David L. Jordan as he gave greetings and remarks at the 2022 Marshall Family Reunion, Friday, July 15.

Held in Greenwood and in Lexington, Miss., the Marshall Family Reunion drew nearly 100 participants.

"Senator Jordan's greetings and hospitality really made us feel welcome," said Faith Marshall, a native Mississippian, who lives in Chicago.

"I think Sen. Jordan gave some enlightening comments; it was a pleasure to have that time to fellowship with him," said Minister Gloria ILori, another Mississippi native who resides in Chicago. "It is always good to be among family," she added.

Jordan stressed that the family structure is extremely important. Sharing his sharecropper's son background, Jordan told the Marshall family that we must get young people to

go to school and learn, because today the world is in bad shape. "We need more prayer," Jordan inserted. "And don't let anybody tell you, you are less than they are because you are from Mississippi!"

The family received a friendly welcome letter from Greenwood Mayor, The Honorable Carolyn McAdams, in their family's souvenir booklet. "We are so pleased you have chosen to honor all the citizens of Greenwood as you celebrate here," McAdams wrote.

The weekend celebration included a Glitz and Glam gala, banquet, talent segment, a dance at the Leflore County Civic Center and a family fun day picnic at Whittington Park in Greenwood, July 16. The family was pleased to have first-time attendee, their cousin, and retired International Singer, Ella Woods. It culminated Sunday, July 17 with a prayer breakfast and praise service at the Multi-Purpose Complex.

D.J. Tracy Harris provided

recorded music throughout the fun-filled weekend.

Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory extended a friendly welcome. She shared economic plans for Lexington and encouraged family members to consider returning home to help it grow.

"We've met and fellowshiped with family members we did not know we had this weekend," said Minister Dr. Lorenzo Wesley, co-founder of the Wesley Youth Foundation, a Tchula, Miss. non-profit. Wesley also gave parting words of encouragement.

The Marshall Family roots run deep in Holmes County with Virginia connections. At its root, as documented in the Mississippi Archives and History, is the late Granderson Marshall Sr. aka "Old Man" Granderson, born in 1847. He was once a major county landowner.

The 2022 Marshall Family Reunion Committee thanks everyone for making this weekend of family fellowship and fun a huge success.



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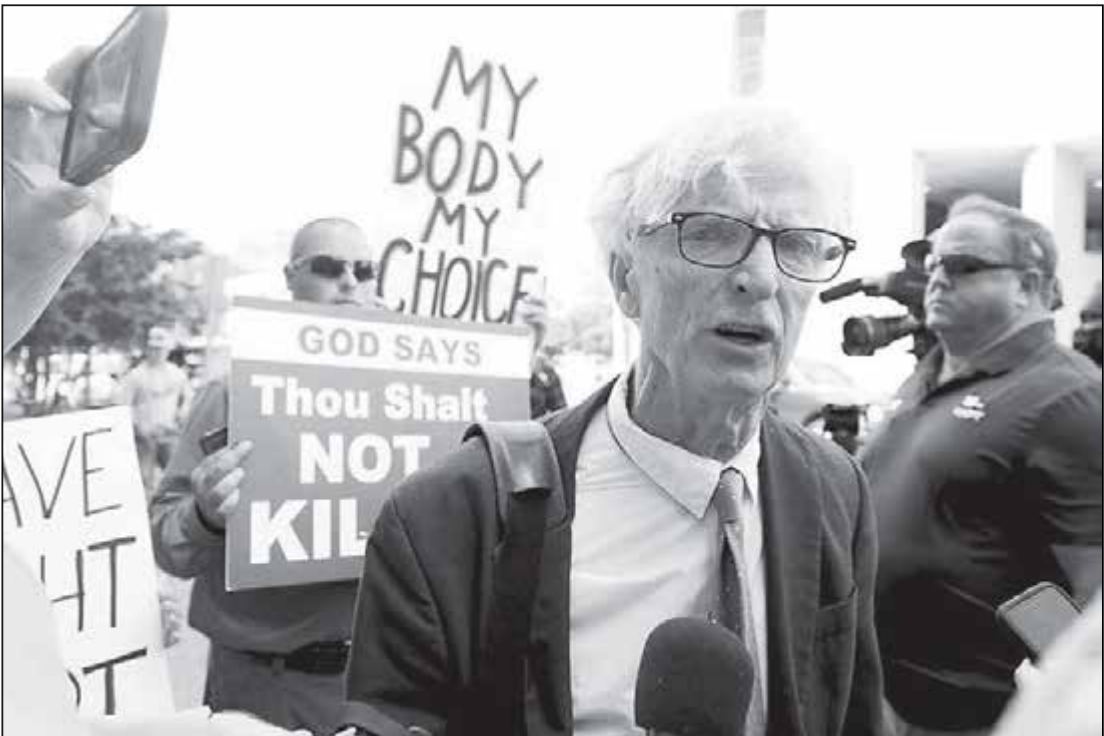
Mississippi clinic ends challenge of near-ban on abortion

By Emily Wagster Pettus and Leah Willingham
Associated Press

The Mississippi abortion clinic that was at the center of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v. Wade ended a lawsuit Tuesday in which it had sought to block the state from enforcing a law that bans most abortions. Jackson Women’s Health Organization dropped its litigation a day after clinic owner Diane Derzis told The Associated Press that she sold the facility and had no intention to reopen it, even if a state court allowed her to do so.

“If the clinic is not in a position to reopen in Mississippi, it no longer has a basis to pursue this case in the courts,” Rob McDuff, a Mississippi Center for Justice attorney who was among those representing the clinic, said in a statement. Derzis said the clinic’s furniture and equipment have been moved to a new abortion clinic she will open soon in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Court battles over access to abortion are playing out in multiple states following the Supreme Court’s June 24 ruling, which gave states the authority to set their own laws on abortion. On Tuesday, West Virginia’s only abortion clinic resumed scheduling patients for abortions, after a judge ruled in its favor. And new restrictions on some abortions were in effect in Indiana after a judge lifted a hold on them. The Mississippi clinic – best



Attorney Rob McDuff, an attorney representing the Jackson Women’s Health Organization, speaks with reporters, after arguing for a lawsuit filed by the state’s only abortion clinic, to remain open by blocking a law that would ban most abortions in the state, Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at the Hinds County Chancery Court in Jackson, Miss. AP PHOTO/ROGELIO V. SOLIS

known as the Pink House because of its bright paint job – stopped offering medication-induced and surgical abortions July 6, the day before Mississippi enacted a law that bans most abortions. Mississippi was one of several states with a trigger law that went into effect after the Supreme Court ruling.

The Mississippi trigger law, passed in 2007, says abortion is legal only if the pregnant woman’s life is in danger or if a pregnancy is caused by a rape reported to law enforcement. It does not have an exception for pregnancies caused by incest.

On July 5, a state court judge rejected a request by the clinic’s attorneys to block the trigger law from taking effect. The clinic appealed the ruling to the state Supreme Court, citing a 1998 ruling that said the state constitution invokes a right to privacy that “includes an implied right to choose whether or not to have an abortion.”

Because the clinic is dropping its lawsuit, the Mississippi Supreme Court will not issue a new ruling.

In West Virginia, Women’s Health Center began scheduling patients for abortions for as early as next week after a judge

Monday blocked enforcement of the state’s 150-year-old abortion ban. West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said Tuesday that his office had filed a motion to the state Supreme Court asking for a stay to keep the ban in place while his office proceeds with an appeal.

“We believe it’s critical to file for an immediate stay in light of this flawed decision and seek this emergency measure to prevent immediate loss of precious life,” he said in a statement, adding that when “life is in jeopardy, no effort can be spared to protect it.”

West Virginia’s law, dating back to the 1800s, makes performing or obtaining an abortion a felony punishable by up to a decade in prison. It provides an exception for cases in which a pregnant person’s life is at risk. Women’s Health Center argued in court that the law was void because it had not been enforced in more than 50 years, and has been superseded by modern laws, including a 2015 law that allows the procedure until the 20th week of pregnancy.

Katie Quiñonez, Women’s Health Center’s executive director, called the judge’s decision to block the law “a sigh of relief.” The clinic has been posting on social media and is sending out information in an emailed newsletter to let people know they can once again schedule abortions.

But Quiñonez said operations won’t simply go back to the way they were before the clinic had to shut down. She said the staff has been telling patients: “It’s a moving target, things could change.”

Anti-abortion activists from Mississippi, Texas and elsewhere rallied a crowd in Las Cruces Tuesday evening and took donations for a new clinic that will provide fertility and pregnancy support services next door to the planned abortion clinic.

In Indiana, a law that bans abortions based on gender, race or disability was in effect Tuesday, a day after a federal judge lifted an order that

blocked its enforcement. The law includes a ban on abortions sought because a fetus has a genetic abnormality such as down syndrome. It was adopted by Indiana’s Republican-dominated Legislature in 2016 and signed by then-Gov. Mike Pence. The law allows doctors who perform abortions in such cases to be sued for wrongful death.

Another federal judge has lifted similar blocks on abortion restrictions in recent weeks. The Indiana Legislature is expected to take action on additional abortion restrictions during a special session that starts Monday.

Meanwhile, an Indianapolis doctor who performed an abortion on a 10-year-old rape victim from Ohio took the first step Tuesday toward suing Indiana’s attorney general for defamation. Dr. Caitlin Bernard, an Indianapolis obstetrician-gynecologist who gave the girl a medication-induced abortion June 30, filed a tort claim notice over what she says were false statements made about her and her work. The notice starts a 90-day period for the state to settle.

After the girl’s abortion was in the news, Attorney General Todd Rokita told FOX News that he would investigate if Bernard violated any laws, though he made no specific allegations of wrongdoing.

A 27-year-old man was charged last week in Columbus, Ohio, with raping the girl.

Hospital system says it’s hurt by lack of Medicaid expansion

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

A county-owned Mississippi hospital system that wants to put itself up for sale says one of its main financial challenges is the decision by the state’s elected officials not to extend Medicaid to provide insurance coverage for the working poor.

“Mississippi is one of 12 states that did not adopt a Medicaid expansion, which means the amount of income that would have gone to health systems in our state is slated to decrease, significantly impacting hospitals like Singing River that provide significant care for underinsured and uninsured populations,” Singing River Health System says in a website that promotes its reasons for seeking new ownership.

Singing River Health System is owned by coastal Jackson County. The system operates hospitals in Pascagoula, Gulfport and Ocean Springs. It also has about three dozen clinics and more than 3,500 employees.

Trustees of the system announced June 1 that they had voted to put it up for sale or to seek a merger with another

health system.

For years, Republican Gov. Tate Reeves and leaders of the Republican-controlled Mississippi Legislature have killed proposals to expand Medicaid, a government health insurance program funded by the federal and state governments. Although the federal government would pay most of the tab for expansion and that would put billions of dollars into the state, Reeves and others have said repeatedly that they don’t want to enroll more people in the public program. Under the health care overhaul that then-President Barack Obama signed into law in 2010, states have the option of expanding Medicaid to low-income workers whose jobs do not provide private health insurance.

Even without expansion, Mississippi’s Medicaid enrollment has increased significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic. In a state with about 3 million residents, just over 670,000 people were enrolled in Medicaid in March 2020, the first month that COVID-19 cases were confirmed in Mississippi. Enrollment was just over

814,000 last month.

The Singing River Health System also says on its website that it faces financial challenges because Mississippi has a high poverty rate and a large number of uninsured residents.

Jackson County supervisors decided Monday to hold an Aug. 17 public hearing about the future of the Singing River Health System, news outlets reported. A question about selling the system would be put up for a countywide vote, possibly as soon as November, if at least 1,500 people sign a petition to call for an election.

Supervisors said if the hospital system is not sold, Jackson County would likely need substantial tax increases to keep the Singing River Health System in business.

Singing River officials told supervisors that the system needs \$287 million over the next five years to cover increasing costs, the *Sun Herald* reported.

Supervisor Ken Taylor said the amount needed to cover the hospital’s projected costs would exceed the legal limits on how much the county can increase taxes each year.

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Study finds nearly 90 percent of black homicide victims were killed with guns

By Stacy M. Brown
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According to a new and comprehensive study on gun violence, black men, women, boys and girls remain the most impacted victims of homicide in America, yet year after year this shocking and unacceptable toll is allowed to continue.

The study published by the Washington, D.C.-based Violence Policy Center, revealed that in 2019, the United States recorded 7,441 black homicide victims.

African Americans represent 14 percent of the U.S. population, but accounted for 52 percent of all homicide victims, the study authors found.

The annual study, Black Homicide Victimization in the United States: An Analysis of 2019 Homicide Data, also ranks the states according to their black homicide victimization rates. Officials said it's based on unpublished data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Supplementary Homicide Report. The study details homicide rates for 2019, the most recent year for which comprehensive national data is available.

For homicides in which authorities could identify the weapon used, 88 percent of black victims (6,190 out of 7,056) were shot and killed with



guns. Of those, 64 percent (3,935 victims) were killed with handguns.

On average, more than 20 black Americans died each day from homicide – 17 were known to have died from gunshots.

“These deaths almost always involve a gun, and the resulting devastation ravages families, friends and community members,” Violence Policy Center Executive Director Josh Sugarmann stated in a news release.

“The goal of our research is to help support advocates and organizations working on the ground to stop this lethal violence while, at the same time, continuing to educate and engage the public and policymakers on

the need to address this ongoing national crisis,” Sugarmann said.

The study also revealed that the black homicide victimization rate in the United States was nearly four times the overall national victimization rate and nearly seven times the white homicide victimization rate.

In 2019, the black homicide victimization rate was 18.08 per 100,000. In comparison, the overall national homicide victimization rate was 4.79 per 100,000. For whites, the national homicide victimization rate was 2.69 per 100,000. Further, 87 percent of black homicide victims were male (6,454 of 7,441) and 13 percent were female (986 of 7,441). The sex of one victim wasn't unknown.

The authors noted that black male homicide victimization rate in the United States was “more than four times the overall male victimization rate and more than eight times the white male homicide victimization rate.”

In 2019, the homicide victimization rate for black male victims was 32.49 per 100,000. In comparison, the overall rate for male homicide victims was 7.68 per 100,000 and the rate for white male homicide victims was 3.88 per 100,000.

Meanwhile, the black female homicide victimization rate in the United States was more than twice the overall female victimization rate and three times the white female homicide victimization rate.

In 2019, the homicide victimization rate for black female victims was 4.60 per 100,000. In comparison, the overall rate for female homicide victims was 1.95 per 100,000 and the rate for white female homicide victims was 1.52 per 100,000.

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 77 percent of black victims (2,282 out of 2,954) were killed by someone they knew. The number of victims killed by strangers was 672. For homicides in which the circumstances could be identi-

fied, 70 percent (2,856 out of 4,102) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 56 percent (1,591 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

With a homicide rate of 50.64 per 100,000 residents, Missouri ranked the highest. Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Louisiana, Kentucky, Arkansas, Michigan and Oklahoma rounded out the top 10.

The authors said individuals living in communities where violence is prevalent are at higher risk for a broad range of negative health and behavior outcomes.

An increased understanding of how trauma resulting from community violence influences development, health and behavior can lead to improvements in the way many social services are delivered as well as policy changes at the local and federal levels.

“At the same time, the firearms industry, looking to expand beyond its shrinking base of white male gun owners, has launched an organized marketing campaign focusing on black and Latino Americans,” the study authors wrote.

“If successful, such efforts can only increase gun death and injury in these communities.”

Study: Job displacement affects blacks, women and non-degreed individuals most

By Stacy M. Brown
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A new study focusing on job displacements between 1989 and 2019 found that, on average, black workers are 67 percent more likely to be displaced than their white peers.

Research by the nonprofit Brookings Institution further revealed that workers without a bachelor's degree are also 67 percent more likely to be displaced than those with a bachelor's degree.

Additionally, workers whose parents are in the bottom half of the income distribution are 27 percent more likely to be displaced than those with parents in the top half.

Titled Job Displacement in the United States by Race, Education and Parental Income, the study noted that using an event study fixed effects model, researchers measured the impact of a given displacement on annual earnings by worker group.

They discovered similarly large and persistent adverse effects on earnings across all demographic and socioeconomic groups. The study authors estimated a 57 percent decline in earnings following a displacement. They also estimated a 25 percent decline in the 10th year after a displacement.

During the first months of the COVID-19 recession, an estimated 22 million Americans lost their jobs – roughly 13 percent of the U.S. workforce. The initial impact on employment was largest for women, black workers, Latino workers and less-educated workers.

“This negative employment shock occurred against a backdrop of long-term trends of declining intergenerational economic mobility and high-income inequality across race and education levels,” the researchers explained.

The study examined how job displacements affect workers by race, education level and parental income in the United States.

“An extensive literature in economics shows that workers experience large and persistent earnings losses following a job



displacement,” Brookings researchers determined.

“Given the millions of workers displaced during the COVID-19 recession and the high-income inequality in the United States, it is important to understand the role that job displacement may play in driving inequalities across demographic and socioeconomic groups.”

The authors continued:

“In this [study], we use the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) to measure the frequency and earnings impact of job displacements by race, education and parental income level.”

Meanwhile, the authors found that workers whose parents are in the bottom quintile of the income distribution are 27 percent more likely to be displaced than those with parents in the top income quintile.

The study concluded that black workers, less-educated workers, and those with low-income parents are more likely to be displaced yearly.

But once they are displaced, do these workers experience worse outcomes than their white, more educated and high-income-parent peers who also share a displacement?

“In the year following a displacement, workers without a bachelor's degree experience a roughly 600-hour decrease in annual hours worked, while those with a bachelor's degree see a 1,000-hour decline,” the researchers wrote.

“When we look at black and white workers separately, we

find nearly identical effects on earnings across the five years leading up to a displacement and the ten that follow. However, while the effects are similar for both race groups, large differences in earnings levels still exist across all relative years.

“In the year after a displacement, non-displaced white workers earn roughly \$11,500 more than their black peers, on average.”

Researchers said the report establishes three crucial facts about job displacements in the United States over the last 30 years.

First, as other studies have shown, the adverse effects of a job displacement on earnings, hourly wages, and annual hours worked are significant and persistent.

Also, certain workers experience much higher displacement rates than others in any given year. Namely, black workers, those without a bachelor's degree, and those with low-income parents are much more likely to experience a displacement any given year than their white, degree-holding, and high-income-parent peers.

Finally, the negative effect of job displacement on earnings is relatively consistent across socioeconomic groups.

“While displaced workers with bachelor's degrees seem to experience less severe earnings losses in the year immediately following a displacement, they also experience larger lingering effects than their peers without degrees,” the researchers as-

serted.

“However, large standard errors make it difficult to make strong claims regarding differences by socioeconomic status. It is important to remember that, despite the similar impact of job displacement across demographic and socioeconomic groups, there remain large gaps in average annual earnings across these groups – both before and after displacement events.”

They noted further that a critical implication of their findings is that job displacements may play a role in promoting racial, educational and intergenerational inequality.

“Even though we do not find differences in the earnings effects of any given displacement across groups, we do find that certain groups experience displacements much more frequently,” the researchers insisted.

“Black workers, those without bachelor's degrees, and those with low-income parents all have lower average earnings than their peers before experiencing job displacements, so the higher-frequency displacements for these groups likely exacerbate existing income differences.”

“Focusing exclusively on earnings outcomes, our [study] does not fully capture the potential impact of being displaced. The job displacement literature has found that displacements affect many outcomes besides earnings, such as health and homeownership.”

Unarmed driver, Jayland Walker, 22, killed by police after traffic stop



Walker

By Lauren Victoria Burke
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On June 27, Akron Ohio Police shot and killed Jayland Walker, 22, after a traffic stop and a foot chase. At the time of this writing, it is unknown whether Walker was armed. It is unknown why Walker was initially stopped by police.

His family's attorney told the media Walker was hit over 60 times. Summit County Medical Examiner Dr. Lisa Kohler has ruled Walker's death a homicide and a full autopsy is expected to be released in the coming days.

Cleveland's WKYC was given permission to view autopsy photos of Walker's body. The local TV station reported that Walker's body was “riddled” with bullets. Protestors blocked traffic in Akron near the police headquarters June 30.

Akron canceled their annual Rib, White and Blue festival for the July 4 weekend in response to the deadly shooting of Walker. On June 30, Tymecca Cohen, Jayland Walker's sister was seen holding a sign demanding justice for her brother outside the Akron Police Department's headquarters.

On social media, Bishop Tal-

bert Swan recounted the times when unarmed black men have been killed by police over the years. “Unarmed: Amadou Diallo 23, 41 bullets; Sean Bell 23, 50 bullets; LaQuan McDonald 17, 16 bullets; Jayland Walker 25, 90 bullets. Armed: Dylan Roof 21, killed 9, 0 bullets, James Holmes 24, killed 12, 0 bullets; Robert Long 21, killed 8, 0 bullets; Payton Gendron 18, killed 10, 0 bullets,” Swan wrote.

“Four armed white men + 39 murdered people = 0 bullets fired by police and 4 living white murderers,” Swan continued.

“Police managed to arrest a young white man armed with an AR15 and dripping with the blood of black people he just murdered at a Buffalo supermarket, yet pumped 90 bullets into a young black man over a traffic violation in Akron,” Swan concluded.

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Over hydration - too much water

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Tips to Be Fit

We require more water than any other thing we ingest. We may survive for a few weeks without food, but we would only last a few days without water. We can drink too much.

When we drink too much water, our kidneys won't get rid of the excess water. Our sodium content in our blood becomes diluted. This is called hyponatremia (water intoxication) and this can be life threatening. The symptoms of water intoxication include confusion, disorientation, nausea and vomiting. Water intoxication can cause swelling in the brain and become fatal. Your bladder can hold 20 to 30 ounces of liquid before needing to release it. Water intoxication at these types of events has resulted in death.

Water normally enters the body through the mouth but it can be lost in several ways. These include obvious losses as in urine, feces and sweat as well as less obvious losses, which occur by diffusion of water through the skin (perspiration throughout the day as part of metabolism) and by evaporation of water from the lungs during breathing. When we over hydrate your body stops this elimination process.

Your bladder holds your urine until you're ready to go to the bathroom. Your bladder muscles will squeeze and send your urine out through a tube called the urethra. This is a very important process. If you don't urinate regularly, waste and fluid build up to unhealthy levels in your body. Everyday your kidneys will produce to 1 to 2 quarts of urine.

Your urine gets its color, which should be yellow, from a pigment called urobilin, or urobilin. If you have lighter colored urine is



more diluted. If your urine is darker it contains less fluid. Very dark urine is a sign that you're dehydrated.

Too much water can also:

- Cause diarrhea
- Over burden your heart
- Over burden your kidneys

- Cause liver problems
- Frequent urination
- Risk of a coma
- Increase your risk of chlorine overdose
- Headache
- Swelling and discoloration of the hands, feet and lips

- Muscle weakness
- Tiredness
- High blood pressure
- Seizures
- Low heart rate

The web site "Stylecraze" list these "People Prone To Over Hydration:"

- Run marathons or ultra marathons.
- Are a hiker or biker.
- Are an triathlete.
- Are elite rowers.
- Are an endurance cyclist.
- Are a soccer player.
- Are in military training
- Are obsessed with consuming water for "health."

We will get 60% of our fluids from drinking water or beverages, 30% from moist foods and the remaining 10% will be a by product of the metabolism of various

nutrients. What you don't want to do is drink all of your required fluids at one time. Most "Over Hydration" happens when people drink too much at one time. An example of drinking too much at one time is when someone running a race and they get a cup of water at every water table. In the 2002 Boston Marathon, 13% had hyponatremia symptoms and 0.06% had critical hyponatremia, with sodium levels of less than 120 mmol/l.

The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine recommends 125 ounces of fluids for men and 91 ounces of fluids for women.

Your lifestyle will also make you modify your fluid intake:

- Exercise. If you do any activity that makes you sweat, you'll need to drink more water. It's important to drink water before, during and after a workout.
- Environment. Hot and humid weather will make you sweat. You'll need more fluids. High altitudes can dehydrate your body and increase your need for more fluids.

- Overall health. Your body loses fluids when you have a fever, vomit or have diarrhea. Drink more fluids if you have

a bladder infection.

- Pregnancy and breast-feeding. If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, you'll need more fluids.

We need to drink water. Drinking water can help prevent other common medical emergencies, which occur during this time of year such as heat stroke or heat exhaustion. Adequate water intake can help keep the body temperature regulated. You need to be more aware when the atmosphere is extremely hot. People with respiratory problems, small children, the elderly, overweight individuals, the physically challenged and alcoholics need to take special care not to be exposed for long periods to extreme humidity, heat and sun.

Not drinking enough water is also a common cause of water retention. Your body knows it needs water and will store it if you don't supply it with enough.

If you work outdoors, your body usually has a chance to get acclimated to hot weather but you still need to drink plenty of water throughout the day and take it easy on those days when temperatures are extreme.

If you become overhydrated you should stop drinking fluids and get medical help ASAP.

Improving maternal health care in America



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By Sen. William "Bill" Cassidy (R-La.) and Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.
Opinion Contributors

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that black women experience maternal mortality two to three times higher than that of white women. The estimated national maternal mortality rate in the United States is about 17 per 100,000 live births – but it is about 43 per 100,000 live births for black women.

We both are advocates and supporters of proposals that address public health disparities in America, particularly with respect to inequities concerning the maternal mortality rates of black women. As we bring awareness this week to Black Maternal Mental Health Week, we shine a light on an issue that should transcend partisan divisions and the racial divide that unfortunately persists across the nation.

As a Republican and as a Democrat we have made a conscious decision to work closely together on this issue in our respective home states of Louisiana and North Carolina. Yet, we also know that disparities in maternal health and mortality are national problems that warrant effective and timely congressional, statewide and local responses and remedies.

The two of us have been actively involved in addressing various social inequities for decades from the formidable days of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s to today, in our communities and in our nation's capital. In addition, our two families have had a positive history in the medical, health care and environmental fields.

But what really served as a catalyst that enabled us to initiate a public bipartisan unity and resolve to work together going forward to address the issues of maternal mortality and other matters that impact the quality of life of all Americans was simply our mutual impatience with the current widening, unproductive partisan divide in Washington, D.C., and throughout nearly all the state legislatures.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once prophetically affirmed, "We must be impatient with injustice." We are impatient with the injustice of non-productive political polarization in America. We also believe that beyond the labels and aisles of our different political parties, there is both an opportunity and a responsibility to work together to address the systemic injustices and disparities of our nation.

Fortunately, there are some recent successful bipartisan actions by the U.S. Congress that each of us have personally supported and endorsed. The John Lewis National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Research Endowment Revitalization Act is now law. This new law provides funds to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to conduct research into and to address minority health disparities.

Also, the Maternal Health Quality Improvement (MHQI) Act enacted by the U.S. Congress is now law. The MHQI Act looks specifically at reducing maternal mortality among black women and other minority women and creates racial and ethnic bias training programs for health care pro-

viders while studying best practices to reduce and prevent discrimination in the American health care system.

But there is much more that needs to be done to ensure equality and equity in how our nation provides the highest quality health care to all. Today the U.S. Congress should also pass the Connected Maternal Online Monitoring Services (MOM) Act that will allow Medicaid to cover remotely monitoring pregnant women from their homes who are at a higher risk of complications. Imagine a woman in her third trimester of a high-risk pregnancy having to take public transportation to the doctor's every two weeks for a check-up. Instead, with the passage of the MOM Act, the doctor can remotely monitor the mother's vital signs and basic labs. If a problem arises, home health care providers or an ambulance can be sent.

Lastly, there is also a bipartisan bill, the Telemental Health Care Access Act, that Congress should pass. That bill would reduce barriers to telemedicine and make health care more accessible to Medicare patients. We witnessed the success of telehealth services during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ohio remapping dysfunction should set an example. Despite vitriol from his own party, Joe Manchin proves he was right once again.

We call on all Americans to be united to address maternal mortality. Let's eliminate racial disparity in all health outcomes but especially among those about to give birth or who have just given birth. Let's pass the other proposed health care reforms and support the research to make our nation's health care more system effective, fair, equitable and just.

Senator William "Bill" Cassidy (Republican) is an American physician and politician serving as the senior United States Senator from Louisiana, a seat he has held since 2015. He served in the Louisiana State Senate from 2006 to 2009 and in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2009 to 2015. Cassidy sponsored the John Lewis National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Research Endowment Revitalization Act; the Maternal Health Quality Improvement (MHQI) Act; the Connected Maternal Online Monitoring Services (MOM) Act; and the Telemental Health Care Access Act. Senator Cassidy can be reached at Cassidy.senate.gov.

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Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program becomes law

Special to the Mississippi Link

The American Heart Association, as part of its effort to Grow the Good for Mississippi farmers, families, and local economies, applauds the Mississippi Legislature for passing policy to create and fund the Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program within the Department of Agriculture.

Starting July 1, the program will help families stretch their food dollars by reimbursing participating SNAP locations, such as farmers markets, to offer "double up" dollars for fresh fruits and vegetables.

"We're embracing the old saying, 'an apple a day keeps the doctor away,' while adopting the mantra, 'food is medicine,'" said Erin Williamson Smith, Therizo Foundation's CEO, president and founder, and member of the Grow the Good initiative.

SNAP is linked with re-



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duced health care costs. On average, low-income adults taking part in SNAP incur nearly 25% less in medical care costs. The difference is even greater for those with hypertension and coronary heart disease.

"I grew up paying reduced lunch fees in elementary school. Nearly everyone paid a reduced rate or ate free," said Rev. K. Jason Coker, PhD, coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Mis-

issippi and member of the Grow the Good initiative. "Food insecurity was part of my lived experience. I want better for all our kids in Mississippi.

Without SNAP incentives, thousands of families would not be able to afford fruits and vegetables for their children. In Mississippi, one in five people face hunger and one in four children face hunger. One in seven Mississippians receives benefits from SNAP

or 455,000 Mississippi residents. In Mississippi, almost half (47.7%) of households receiving SNAP benefits have children.

In addition to improving nutrition security, the Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program will spur economic growth. Every \$5 spent on SNAP incentives puts \$9 back into local economies through higher sales of produce, farmers, grocery store owners, farmer's markets vendors and small retail stores.

The Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program will boost local economies and put food on the table for many hardworking families. Farmers markets in underserved areas are more likely to thrive when they accept SNAP incentives and vouchers for food at the market. Over 3,000 small businesses in Mississippi depend on SNAP and SNAP incentives to survive.

The need for divine wisdom

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



Divine wisdom will enable us to determine our spiritual senses — the right from the wrong and enable us to become strong. We need to exercise every day working our spiritual muscles. We have to work them until it gets down into the very fiber of the muscle in order to do any good. We cannot do this by merely thinking about it, but we must work those things, discerning right from wrong. Most of the time when people have questions about things, down in their hearts, they already know the answer. Oh, how we need to exercise ourselves.

First Corinthians 15:33 says, “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.” We must avoid any influence that could lead us away from our close-

ness with God. We need to be wary of anything or anybody that would drag us away from church services, rob us of our quiet time with God, or steal away our prayer time. Also, we need to be wise to the fact that these are the areas that are well known by Satan. He knows what is important to our spiritual lives. He will do anything to get us to stay away from church for no really good reason.

If a pastor were to start paying each person \$100 cash every time he or she attended a church service, no one would miss a service. People would probably come on stretchers if needed. Individuals will go to work tired, and worn out, with a hangnail, or with an ingrown toenail, limping along. If someone were to ask, “Why are you here today? A person would say, “I can’t afford to miss. I’ve got to get a paycheck.” On the other hand, that person may get up on Sunday morning with a little

sore throat or a headache or a stubbed toe and say, “I think I ought to stay home and rest. I have to take care of my health.” The devil is going to get us if we listen to him. We need to be in church every time the doors are open, if it is at all possible for us to be there.

Why go to church? A man wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper to complain that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: “I’ve gone to church for thirty years, and in that time I have heard something like three thousand sermons, but for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them; so, I think I’m wasting my time and the preachers are wasting their time by preaching at all.” This started a real controversy in the “Letters to the Editor” columns much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: “I’ve been married for thirty years

now, and in that time my wife cooked some 32,000 meals, but for the life of me I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. However, I know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for spiritual nourishment I would be spiritually dead.

We cannot stay alive spiritually when we hit and miss on our church attendance. Those who are possessed with divine wisdom realize the need of being in the church services, and not only being there, but being there with a positive attitude, and a good spirit.

“This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.”

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PRESERVED TV aunts and why we love them

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



In last week’s column, I shared how some women consider being called an aunt a slur because of how it made them feel. Yet there are others like politician Maxine Waters; classic R&B singer Anita Baker, and former First Lady Michelle Obama who have embraced being called ‘aunt.’

The question is why do some embrace being called aunt while others shun it? The answer might be found in an unlikely place: popular culture. In this week’s column we’ll take a look at dynamic television depictions that show how being an aunt is complicated but a positive thing.

One of my first lessons on how to be an aunt came when I was 7 years old and watching the television show Sanford and Son. “You old fish-eyed fool” I remember thinking “What does that even mean?” and who was this woman saying it? Aunt Esther was tall, statuesque, had a hat on her head, purse on her arm and a bible in her hand. She established for contemporary audiences what the aunt should be: powerful, God fearing, loyal, courageous and a truth teller.

Even though the show was focused on the relationship between Fred Sanford and his son Lamont, even Redd Foxx (Fred) knew that his show would be incomplete without the special touch and love of an aunt. Aunt Esther was fiercely loyal to the family and committed to maintaining the family legacy.

Fast forward to 1990 and another beloved television aunt is introduced in The Fresh Prince of Bel Air. This time she is a college

professor who opens her Bel Air mansion to her West Philadelphia born and raised nephew. Aunt Viv (played by both dark-skinned and light-skinned women) gave an enormous amount of love to Will and instilled values that would help him become the best young man possible.

Just over a decade later in 2001 comes Aunt Wanda and The Bernie Mac Show. Despite a demanding career and the pain of an unfulfilled desire to have children, Aunt Wanda loves her two nieces and nephew with a protective maternal love.

A more recent depiction of the television aunt is Aunt Olu from the comedy Bob Hearts Abishola. In Aunt Olu’s case, she supports her niece Abishola’s professional dreams and sometimes blurs the line between being concerned and intrusive. But it is all designed to bring out the best in Abishola.

These aunts from television shows in the last 50 years have shown aspects of the African-American woman’s life, experiences and how she transforms the African-American community. More importantly, they show the full spectrum of the African-American aunt’s influences both inside and outside the home. Each one of these aunts illustrate the truth in the words of Proverbs 31:26 “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.” They each instill wisdom, show kindness, and share love with their respective family members.

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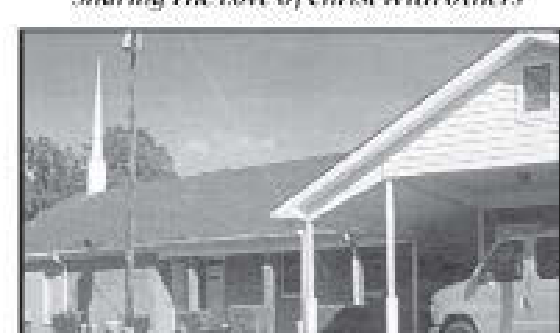
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Was there a relationship between social media and the January 6th insurrection at the capitol?

By James B. Ewers Jr.
President Emeritus
Teen Mentoring Committee of Ohio



The term social media is not a back-in-the-day term. It’s a today term. We simply did not have it. Computers, emails and passwords did not exist. Certainly, there was no Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or Tik Tok.

So, it begs the question what did we have? How did we get the word out about events and happenings?

If you are a member of the 4th quarter trying to get to overtime, you can answer that question. If not, here it is.

I know the strategies that we use will sound a bit old-fashioned if you are a part of this generation.

Black communities back in the day were very active from a news perspective. If for example you wanted an event to be marketed, you would just let a few neighbors know

about it. They in turn would let others know and before you knew it, you would have the expected crowd and more.

If it was a protest or march of any kind, the black church was the meeting place. Leaders would decide what church and off we went to protest the injustices of the day and there were plenty of them.

Of course, the telephone and flyers of all kinds were also ways to let people know what was happening or about to happen.

During the early days, some people in my Winston-Salem, N.C. neighborhood had party lines. You are asking now, what was a party line? It was a telephone line that allowed you to speak to more than one person at a time. Usually, you knew the other folks on the party line. Ask your grandparents or an older relative about them and I am sure you will get some good stories that will make you laugh.

As technology has in-

creased, so has our ability to communicate with each other. Some people use technology for bad reasons and intentions.

Last week, the January 6th Hearings Committee had as one of its witnesses, Stephen Ayres from Ohio and self-described as hardworking and a family man. He was one of hundreds who stormed the Capitol on January 6th.

He said, “He was “pretty hardcore into social media.”

The former president sent out on social media a message to “Stop the Steal Rally.”

Ayres said he was hanging on every word he was saying. Sadly, he like thousands of others were duped and hoodwinked and participated in this embarrassing and shameful moment in the history of our country.

Ayres in the hearing said, “I felt like I had, like horse blinders on when he was following Trump”.

He added, “The biggest thing to me is, to take the

blinders off. Make sure you step back and see what’s going on before it’s too late”.

Now, Ayres finds himself in a precarious and life-altering position. He has lost his job as a supervisor and has had to sell his house. His sentencing will be in September.

There have been over 840 rioters that have been charged with more to come, I suspect.

Is Trump with his false and inflammatory rhetoric going to help rioter Ayres? Will he help him to get a new job or buy a new home?

The answer to these questions is a hurtful and sad no.

I feel sorry for this guy and others who succumbed to this lie. There are still others who believe T. What will it take to convince them?

Are there lessons to be learned from Ayres who has lost everything? I believe there are. Ayres and others who got caught up would probably tell you to take off the horse blinders. That’s good advice.

The social crisis, black folks and the economy

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



It appears that we continue to live in Charles Dickens “A Tale of Two Cities.” He wrote these words: “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.”

Where you fit in between “the best of times” and “the worst of times” really depends on who you are today in America. For African Americans, too many of us are still experiencing the worst of times, and things will not get better unless we decide to make them so.

While America is excited about abortions and gun violence, we have been victims of the latter, with civil rights violations and voter suppression being more important than abortions to most of us.

The speed with which the President moved with an Executive Order to assist the abortion issue and his mentioning of overturning the Filibuster Rule were both absent on the Voting Rights and Civil Rights issues.

Nevertheless, it is now our turn to correct all this. Just as our votes made Joe Biden president and sent two U.S. senators to the Senate from the State of Georgia, it is now our turn to rally in every state that the Trump people are trying to “steal” in the coming elections. We must vote out their supporters.

This means that no matter what the social issues that

emerge, we must stay focused on who is seeking to get elected and whether they will commit to overturning the Filibuster Rule in the Senate.

While some say we need two more U.S. senators so that we can break the chokehold of Senator Manchin and Senator Sinema, who vote with the Republicans on all issues, we must examine all the Senate races and throw our support into every state race where we find a candidate who will commit to our agenda. Remember, only one third of the senate is up for election each election cycle. Just as in Georgia, we can make a difference.

Trump and the Conservative Right are counting on a low voter turnout in November, just four months away. From the voter turnout in most primaries so far, they have been right.

Let’s remember that we, as black people, are responsible

for the Voting Rights Act, and the Civil Rights Act. We elected Obama twice and Biden once.

We are not apathetic. We are just tired. But we can not stop to rest. As Robert Frost wrote, “The woods are dark and deep, but I have miles to go before I sleep.”

Voter registration and voter turnout in all 50 States must become our No. One priority, at all costs; more important than abortions, homelessness, high gas prices and bad Supreme Court Decisions. Let registration begin and let’s track the numbers week by week.

As Rev. Ben Chavis, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, has said, “We want 10 million new registered voters by November 2022. Let’s make this the “Best of Times” in spite of what appears to be the “Worst of Times.”

Things Change: Nothing Remains the Same

By Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob

Nothing stands still
Even stuff, tough as steel.
Change is inevitable
And must be applicable

Change roars like thunder
Sometimes it sparks plunder
Change blunders
Pushing things under

Change elevates history
Eliciting stories
Change utters fame
Just as sometimes, it unveils shame
Change flabbergasts
Just as it obligates
Change sparks turmoil
Just as it stirs oil

Change stimulates gains
Often bringing pains
Change raises aspiration
Occasionally unleashing perspiration

Change shocks as electricity
Often, at unforeseen velocity
Change shakes the old
As it shatters the new

Change is joyfulness
Full-fledged as gladness
It initiates record newness
Along with rawness

Change utters the unforeseen
Even where folks perceive
Change strategy
Stimulates new energy

Change impacts geography
Like cartography
Change lashes the strong
Just as it dashes wrong

Change spares none
As things roll on
Change’s invincibility
Defies most capability

Change encloses yesterday
Along with what happens today
Change that empowers
Every and anywhere towers

Change is immutability
Like its incapability
Change defines novel acceptability
Like sensitivity

Expect change anytime
Get set for it all the time
Change is always a constant
Even in situations of the inconstant

Today brings change
Tomorrow adapts to change
Tomorrow calls for change adaptation
Directing change in another direction.

Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob is a mass communication professor at Alcorn State University, Lorman-Mississippi. A poet, author and journalist, Domatob taught at the University of Northern Iowa, Long Island University, Southampton, New York where he was the director/coordinator for Communications. He also served as a professor in Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Fordham University, and The College of New Rochelle, New York, as communications director. He has published over five books and the latest ones are: Communication, Culture and Human Rights and Positive Vibration. He produced and circulated over 20 journal articles as well as several newspaper features in Nigerian and American newspapers such as the Jackson Advocate, The Mississippi Link, Harlem Times, Glory Journal and the Port Gibson Reveille.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DOROTHY ROWAN, DECEASED

Cause No.: 21-pr-00139

SUMMONS

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS:

Any and all persons or parties who are interested in or claim any right, title or interest as heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Dorothy Rowan, deceased, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Dorothy Rowan, if they be living and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same, and if dead, their unknown devisees, executors, administrators or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry, and whose places of residence, post offices, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same. You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in the Court by Carolyn O'Connor to establish the heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Dorothy Rowan, deceased.

IF TO BE FOUND IN THIS COUNTY, to be and appear before the Honorable Denise Owens, of the Chancery Court of Hinds County, at the Hinds County Chancery Courthouse in Jackson, Mississippi, on the 8th day of August, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., next, then and there to show cause, if any they can why Carolyn O'Connor, Robert Neely, Max Neely, Josh Neely, Eliza Neely and Charlie Neely should not be declared the only heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Dorothy Rowan, deceased, according to law, and further to do and suffer such things as shall be considered and ordered by the Court aforesaid in the premises, and have then and there this, with an endorsement thereon to the manner in which you shall have served.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action on the date and time as set forth herein above before the Honorable Denise Owens in Jackson, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Hinds County, Mississippi, this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

EDDIE JEAN CARR, CLERK
HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4178

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 Kristi Kirkwood has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District to allow for the construction of a two family residential unit for the property located at 0 Old Canton Rd. (Parcel 564-16) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 1, Block B, Canton Club Subdivision, Part 1, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 12 at Page 26 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description. And being the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 4584 at Page 507.

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, July 27, 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 July 20, 2022.

WITNESS my signature this 5th day of July 2022.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4179

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

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, July 27, 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 5h day of July 2022.

Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4177

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 Whitney Place, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from UV Urban Village (Mixed Use) and R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential to UTC - Urban Town Center (Mixed Use) to allow for potential higher density residential and/or mixed use development and a Use Permit for accessory parking on properties located at 510, 518 & 524 Mitchell Ave., 3009 North State St. and 3012, 3016, 3024, 3032, 3038 & 3046 Oxford Ave. (Parcels: 51-142-1, 51-142, 51-141, 51-151, 51-143-1, 51-143-2, 51-143-3, 51-143-4, 51-143-5 & 51-144). in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

510 Mitchell Ave. (51-142-1)

Lot 7, Block G of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being part of the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 7147 at Page 724.

518 Mitchell Ave. (51-142)

Lot 6, Block G, Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

524 Mitchell Ave. (51-141)

Lot 4, Block "G" of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

and,

Lot 5, Block "G" of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

3009 North State (Parcel 51-151)

Parcel of lane located in Lots 5 & 6 of Fannie Brown Estate Survey as recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 336 in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and Part of Lot 1, Block "G", Asylum Heights as recorded in Plat Book 1 Page 30 in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is Northwest corner of Lot 5, Fannie Brown Estate Survey and is also Southwest corner of Lot 9 of Highland Addition to City of Jackson as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 57 in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi; run South 89 degrees 20 minutes East along the South line of Highland Addition, 390.68 feet to a point; thence South 20 degrees 10 minutes West for 149.8 feet to a point; thence South 69 degrees 50 minutes East 141.1 feet to West line of North State Street as laid out and in use at time of this survey; thence South 20 degrees 10 minutes West for 108.28 feet along West line North State Street' thence North 74 degrees 01 minute West for 225.0 feet' thence South 20 degrees 13 minutes West for 50.14 feet to a point; thence 74 degrees 01 minute East along a line used as a party wall for 198.2 feet to the East line of North State Street and afront line of existing building at time of this survey; thence South 16 degrees 00 minutes West along said front line of existing building 1379.5 feet to a point; thence South 12 degrees 51 minutes West along said front line of existing building 44.3 feet to a point; thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes West along South line of Lot 1, Block "G", Asylum Heights, 101.9 feet to a point; thence North 0 degrees 10 minutes West along the East lone of Lot 3 of Block "G", Asylum Heights; 86.6 feet to a point; thence 89 degrees 29 minutes West along North line of Block "G", Asylum Heights, 239.05 feet to a point; thence North 0 degrees 21 minutes West, along East line of Block "G", Asylum Heights, 429.9 feet to the point of beginning.

3012 Oxford Ave. (51-143-1)

Lot 9, Block "G" of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
BY THE
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
FOR
CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY CHARLIE 6 AT JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY
EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JAN)

JMAA PROJECT NO. 023-22

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking bids for construction and related services in connection with the REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY CHARLIE 6 AT JAN (the "Work").

Sealed bids to perform the Work will be accepted by JMAA until 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Monday, August 15, 2022 (the "Bid Deadline"). Bids shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

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

JMAA will publicly open and read all bids on Monday, August 15, 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, 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: REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY CHARLIE 6 AT JAN, Project No.023-22." 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

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AUGUST 06, 2022
AUCTION OF CITY OF JACKSON
IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

To all interested parties, known or unknown,

Pursuant to the MS State Code of 1972, Section 21-39-21, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will sell at Public Auction, the impounded, abandoned, lost, stolen, or misplaced motor vehicles and equipment listed on the attached schedule. Unclaimed motor vehicles and equipment may be sold after the expiration of ninety (90) days from their receipt or recovery by the City of Jackson. The

or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being part of the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 7147 at Page 0727.

3016 Oxford Ave. (51-143-2)

Lots 10 and 13, Block "G" of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being part of the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 7150 at Page 2193.

3024 Oxford Ave. (51-143-3)

Lot 11, Block "G" of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being the same property described in warranty deed recorded in Book 5525 at Page 703.

3032 Oxford Ave. (51-143-4)

Lot 12, Block "G" of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being part of the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 7150 at Page 2193.

3038 Oxford Ave. (51-143-5)

Lots 10 and 13, Block "G" of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being part of the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 7150 at Page 2193.

3046 Oxford Ave. (51-144)

Lot Fourteen (14), Block "G" of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which map or plat is hereby made.

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WITNESS my signature this 5th day of July 2022.

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

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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 successful bidder 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 Friday, July 22, 2022 10:00am (CST) using the following login information:

Link: <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 Disadvantage Business Enterprises participation goal of 24.00% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

DATE: JULY 13, 2022 John Means, Acting Chief Executive Officer

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auction will be held at the City's Garage/Impound Lot facility located at 4225-C Michael Avalon Street on Saturday, August 06, 2022 starting at 10:00 a.m.

A list and description of abandoned/unclaimed vehicles will be posted pursuant to statutory requirements in the following locations:

Hinds County Court House
Hinds County Chancery Court Building
Jackson City Hall/City Clerk's Office

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:40 PM, local time (CT), Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

The demolition and cleaning of parcels for the following:

1. 190-53 located at 220 W Pascagoula Street
2. 190-54 located at 226 W Pascagoula Street


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

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1055. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Room 223, Head Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

Contact: Supervisor may be obtained from and/or examined at the offices of the Community Improvement Division, located at 200 S. President Street, Suite 331, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, Telephone: 601-960-1054. Prospective bidders may obtain copies of all materials required for bidding purposes. There is NO charge for electronic or e-mail copies. Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-910-4814.

Bid preparation will be in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all irregularities in respect to any bid submitted or to accept any bid which is deemed most favorable to the City of Jackson.

by: 
LaTanya Miller, Manager
Community Improvement Division of Planning and Development

7/14/2022, 7/21/2022

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NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY
CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: parcel 121-6, located at 275 Holland Ave in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at \$500.00. The City will retain all mineral rights it owns, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same from said property. For additional information or for a "bid form", contact Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us.

BID INSTRUCTIONS: All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the City Clerk of the City of Jackson (located in City Hall at 219 S. President St. Jackson, Mississippi 39201). The outside of the envelope must be plainly marked to identify the parcel number being bid on along with the bidder's name. Enclose one (1) original and one (1) copy of the bid. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Preferential preference will be granted to all equivalent high bidders that sub-

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mitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee. If multiple equivalent high bidders submitted applications, a re-bid process utilizing the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) between those bidders will be granted to determine a winner. If multiple equivalent high bidders persist after BAFO, the re-bid process will be repeated, if necessary, until a sole high bidder is certified.

If multiple equivalent high bidders did not submit applications to the Surplus Property Committee, a re-bid process utilizing the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) between those bidders will be granted to determine a winner. If multiple equivalent high bidders persist after BAFO, the re-bid process will be repeated, if necessary, until a sole high bidder is certified.

If multiple equivalent high bidders consist of, one equivalent high bidder that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee and the other equivalent high bidder(s) that did not submit an application to the Surplus Property Committee, preferential preference will be granted to the bidder that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee.

City reserves the right to reject any and all bids

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Attention: Municipal Clerk
219 South President Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Request for proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: www.jacksonms.gov, and can be obtained by contacting the City of Jackson, Mississippi as follows:

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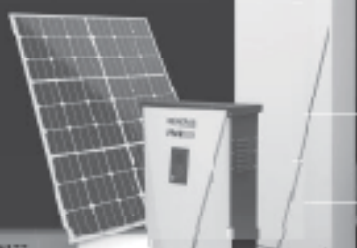

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi on August 16, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall, 219 South President Street. Proposals will be received for lease purchase interest rate financing for the purchase of, vehicles and related equipment.

Please submit an original and two (2) copies of sealed proposals, marked; "RFP#94654-081622 Lease Purchase Financing Interest Rate Proposal." Proposals should be mailed to the following address prior to or on August 16, 2022.

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IDEA, Preschool Project, and Consolidated Federal Programs Application Meeting

There will be a Virtual meeting on Thursday, **July 28, 2022 at 5:00 PM.**

This meeting will be to discuss the applications for Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA), Preschool Project, and Consolidated Federal Programs Applications (CFPA) for fiscal year 2023.

Any parents of children with a disability being served in the Hinds County School District, along with any other parents of children in the Hinds County School District, are invited to attend.

Topic: Federal Programs/IDEA 2022-2023 Budget Application Stakeholders Meeting

Time: Jul 28, 2022 05:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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	INVENTORY NO	CASE NO	YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/COLOR	VEH IDENTIFICATION NO	LOT LOCATION		INVENTORY NO	CASE NO	YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/COLOR	VEH IDENTIFICATION NO	LOT LOCATION
1	15302	10-026862	2010 CHEVROLET CAMARO (SILVER)	2G1FB1EVA49121399	L2	188	40656	20-143586	1992 CHEVROLET S TRUCK (GRAY)	1GCC519R3N8215251	
2	16231	10-152209	1994 TOYOTA CAMRY (RED)	JT2K12E2R0223907	3E	189	40657	20-143642	2002 DODGE INTREPID (GOLD)	2B3HD46R2H188315	L3
3	21603	14-042600	2003 CHEVROLET CAVALIER (TAN)	1J1G5C2F937217027	190	190	40660	20-143911	2003 CHEVROLET IMPALA (TAN)	2G1WF52E439113662	3H
4	21610	14-04820	2009 MITSUBISHI GALANT (SILVER)	4A3AB36F89E033014	3A	191	40667	20-142691	2005 TOYOTA CAMRY (GRAY)	4T1BF30K5M561657	
5	22881	14-237796	2001 CHEVY PRIZM (SILVER)	1Y1SK52801Z410048	L2	192	40683	20-148318	2014 FORD FUSION (GRAY)	1FA6P0H79E5406348	3F
6	22883	14-235083	1999 TOYOTA CAMRY (BLACK)	JT28G2ZK9W0118497		193	40693	20-150864	2006 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX (GRAY)	2G2WP55Z66164741	
7	23130	15-030058	YAHAMA MANNING STAR ATV (BLK)	UNKNOWN	194	40700	20-151414	1997 CHEVROLET CAPRICE (TAN)	1Y1BMS52WXR0200247	L3	
8	23221	14-100730	1976 CHEVROLET PICKUP (GRAY)	CCL1465189238		195	40701	20-151445	2002 CHEVROLET TAHOE (GRAY)	1GNEC1323R2424244	
9	23297	15-054651	2006 ARTIC CAT 4WHEELER (GREEN)	UNKNOWN	196	40708	20-108451	2019 AUDI A8 (WHITE)	WAU8DAF87KN010618	35	
10	23326	15-061010	2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA (TAN)	2G1WH52K759163894		197	40737	20-156656	2005 HONDA ACCORD (GRAY)	1HGCMS6825A100230	
11	23428	15-075477	2001 FORD F150 (BLACK)	1FTRX17L61N837926		198	40738	20-156696	2014 JEEP CHEROKEE (BLACK)	1CARJEBG2EC252169	L3
12	23455	15-079225	1998 FORD CROWN VICTORIA (WHITE)	2FAFP73W5W158767		199	40775	20-138348	2001 KIA SORENTO (WHITE)	KNAFB121X150902879	
13	23601	15-100344	2008 KAWASAKI ZX6 (BLUE)	JKAZXP4168A041063		200	40798	20-126114	1997 MERCEDES 5320 (GREEN)	WDBGA3JG5VA353291	
14	23740	15-117489	HAMMERHEAD GO CART (RED)	8020250		201	40798	20-126114	1997 MERCEDES 5320 (GREEN)	WDBGA3JG5VA353291	
15	24149	15-178804	1992 SATURN SL2 (RED)	1G8TK5474NZ191666		202	40802	20-163631	2004 FORD F-150 (WHITE)	1FTPX12544NA69002	35
16	24393	15-216086	1999 TOYOTA COROLLA (SILVER)	1NXBR12E5XZ201761		203	40802	20-163869	2007 HONDA ACCORD (RED)	1HGCMS5307A107346	3C
17	24419	15-217308	1998 CHEVROLET TAHOE (GREEN)	1GNEK13R3WR108799		202	40803	20-164081	2005 NISSAN ALTIMA (GRAY)	1N4AL11D85C324554	3C
18	24431	15-220174	SUZUKI ATV (GREEN)	38F1003G1		204	40805	20-164627	2001 DODGE RAM (BLUE)	1B7HC16X315248785	3M
19	24602	16-008611	1995 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN (GREEN)	1GNEC16K45J316792		205	40806	20-164469	2004 HONDA ACCORD (BLACK)	3HGCMS63746G703792	3C
20	24615	16-009801	1997 LINCOLN TOWNCAR (GREEN)	1LNLM82W8VY707269		206	40816	20-165479	2000 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER (BROWN)	JT3HT05J8Y0117711	3E
21	24640	16-006577	1995 GMC SIERRA (GREEN)	1GTEC14H852553089		207	40818	20-165548	2008 FORD EXPEDITION (SILVER)	1FMPU1657L8B09049	L3
22	24647	16-014941	1984 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS (BLUE)	1G3AR69Y6EM301584		208	40824	20-166328	2006 KIA RIO (RED)	KNADE123966175043	
23	24659	26-015071	2007 DODGE CHARGER (BLACK)	2B3KA43G37H785160		209	40838	20-168187	1995 CHEVROLET 1500 (BLUE)	2GCEC19K551156193	3W
24	24679	16-030275	1999 ACURA 35R (BLACK)	JH4KA9657XC004745		210	40844	20-168561	2001 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX (RED)	1G2WP52K9F1573305	
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27	24896	16-046727	2010 KIA RIO (WHITE)	KNADH4A31A6646363		213	40864	20-171407	2008 FORD FUSION (TAN)	3FAHP07Z28R169599	35
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30	25058	14-093499	2007 HONDA CBR (RED/BLACK)	JH25C57037M304145		216	40875	20-172374	2009 FORD FOCUS (GRAY)	1FAHP37N49W183100	3A
31	25103	16-071880	GO CART (GREEN)	UNKNOWN		217	40876	20-172419	2003 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER (BLUE)	1GND5135632168952	38
32	25387	16-113150	2014 CHEVROLET CRUZE (RED)	1G1PC55B5E7120403		218	40880	20-172809	2007 PONTIAC G6 (BLUE)	1G2ZGS8N674160293	35
33	25427	16-118924	2005 MERCURY MARQUIS (WHITE)	2MEFM74W95X671440	3N	219	40882	20-173490	2008 DODGE AVENGER (SILVER)	1B3LC46K88N106183	
34	25435	16-120042	2001 KAWASAKI ZX-11000 (RED)	JKAZXB01018513198		220	40890	20-174473	1995 LEXUS LS400 (GRAY)	JTBUF22E350005991	L3
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36	25538	16-133720	2008 HONDA ACCORD (GRAY)	1HGCP368X8A067137		222	40895	20-175201	2007 NISSAN TITAN (GRAY)	1N6BA07A37N213748	
37	25553	16-135488	2005 PONTIAC GRAND AM (GRAY)	1H2NE52E65M179520		223	40900	20-175558	2003 DODGE RAM (WHITE)	1D7HA1B813J560977	L3
38	25592	16-140917	2004 CHEVY 1500 (GRAY)	2GCEC19V041175067	3B	224	40915	20-176282	2014 MERCEDES C250 (BLACK)	WDDGF4H2EA933433	
39	25691	16-156165	2004 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR (BEIGE)	5LMFU27R34LJ38806		225	40916	20-176459	2018 MERCEDES GLC 300 (WHITE)	WDC0G4JB1JV080152	3A
40	25775	16-165998	YAHAMA 4WHEELER (GRAY)	144AM86Y1GA105971		226	40921	20-177157	2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA (BLACK)	2G1WT57K991205638	L3
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42	25878	16-187725	1998 GMC SIERRA (GREEN)	1GTFC24K0JZ509284		228	40954	20-182620	2004 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER (MAROON)	1GND5135X42378598	L3
43	25891	16-010290	1986 CHEVROLET CAPRICE (MAROON)	1G1BM69H4GY110463		229	40959	20-183332	2003 TOYOTA ARUNNER (BLACK)	JTEZT17R230004575	3F
44	25958	16-199538	2002 SATURN L10	1GJBS54FZ22Y504333		230	40960	20-183480	2004 NISSAN MAXIMA (BLUE)	1N4BA41E14C847398	3F
45	26188	17-007559	2000 CHEVROLET SILVERADO	2GCEC19T0Y1132305		231	40985	20-186283	2008 FORD TAURUS (GREEN)	1FAPP53U25A131505	15
46	26189	17-008912	2007 NISSAN ALTIMA (GRAY)	1N4AL21E07C202496		232	40986	20-186307	2019 TOYOTA CAMRY (BLACK)	4T1B81HKSU013767	1E
47	26427	17-045170	1994 MITSUBISHI MIRAGE	JA3EA26ABRU054777		233	40991	20-187108	2002 HONDA ACCORD	1HGCC16552A011463	
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50	26755	17-099441	2003 CHEVROLET TAHOE (GREEN)	1GNEK13Z73J288282	3D	236	41008	20-188224	2001 FORD E250 (WHITE)	1FTNE24221HB69079	
51	26855	17-120408	2001 DODGE DAKOTA	187GL2AX815183120		237	41022	20-188224	2008 DODGE AVENGER (SILVER)	1B3LC46K88N106183	
52	26902	17-124021	2007 FORD ESCAPE	1FMYU02Z17KA15216		238	41040	21-000978	2001 HONDA CIVIC (GREEN)	JHMEJ6670Y5005994	3E
53	27006	17-142487	2005 CHEVROLET TAHOE (WHITE)	1GNEC13TX5J194781		239	41056	21-003438	2014 HYUNDAI SONATA (BLUE)	5NP8E4AC9EHP050640	
54	27022	17-105094	2005 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO	2G1WV12E659287275		240	41063	21-005801	1998 MERCURY MARQUIS (MAROON)	2MEFM74W95X671440	L3
55	27138	17-160565	2013 CHRYSLER 200	1C3CCBGC6DN737001		241	41064	21-006291	2002 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN (WHITE)	1GNEC16243J137991	L3
56	27194	17-166640	2015 HYUNDAI SANTE FE (WHITE)	5XYZT3L180FG270944		242	41070	21-006414	2003 JEEP CHEROKEE (BLUE)	1J4CX48NB3C537827	15
57	27195	17-172735	2000 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP71W4YX112661		243	41072	21-006319	2004 FORD EDGE (GRAY)	2FMDK49C97BAA6216	
58	27207	17-170209	1986 CHEVROLET C30 (BLUE)	1GBHC34M7F5188607		244	41073	21-007366	2004 CHEVROLET CAVALIER (BROWN)	1G1J652F547124989	
59	27211	17-173675	2015 TOYOTA COROLLA	5YFBURHE9FP265080		245	41074	21-007531	2001 NISSAN TITAN (WHITE)	1N6AA07A84N534790	3W
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61	27333	17-193480	2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1WV55K369406449		247	41083	21-007844	2002 BUICK CENTURY (TAN)	2G4W552J921217198	
62	27361	17-198540	1999 FORD EXPLORER	1FMUJ32PXXUC03712		248	41083	21-008006	2002 HONDA CR-V (WHITE)	JHLRD78802C043255	L3
63	27387	17-201774	2007 TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1BE46K87U186475		249	41100	21-009540	2004 PONTIAC SUNFIRE (SILVER)	1G2JB12F147255019	L3
64	27510	18-010290	2006 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER (WHITE)	1GNDT135562144627	3W	249	41103	21-009837	2008 MERCURY MILAN (BLACK)	3MEHH08Z48R610956	
65	27541	17-131567	2014 FORD TRANSIT VAN (WHITE)	NM0LE6E78E1142005		250	41113	21-009759	2012 CADILLAC SRX (WHITE)	3GVFNDE39C5625364	1E
66	27616	18-024159	2007 FORD CROWN VICTORIA (BLUE)	2FAFP71W87X114718		251	41117	21-009302	2005 TOYOTA CAMRY (SILVER)	4T1BE46K27U516255	3K
67	27622	18-025205	2003 FORD MUSTANG (GRAY)	1FAFP40473F346666		252	41117	21-005728	1999 DODGE DURANGO (SILVER)	1BHR28YXXF702359	
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69	27711	18-038433	2005 FORD FOCUS (BLUE)	1FAFP34N75W148217		254	41123	21-011582	2008 TOYOTA YARIS (RED)	JTDBT923884014325	
70	27769	18-045729	2003 BMW 325i (GRAY)	WBFAE33483KL85174		255	41124	21-011741	2003 NISSAN ALTIMA (SILVER)	1N4AL11D03C181919	
71	27979	18-078441	2001 FORD E250 VAN (WHITE)	1FTNE24201HA29547		256	41133	21-012136	2020 MITSUBISHI MIRAGE (BLACK)	ML32ASHJ1HLH004759	3A
72	27998	18-082481	2005 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN (GRAY)	1GNEC16Z85J170611		257	41136	21-009896	2019 DODGE CHALLENGER (WHITE)	2C3CD2ZF6J6H067075	1W
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Local organizations to host Back to School Blast with free school supplies and COVID-19 vaccinations/boosters

Mississippi Link Newswire

Word and Worship Church and the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health will host a Back-to-School Blast, Saturday, July 30, 2022, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The blast will be held at Word and Worship Church located at 88 Hanging Moss Road, Jackson, MS.

The purpose of the Back-to-School Blast is to provide

information and resources to children and parents as they gear up for the 2022-2023 academic school year.

COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters will be provided. School supplies for all grade levels will be available.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendees are encouraged to wear masks.

Participants are asked to register at <https://rb.gy/qrcve>.

JSU political science M.A. program available this fall

By Anthony Howard
Jackson State University

Jackson State University students will have the option to earn a master's degree in political science this fall. The M.A. program returns with an in-person and online option for qualifying students.

Political Science Chair and Professor Maurice Mangum, Ph.D., said the M.A. degree would present graduates with a vast selection of career opportunities.

"You can do numerous things. You can work for government agencies and political offices. You can do public opinion surveys and marketing analyses," said Mangum. "Because you'll learn so many different skills, you can become a writer on a number of topics; a statistician, consultant, public policy expert, just a whole number of things because of the skills you will develop and learn."

Byron Orey, Ph.D., political science professor, credits the department for being one of the largest contributors of black students to doctoral programs in political science. He predicts the online program will expand the outreach of the department.

"I'm excited because there may be constraints for some students attending classes in person, so having an online option will definitely broaden student interest. So, I'm excited to expand the program," stated Orey.

The department offers a thesis and non-thesis route to the M.A. in political science. Designed for students who desire to pursue a doctorate; the thesis route requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework and six credits of thesis hours



Byron Orey, Ph.D., political science professor

culminating in the writing and defense of a thesis.

The non-thesis route requires completing a minimum of 36 semester hours of coursework and submitting a significant research paper.

Mangum said the course is designed for students to complete the M.A. program in one academic year.

"We made the courses eight weeks, so instead of taking 16 weeks and three courses per semester, you can take six courses in 16 weeks," explained Mangum. "That means you can get your master's degree in political science in two semesters."

Admission into the graduate program is limited to students who have earned a bachelor's degree with a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 GPA scale in a relevant undergraduate major from an accredited institution. Students may also receive admission through special permission from the graduate faculty of the Department of Political Science.

All applicants are required to take the Graduate Records Examination (GRE); supply at least three reference letters from persons qualified to evaluate their undergraduate scholastic performance and their suitability for graduate work in the program.

2 Hinds Utica Campus students named HBCU scholars



Lauren-Kelli Gatlin

Special to the Mississippi Link

Two Hinds Community College students on the Utica Campus are among 86 nationally who were named in the ninth cohort for HBCU scholars.

The two Hinds students are Lauren-Kelli Gatlin of Jackson, formerly of Terry, and Elizabeth Moss of Waynesboro. They were selected by the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities for their accomplishments in academics, leadership, civic engagement and much more.

Both are actively involved at the Utica Campus, including in the STEM-UP Academy, the robotics team and as co-presidents of the Alpha Beta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

The Hinds CC UC3T STEM-UP Initiative is sponsored by a grant from the National Science Foundation and is designed to increase the number of minority students who complete associate degrees on our Utica Campus and who are prepared to pursue a B.S. degree in STEM areas at four-year institutions.

Gatlin said attending classes at an HBCU is important to

her. "I wanted a college experience where I can be surrounded by people with similar backgrounds and cultural experiences," she said. "I chose the Utica Campus because of the hospitality that I was presented with on campus. Although it is a small campus, it was very welcoming for an incoming first-year student. I also knew that my educational experience would be better because of the smaller classes and the advantage of getting to know my teachers one on one."

Moss said she wanted to be a part of the STEM-UP program. "The computer science/cybersecurity courses provided at this institute will prepare me for my next academic steps in life," she said.

HBCU scholars are invited to the 2022 HBCU Week National Annual Conference, Sept. 20-23, in Washington, D.C. During the conference, they will participate in sessions designed to engage a spirit of entrepreneurship, innovation and personal and professional development. Most importantly, scholars will have opportunities to engage with one another and showcase their individual and collective talent.

Currently enrolled at 56 of the nation's HBCU's, the



Elizabeth Moss

scholars were selected from a competitive pool of over 350 students. Applications also required the signature of their HBCU president or designated HBCU faculty, adding a level of prestige to this application process.

"The HBCU Scholars have dedicated themselves to their learning and exemplify the talent that our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities have nurtured for generations," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. "The Biden-Harris administration is committed to supporting these leaders and I cannot wait to learn from them while they serve as ambassadors for the White House Initiative and their institutions."

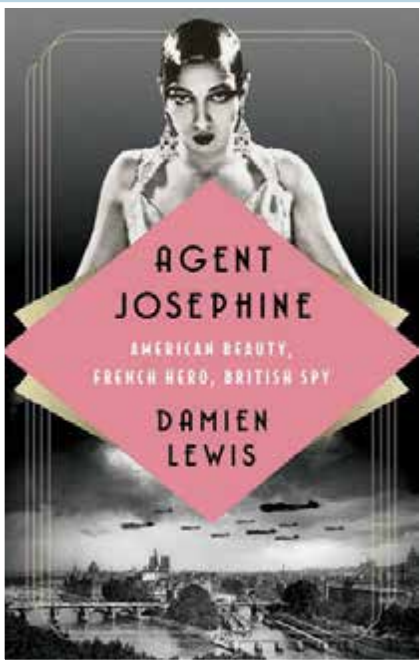
Over the course of an academic school year, HBCU scholars will serve as ambassadors of the White House Initiative on HBCUs. They will be offered training and cross-university networking opportunities. Scholars will also have an opportunity to work on issues specifically related to the HBCU community and participate in national and regional events with professionals from a wide range of disciplines.

A key feature of the HBCU Scholar Program is a partner-

ship with NASA to foster innovation and opportunity for the cohorts. This partnership with NASA makes the Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) Innovation Tech Transfer Idea Competition (MITTIC), "Mini MITTIC" part of the HBCU Scholar Program. Through the Mini MITTIC program students will partner in developing ideas to commercialize technology derived from NASA intellectual property. Scholars will have the opportunity to present their IP ideas during the National HBCU Week Conference in September.

Program events are designed to enhance HBCU scholars professional development and create post-graduation opportunities within non-profit, business, and federal agency partners to ensure that as a nation we remain globally competitive.

With six campuses in central Mississippi, Hinds Community College is a comprehensive institution offering quality, affordable educational opportunities with academic programs of study leading to seamless university transfer and career and technical programs teaching job-ready skills.



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Buttoned up, lips sealed, under wraps. The secret’s safe with you. No matter how others beg, tease, or try to trick you into telling, you can hold something on the Q.T. until the day you die.

You’re trustworthy, dependable, discreet and you don’t blab. People admire that, and seek you out. And as in the new book “Agent Josephine” by Damien Lewis, they might kill you for it.

When Josephine Macdonald was a small child in St. Louis, Missouri, she grew to under-

stand that her mother resented her for merely being born. Though Carrie Carson worked hard to keep the family fed, there was never enough money so little Josephine proudly contributed to the family by working as a maid and by dancing and street-performing for coins. That made her happiest.

Later, after she realized that she could actually make a living performing, she found stage work but Jim Crow laws were a constant in her life. Believing that leaving America was her best option, she headed for

Europe in the 1920s, where she knew that racism wasn’t as entrenched.

Alas, most European countries were not welcoming, either. Everywhere, but in France, she was looked upon with disgust. And so, says Lewis, Josephine married a frenchman, took his last name, relinquished her American citizenship, and gave France her heart.

In the later part of the 1930s, when it became obvious that Hitler and the Nazis were becoming dangerous to the rest of Europe and to the world, authorities be-

gan looking for what they called “Honorary Correspondents” to help collect covert information and to pass messages. “HCs” possessed intelligence. They were calm and patriotic people of means. With her star power and her people-skills, Josephine Baker was considered immediately; officials were surprised when they interviewed her to find that she was a “natural.”

And so Josephine became a spy, fighting the Nazis until danger made her temporarily flee to a small village in France. In a chateau there, waiting word

from her associates, was “the world’s most famous woman of colour, who hungered to fight.”

The very first thing you’ll notice about “Agent Josephine” is that it’s a brick. That should alert you immediately to what’s in store for you: author Damien Lewis dives deep.

In his introduction, he explains what spurred him to write this book and the turns his research took, from America to Europe and into the darkest of corners of nearly-century-old history. There are jaw-droppers in what he found, and questions

that still remain classified. Readers can take that as an alert, too.

There’s a lot of European history to unpack to get to the biography for which you grabbed this book. Baker’s story is there, but it’s eked out amid a long, complicated story of World War II espionage, and a well-more-than-basic knowledge of Europe, 1933-1945, is a must.

Without it, you may flail — although a love of a good spy story could redeem this book for fans of thrillers. If that’s you, there’s no need to keep “Agent Josephine” under wraps.

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