

AARP launches ‘Walk with a Doc’ at Parham Bridges Park in Jackson



(L-R) Kimberly Campbell, Esq., state director for AARP of MS; Dr. Joyce Wade, lung specialist; Dr. Selika Sweet, family physician; Dr. Justin Turner, MSDH chief medical officer and Dr. Hursie Davis-Sullivan, family medicine specialist PHOTOS BY JACKIE HAMPTON

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

‘Walk with a Doc’ is a non-profit organization that was started in 2005 by a cardiologist in Columbus, Ohio who was frustrated with his inability

ity to affect behavior change in the clinical setting. Dr. David Sabgir therefore, invited his patients to go for a walk with him in a local park on a spring Saturday morning and to his surprise 100 people showed up.

Since that event, ‘Walk with a Doc’ has grown into an international grassroots event and was kicked-off August 13 in Jackson by AARP of Mississippi.

The doctor-led event launched at 8:30 a.m. in the park, near the

Parham Bridges Tennis Center located at 5055 Old Canton Road. Several health professionals spent Saturday morning exercising with members of the

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Poverty is not a crime but this is Mississippi

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer



Despite what you hear from the lips of Governor Tate Reeves, it’s no surprise to the readers of *The Mississippi Link* that Mississippi is the poorest state in the country, and with Jackson being the most highly populated city, the poverty level for Mississippians far exceeds the 18.7% level reported by the 2020 Census. Mississippi is not merely indifferent to poor people, our majority white, Republican, and yes, Christian legislators, seem to have contempt for poor people. Let’s look at this TANF scandal beyond the headlines.

Annually, the federal government allots millions of taxpayer dollars to states, via a block grant system under the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance.

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One of the largest programs is called TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). These families are the poorest of the poor, trying to live with income at least 138% below the established poverty level. TANF is a federal safety net for these families.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) says, “States can use federal TANF and state maintenance of effort (MOE) dollars to meet any of the four purposes set out in the 1996 law: (1) assisting families in need so children can be cared for in their own homes or the homes of relatives; (2) reducing the dependency of parents in need by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage; (3) preventing pregnancies among unmarried persons; and (4) encouraging the formation and

maintenance of two-parent families. States define what constitutes a needy family for the first and second purposes and do not have to limit assistance to needy families for the third and fourth purposes.”

They go on to say, “Cash assistance policy in the U.S. is steeped in a legacy of racist ideas and policies. More than a century of false and harmful narratives – such as black women are unfit mothers – and paternalistic policies that sought to control black women’s reproductive behavior and compel their labor have led to many aspects of TANF’s current design. These policies have created a weak cash safety net that disproportionately leaves Black families without cash assistance. However, these policies do not exclusively harm Black families: all families facing a crisis or struggling to pay for their basic needs are harmed when

they cannot access the support they need.”

Mississippi is a debtor state – the 4th highest in the country, meaning for every dollar Mississippi pays in taxes, it gets \$2.34 back from the federal government. 43.8% of the entire annual revenue of the state of Mississippi is a handout from the federal government – ranking highest in the nation, says, *businessinsider.com*.

Then comes these TANF funds, and Mississippi got wise to the lack of requirement to detail accountability for these funds, again, funds that are intended to serve the poorest families in Mississippi. A few years ago, they turned these millions of dollars into their own personal slush fund. Who knows, with TANF being enacted in 1996-97, maybe it’s been going on much

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Black America benefits from Biden signing Inflation Reduction Act



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By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

President Joe Biden on Tuesday signed the historic \$750 billion Inflation Reduction Act into law, a major accomplishment for the administration and a Democratic Party that’s now looking with more optimism toward November’s crucial midterm elections.

The bill represents the most significant climate investment in U.S. history.

It includes strengthening critical provisions of the Affordable Care Act, providing Medicare with authority to negotiate certain prescription drug costs, and administration officials anticipate it will create jobs with family-sustaining wages.

Additionally, the law will reduce the national deficit.

Biden said new taxes would pay for the bill, including a 15% minimum tax on large corporations and a 1% tax on stock buyback.

Overall, it’s projected that the measure would result in the government raking in more than \$700 billion over ten years while spending about \$430 billion to help reduce carbon emissions and securing the extension of subsidies in the health care law.

“This legislation is a game changer. It will create jobs, lower costs, increase U.S. competitiveness, reduce air pollution, and, of course, tackle the climate crisis,” former Vice President Al Gore told *The Climate 202*.

“We have crossed a major threshold, and it’s going to

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Lawsuit: Mississippi police ‘terrorized’ small town

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/
Report for America

Police have “terrorized” black residents in a small Mississippi town by subjecting them to false arrests, excessive force and intimidation, according to a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday by a civil rights organization.

The organization, JULIAN, is seeking a temporary restraining order against the Lexington police department to demand protection for the town’s largely black population. Lexington is about 63 miles (100 kilometers) north of the capital city of Jackson.

“It’s both unconscionable and illegal for Lexington residents to be terrorized and live in fear of the police department whose job it is to

protect them,” said Jill Colleen Jefferson, president and founder of JULIAN. “We need both the courts and the Department of Justice to step in immediately.”

The town’s city attorney did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The town’s interim police chief, Charles Henderson, cast doubt on many of the allegations in response to an email request for comment from *The Associated Press*.

“I’m working on moving the Lexington Police Department forward,” Henderson said. “I will say, don’t buy into everything you hear. This is defamation of character.”

The lawsuit comes after JULIAN said it obtained an

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Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at The Weekend

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Downtown Jackson has a new face at 415 E Capitol Street. A new restaurant called The Weekend has been in operation for four weeks. A large crowd poured into the restaurant during the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony Friday, August 12, 2022 at 10 a.m.

“I’ve had the opportunity to dine, and I just want to thank you for making Jackson special. It is an establishment like this that gives us a sense of [pride] because you are part of this renaissance and revolution. Despite challenges, the city wants to be a part of you, and we ask that our patrons will be loyal to your establishment,” voiced Mayer Chokwe Antar Lumumba to Michael Bookhardt, owner, and his staff.

Bookhardt thanked the supporters for their attendance and loyalty.

In his prayer, The Reverend Samuel Boyd of Pearl Street A.M.E. Church, thanked God for the occasion and prayed for those who were present to be blessed.

Following the ceremony, several persons were interviewed.

“The Weekend is a place where you can come everyday



Ribbon cutting and invitation to wine & dine at The Weekend
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except Monday. You can get good, soul food and live entertainment,” stated Carmen Neal, manager.

Fifteen-year-old Paige Hyspen, a line cook, commented, “People are pleasantly shocked to see this kind of restaurant. There aren’t a lot of restaurants that have what we have. We have all-day, consistent service, and we change live music two times a day for four times a week.”

Bookhardt noted, “The Weekend will benefit the com-

munity by providing jobs to reduce crime. We support hiring all ages and genders. We’re here to bring the community together and to do the business of the restaurant a different way in terms of reservations for brunch for customers.”

The owner referred to The Weekend as a family-like atmosphere. In that regard, the objective is to provide 100% satisfactory service to customers.

“We want everybody to feel like it’s the weekend when they come here,” said Reva Brooks,



Mayor Lumumba addresses community gatherers



Rev. Samuel Boyd praying for God's blessings



Samuel Bookhardt, The Weekend owner, pledges loyalty to community

Bookhardt’s partner.

The mural art on the walls is composed of various kinds of musical instruments that lend themselves to the rhythm of jazz.

Denoting that The Weekend is “classy” and “comfortable,” Bookhardt mentioned a unique food and drink menu composed of brunch, lunch and dinner “that can’t be found anywhere else in the country.”

“You can get a variety of good food from a full menu... We have a wide variety of ci-

gars at The Weekend. We even have a courtyard located outside the restaurant,” said Bookhardt.

“This venue is absolutely beautiful. It has a separate bar area at the top of the stairs, a beautiful spacious outside eating area, and it has a location for a live band. I see this being the hot new brunch spot,” stated Sherkita Collins of Jackson.

The Weekend is “kid-friendly” and is open to customers of all ages and genders. They don’t, however, have to wait

until the weekend to come to the Capitol Street establishment.

The restaurant’s amenities include wheelchair accessibility; alcohol; outdoor/patio; takeout/delivery; and live entertainment by local artists.

The Weekend’s hours of operation are: Tuesday-Friday (10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.); Saturday and Sunday (10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.).

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community, educating participants on the importance of exercising and later leading a three mile walk around the park. Participants were given ‘Walk with a Doc’ t-shirts.

Physicians taking time out of their schedules to participate Saturday included Dr. Joyce Wade, Dr. Selika Sweet, Dr. Justin Turner and Dr. Hursie Davis-Sullivan. Each doctor committed to being an ongoing participant of the program, whenever possible, which will take place each 2nd Saturday of every month.

Dr. Turner in addressing the community stated, “We are not here to talk to you, we are here to walk with you and help get Mississippi where it needs to be.

He went on to say, “We are challenging everyone, every Mississippian to take on the ownership to say this is my health, and I want to do everything I can to make things better for myself, my family and friends.”

State Director for AARP, Kimberly Campbell, Esq., said the ‘Walk with a Doc’ organization reached out to AARP of Mississippi and the organization was very excited to become one of their partners.

Campbell said, “We always say with AARP Mississippi that we not only want you to live long, but we want you to live well, and this is a part of our healthy living initiative.”

Floyd Council, executive director of The Jackson Hinds Library System, had taken a walk at the park (a normal routine) prior to the kick-off event. Council was ready to go again as a participant of the event, and this time, was given a waiver and release of liability form to complete, which was required of each one participating in the event with the doctors.



Participants exercising prior to the walk



Floyd Council is given a waiver and release form.



Walkers from the community were of various ages.

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have significant impacts on international climate action,” said Gore, long a crusader of environmental justice and a Nobel Prize winner for climate activism.

The new law should primarily assist African-American families.

According to a study published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, black households are more exposed to inflation fluctuations than their white peers.

Researchers concluded that if prices paid by white households increase by 7 percent over a year, calculations suggest that one may expect them to increase by 7.5 percent for black families.

“In our research, we examine how this informs the trade-off between inflation and unemployment stabilization for white and black households,” the study authors explained.

“The result implies that when evaluating trade-offs between inflation and unemployment, one ought to keep in mind that the costs of inflation may be borne disproportionately by the more disadvantaged group.”

With gas, food, and other prices rising, the authors concluded that necessities such as groceries, electricity, and wireless phone service make up a larger share of black families’ budgets.

The study said that black households also spend a more significant portion of their income on goods and services with prices that change more often.

The result, according to researchers, isn’t a mystery: “Black families will suffer the worst effects of rising inflation because they lag behind their white counterparts in income, wealth, financial savings and home ownership.”

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr, NNPA president and CEO, emphasized, “Black America will definitely benefit economically and socially from the enactment of the Inflation Reduction Act.

“President Biden continues to keep his promise to our families and communities across the nation,” Chavis stated.

“We also note that black owned businesses including The Black Press of America will also have increased opportunities to expand economic development, innovation, advertising, and new

workforce advances as a direct result of the Inflation Reduction Act.”

Black families, “especially those without an employed college graduate, are affected the most by inflation compared with all the other demographics,” said Ellie Walters, the CEO of Findpeople-faster.com.

“Necessities like groceries, accommodation, gas, electricity bills and phone bills eat up most of their income, leaving them with fewer savings since most of them fall within the low-income groups,” Walters stated.

She said black families are affected by even the slightest increase in price, and with the rising recession, many might have to live without most of these necessities.

“A large number of black families live paycheck to paycheck and cannot easily escape the constantly increasing wealth gap between them and the other demographics, especially the white,” Walters remarked.

“Inflation often makes this dilemma worse, since during inflation, wages are cut, and work-

ers are laid off. These low-income earners, largely made up of black community members, are trapped by an economic cycle that seems rigged against them.”

Ronda Brunson, an expert in financial planning and credit restoration at Project Restore Bmore, agreed that black households would continue to feel the impact of rising inflation.

“Most black homes with car notes are paying double-digit interest rates, same for credit cards. Yet, we are not conditioned to go for better but to be grateful for whatever approval without contesting,” Brunson asserted.

“If I am already paying three times more than you for the same vehicle, then of course, when inflation occurs, I’m going to feel it first.”

According to the Brookings Institute, the median wealth of a white household is \$188,200, which is 7.8 times more than the average Black household at \$24,100.

Two years ago, the homeownership rate for white Americans was about 73% compared to 42% for black Americans.

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longer.

CBPP tracks federal block grants and how they are utilized by individual states. They reported that in 2020 Mississippi was awarded its TANF block grant of \$86 million and that Mississippi already had \$47 million left over from previous years.

Some quick math – The 2020 Census reports our population of 2,967,297 (58.8% white and 38% black) and that 18.7% of the state lives below the poverty level, which equates to 553,759 people. CBPP tells us that in fiscal year 2020, there were 4,767 TANF recipients statewide, which equates to less than 1% (.86). So, 18.7% live in poverty, yet <1% receive TANF.

Eleven state legislators were asked for comments for this article – three responded.

Representative Bryant Clark (Democrat/Holmes County) hails from the poorest county in America and has served 19 sessions in the legislature. When asked for his overall comments about this tragedy he said, “It’s sickening.” He quoted scripture, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” He said it is political favors to friends, and the money must be recouped. When I asked if it were possible that only one person at the Capitol (former Governor Bryant) knew that this was going on, he stated, “From my experience you don’t have that kind of money moving without more than rank and file employees knowing about it.” He also doesn’t think politicians should be in the back of the boat driving an investigation into themselves or their predecessors.

Representative Zakiya Summers (Democrat/Hinds & Rankin County) has been on the job three years. She said she was “Deeply disappointed in the firing of Attorney Pigott, when he was doing a yeoman’s job getting to the bottom of things. It’s shameful that they would take it upon themselves to fatten their pockets when Mississippi is the poorest state. If we are going to be pro-life, we need to be pro-life all the way. I hope whoever comes in is not so tied to these people that they can’t do what their oath tells them to do. Accountability and transparency are part of serving all Mississippians.” When asked about others involved, she said, “In my limited experience, it’s hard to hold a cup of water in that Capitol. If one person knows something it ends up going everywhere so I am quite sure more people will be exposed.”

Representative Christopher Bell (Democrat/Hinds County) has been casting votes for 7 years at the Capitol. He said, “It’s a sad state-of-affairs. The leadership team in the past with Phil Bryant, who made it abundantly clear in this inaugural address that he would serve all Mississippians – they don’t care about showing their Christian values as much as they profess to. They stole from the poor; Southern Miss, Brent Farve, Nancy New, etc.” I also asked him if Bryant was convicted should he go to jail, and he stated, “100%.” Asked about others involved, he said, “Surely Bryant and those who worked closely with him knew or had some type of idea. The Budget Committee Hearing should reveal more.”

None of the seven Republicans and one Independent responded to emails or voicemail messages for this story.

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audio recording in July of then-Lexington Police Chief Sam Dobbins using racial slurs and talking about how many people he had killed in the line of duty. News organizations and a lawmaker who said he knows both the former chief and interim chief said Dobbins is white and Henderson is black.

Dobbins denied making the slurs, according to the Mississippi Center For Investigative Reporting, which first reported on the recording. The AP was not able to find contact information for Dobbins.

Robert Lee Hooker, a black police officer who later resigned from the department, told JULIAN and later the AP that he made the recording.

Willie March, the sheriff of the county where Lexington is located, told the AP that he worked with Dobbins for about two years and that there was “no doubt” in his mind that Dobbins is the person on the recording.

The Lexington Board of Aldermen voted 3-2 to oust Dobbins days after the recording came to light. Henderson was named interim chief.

The suit requests unspecified compensatory damages and asks the court to require Lexington to establish an independent civilian complaint review board that would investigate complaints from the public against the police department for abuse of authority.

“Lexington Police Department operates within a culture of corruption and lawlessness, daily and habitually subjecting black citizens to targeting, harassment and brutality, including violence, in violation of their constitutional rights,” reads the suit.

Lexington’s population of 1,602 is about 80% black, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The suit calls Lexington “a tiny and deeply segregated town” in one of the poorest counties in the nation.

In the recording, Dobbins says he’s killed 13 people during his career and uses expletives repeatedly to describe people. At one point, he uses the n-word when referencing someone he said he shot 119 times.

Citing specific confrontations last year and this year, the lawsuit alleges that members of the police department made false arrests, used excessive force and conducted unreasonable searches and seizures.

JULIAN said more than 200 black citizens have formally or informally complained about being harassed, arrested, or fined for baseless reasons in the past year or so.

Allegations from inside the department are also cited in the lawsuit. One officer reported witnessing Dobbins kick a cuffed suspect in the head. Others reported seeing officers pull civilians from the backs of patrol cars and “brutally beat them,” the suit says.

The suit also alleges that police retaliated against black community members who spoke at a meeting to discuss grievances with the department.

While the majority of the incidents occurred when Dobbins was chief, the plaintiffs said the interim chief, Henderson, is equally ill-suited to lead the force. According to the lawsuit, Henderson assaulted a tow truck driver who had been called to take away the car of Peter Reeves, a man whom Henderson had arrested and charged with a misdemeanor for having no auto insurance and an illegal window tint on his car.

The 70-year-old tow truck driver, Jerry Farmer, told the AP that Henderson slammed him twice against Reeves’ car after the men got into an argument over whether the car could be immediately taken back to Reeves’ house.

Reeves said from his vantage point sitting in the back of a patrol car, he could see Henderson pressing Farmer against the car and choking him.

“I mean, this guy is off his feet. I saw it with my own eyes,” he said.

The lawsuit also alleges that residents had to pay excessive fines. Reeves’ mother, Sherri Reeves told the AP Monday that she ended up paying over \$600 in fines.

“We’re a poor county, one of the poorest in the nation. These exorbitant fines creep up on people,” she said.

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Hot books, top authors, cool event

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Book Festival is back in full-force this weekend with its first in-person event since 2019. The festival is free to everyone and as festival Executive Director Ellen Daniels observed, “Where else can you find 170 of the nation’s best authors in one location, plus have the opportunity to hear from them, visit with them, and have them sign your books? At the Mississippi Book Festival, of course!”

The one-day festival draws book lovers from across the South and includes activities for all ages. Centered each August in the air-conditioned spaces of the Mississippi State Capitol Building and nearby Gallopway Church, the festival also transforms the shaded lawn and surrounding streets into a bustling scene complete with food vendors, booksellers and family fun.

The signature feature of the event is its showcase of acclaimed and talented authors of every genre – bestselling novelists, honored historians, celebrated children’s book authors, prize-winning journalists and so many more. Visitors can find these authors in dozens of discussion panels, one-on-one conversations and book signing opportunities, throughout the day.

Stellar Lineup on Saturday, August 20, 2022

Pulitzer Prize winner Jennifer Egan, as the guest of the Eudora Welty Foundation, will speak candidly on her latest novel *The Candy House*.

National Book Award-winners Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell will be in conversation with Margaret McMullan about



their collaboration with Congressman John Lewis on the graphic novel *RUN: Book One*. National Book Award-winner Ellen Gilchrist, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Jericho Brown, and Secretary of the Smithsonian Lonnie G. Bunch, III, will each have one-on-one conversations with noteworthy moderators.

Jackson’s-own Kiese Laymon will join Pulitzer Prize-winner Alice Walker in conversation, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of *The Color Purple*.

Star of HGTV’s *Home Town* Erin Napier, Newberry Medal-winner Matt de la Peña, and *New York Times* bestseller Candice Millard will each visit with readers about their latest books.

Another *Times* bestseller, Angie Thomas, will join a star-studded group of her collaborators on the book *Blackout*.

Four of the state’s best poets will headline a discussion of their new poetry collections, while authors on subjects ranging from political journalism to World War II to civil rights to American history will be on hand to explore these topics.

Harrison Scott Key will moderate three talented and hilarious writers on the “Humor & Hope” panel while Steve Yarbrough will be back with his new novel.

For young readers, the book festival has a compelling lineup of young adult, middle grade and picture book authors to meet.

“We are excited to have everyone back together to celebrate the love of reading, books and authors,” said Daniels. “Staff and supporters have worked for a year to make this a wonderful experience for book lovers of all ages. We hope that everyone will come out and make new festival memories.”

The Mississippi Book Festival is free and open to the public. There’s plenty of free and secure parking. For more information on this year’s festival, visit msbookfestival.com. You can also connect with the Mississippi Book Festival on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

The Mississippi Book Festival, a nonprofit founded by literary advocates, launched in August 2015 on the State Capitol grounds and continues to draw thousands to its annual “literary lawn party” and book lovers’ celebration.

The event features hundreds of visiting authors, panel discussions, book signings, booksellers, Capitol tours, food trucks, and family-friendly activities.

A literary lawn party – August 20, 2022 on Jackson, MS

A life well lived

Charlene Joyce Smith Cole

September 2, 1930 – August 3, 2022



Cole

Charlene Joyce Smith Cole, the second child born to James Smith and Mary Miller Smith, entered this life September 2, 1930, in Jackson, Mississippi. On Wednesday, August 3, 2022, she exchanged time for eternity, as she had lived, with quiet and graceful dignity.

She accepted Christ at an early age at St. Matthew’s Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi where she enjoyed serving the church as a pianist. As an adult, Cole joined Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she was a faithful member. Her ongoing spiritual development led her to fellowship at Union United Church of Christ on the campus of Tougaloo College, Anderson United Methodist Church and New Horizon International Church. Cole shared her final church home with her son at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church.

Her love for Tougaloo College began with her early education at the Daniel Hand School. She graduated from the Tougaloo Preparatory High School. Her education at Tougaloo College culminated with a bachelor’s degree in English/Psychology in 1954. Prior to graduation in 1952,

she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and enjoyed life membership status, committing herself to a lifetime of service to all mankind. Cole later received a master’s degree in library science from Syracuse University in New York.

After graduating from Tougaloo College, she served many years as a teacher and librarian at Rosa Scott School in Madison County where she initiated the library program. After her tenure in Madison County, Cole served in the same capacity in Jackson Public Schools where she was among the first professionals to integrate the school system. While at Brinkley High School, she continued the tradition of elevating students and the larger community.

For multiple decades, Cole was a faithful and dedicated employee of Tougaloo College. She served as assistant librarian before becoming director of library services in 1991. Although she received numerous awards and accolades throughout her career, one of her most treasured awards included “Alumna of the Year” from Tougaloo College in 1994. Cole was also a life member of the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association. Her love and commitment to Tougaloo College are best expressed in a phrase she coined, “Wherever you go, whatever you do, don’t forget good ole Tougaloo.”

During her entire professional career, Cole served as a catalyst to assist students, faculty and staff to empower themselves.

While attending the Tougaloo Preparatory High School, she fell in love with both the beautiful hanging moss and the love of her life, Washington Cole, III, who preceded her in death after 45 years of marriage.

Four children were born to this union: Lydia Gail (John) Horhn of Jackson Mississippi, Beverly Faye Cole of New York, New York, Dr. Washington (Tanya) Cole, IV, of Madison, Mississippi, and Dr. Joyce (David) Marion of Ridgeland, Mississippi.

In addition to her children, others who will cherish her memory are two sisters: Camila (Fred) Barnes of Jackson, Mississippi, and Geraldine Smith Williams of Chicago, Illinois; three brothers: Leon Campbell of Madison, Mississippi, Arthur Lee Campbell of Jackson, Mississippi, and Wilbert Smith (Sandra) of Chicago, Illinois; two sisters-in-law, Annie Laura Cole and Louise Cole; six amazing grandchildren: John Siraj Horhn, Charla Jade Horhn, Dr. Chelsea Marion, Washington Cole, V, Nathan Atherley and Chloe Abigail Marion; special friends, Darrell Wilson and Teresa Brown; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and dear friends.

Cole will forever be remembered by those who loved her and those whose lives she touched as an unselfish, loving and compassionate individual.

Services were held at Woodworth Chapel on the Tougaloo College campus, August 13, 2022 at 1 p.m.

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On any given day, nearly 2 million people in the U.S. are incarcerated in jail or prison and rates of incarceration are highest for Black communities. **These are our neighbors, and they are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons, and daughters** – but far too often, those aren’t the words media outlets use to describe them. Instead, they’re given harmful labels like criminal, felon, offender, inmate and convict.

Words matter – Research has shown that when we transform the language we use to describe people who have been convicted and incarcerated, we can help change how society treats them. There’s no better time for news organizations to join this language evolution.

It’s well past time to drop the harmful labels and put **#PeopleFirst**.



Grand jury declines to indict woman in Emmett Till killing

By Michael Goldberg and Allen G. Breed
Associated Press/Report for America

A Mississippi grand jury has declined to indict the white woman whose accusation set off the lynching of black teenager Emmett Till nearly 70 years ago, most likely closing the case that shocked a nation and galvanized the modern civil rights movement.

After hearing more than seven hours of testimony from investigators and witnesses, a Leflore County grand jury last week determined there was insufficient evidence to indict Carolyn Bryant Donham on charges of kidnapping and manslaughter, Leflore County District Attorney Dewayne Richardson said in a news release Tuesday.

The decision comes despite recent revelations about an unserved arrest warrant and the 87-year-old Donham’s unpublished memoir.

The Rev. Wheeler Parker Jr., Emmett Till’s cousin and the last living witness to Till’s Aug. 28, 1955, abduction, said Tuesday’s announcement is “unfortunate, but predictable.”

“The prosecutor tried his best, and we appreciate his efforts, but he alone cannot undo hundreds of years of anti-black systems that guaranteed those who killed Emmett Till would go unpunished, to this day,” Parker said in a statement.

“The fact remains that the people who abducted, tortured and murdered Emmett did so in plain sight, and our American justice system was and continues to be set up in such a way that they could not be brought to justice for their heinous crimes.”

Ollie Gordon, another one of Till’s cousins, told The Associated Press that some justice had been served in the Till case, despite the grand jury’s decision.

“Justice is not always locking somebody up and throwing the keys away,” Gordon said. “Ms. Donham has not gone to jail. But in many ways, I don’t think she’s had a pleasant life. I think each day she wakes up, she has to face the atrocities that have come because of her actions.”

A third cousin, Deborah Watts, who leads the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation, said the case is an example of the freedom afforded to white women to escape accountability for making false accusations against black men.

“She has still escaped any accountability in this case,” Watts said. “So the grand jury’s decision is disappointing, but we’re still going to be calling for justice for Emmett Till. It’s not over.”

An email and voicemail seeking comment from Donham’s son Tom Bryant weren’t immediately returned Tuesday.

In June, a group searching the basement of the Leflore County Courthouse discovered the unserved arrest warrant charging Donham, then-husband Roy Bryant and brother-in-law J.W. Milam in Till’s abduction in 1955. While the men were arrested and acquitted on murder charges in Till’s subsequent slaying, Donham, 21 at the time, was never taken into custody.

The 14-year-old Chicago boy was visiting relatives in Mississippi when he and some other children went to the store in the town of Money where Carolyn Bryant worked. Relatives told the AP that Till had whistled at the white woman, but denied that he touched her as she’d claimed.

In an unpublished memoir obtained last month by the AP, Donham said Milam and her husband brought Till to her in the middle of the night for identification but that she tried to help the youth by denying it was him. She claimed that Till then volunteered that he was the one they were looking for.

Till’s battered, disfigured body was found days later in a river, where it was weighted down with a heavy metal fan. The decision by his mother, Mamie Till Mobley, to open Till’s casket for his funeral in Chicago demonstrated the horror of what had happened and added fuel to the civil rights movement.

Following their acquittal, Bryant and Milam admitted to the abduction and killing in an interview with *Look* magazine. They were not charged with a federal crime, and both have long since died.

In 2004, the U.S. Department of Justice Department opened an investigation of Till’s killing after it received inquiries about whether charges could be brought against anyone still living.

Till’s body was exhumed, in part to confirm it was he. A 2005 autopsy found that Till died of a gunshot wound to the head, and that had fractures in his wrist

bones, skull and femur.

In 2006, the FBI launched its Cold Case Initiative in an effort to identify and investigate racially-motivated murders. Two years later, Congress passed the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act.

The Justice Department said the statute of limitations had run out on any potential federal crime, but the FBI worked with state investigators to determine if state charges could be brought. In February 2007, a Mississippi grand jury declined to indict anyone, and the Justice Department announced it was closing the case.

But federal officials announced last year that they were once again closing their investigation, saying there was “insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that she lied to the FBI.”

Timothy Tyson, the North Carolina historian who interviewed Donham for his 2017 book, “The Blood of Emmett Till,” said the newly rediscovered warrant did nothing to “appreciably change the concrete evidence against her.” But he said the renewed focus on the case should “compel Americans” to face the racial and economic disparities that still exist here.

“The Till case will not go away because the racism and ruthless indifference that created it remain with us,” Tyson wrote in an email Tuesday. “We see generations of black children struggle against these obstacles, and many die due to systemic racism that is every bit as lethal as a rope or a revolver.”

For Gordon, the renewed attention on the Till case has been a reminder of the social progress it helped spark.

“It helps the younger generations identify how far we’ve come with the many liberties and civil rights that we’ve gained since Emmett’s death,” Gordon said. “As his mother would say, his death was not in vain.”

Breed reported from Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Mississippi businessman sentenced in pandemic relief fraud

The Associated Press

A Mississippi businessman has been sentenced to more than six years in prison for misusing over \$6 million in business loans through a coronavirus pandemic relief program.

Christopher Paul Lick of Starkville received the 78-month sentence Friday from U.S. District Court Judge Glen H. Davidson. The sentencing took place in Oxford nearly two months after Lick pleaded guilty to wire fraud.

Rather than use the money for his businesses, Lick admitted using it for personal investments in the stock market and to buy a home valued at more than \$1 million, according to a news release Monday from

Clay Joyner, the U.S. attorney for northern Mississippi.

“The sentence imposed in this case was well deserved,” Joyner said. “For more than two years, the defendant was living lavishly on taxpayer dollars while millions of Americans were struggling during the pandemic.”

Lick filed fraudulent loan applications to banks that were providing loans as part of the Paycheck Protection Program, according to court records.

The records show Lick owned and managed four companies, including Aspen River Candle Co., based in Columbus, Mississippi. Joyner said Lick admitted overstating the number of employees and payroll expenses

to receive money.

Rather than use the Paycheck Protection Program money for his businesses, Lick admitted he bought a home valued at more than \$1 million and used some of the money for personal investments in the stock market, the news release said.

Paycheck Protection Program loans were guaranteed by the Small Business Administration under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

Jermicha Fomby, special agent in charge of the FBI field office in Jackson, said in the news release that Lick “took very proactive steps to defraud the U. S. Government and the citizens of this nation.”

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR CITY OF JACKSON, MS

The City of Jackson, Mississippi will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2022-2023 on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$ 401,648,838 (18.6 percent) or \$74,719,551 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$443,755,254. Of that amount, (17.4 percent) or \$75,607,341 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the City of Jackson plans to increase your ad valorem tax millage rate by 4.00 mills from 63.03 to 67.03 mills. This means that you will pay more for ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property.

Any citizen of City of Jackson is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2022-2023, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

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Police chase deaths – bystander killed in police chase for 2nd time in 4 weeks

The Associated Press

For the second time in less than a month, an innocent bystander was killed during a police chase involving the same Mississippi department.

One person was killed Sunday during a police chase that began in Pearl. The chase ended when the vehicle that was being pursued crashed into a motorcycle, killing the driver.

Public information officer Greg Flynn said a Pearl police officer attempted to make a traffic stop when a silver sedan took off. The officer pursued the vehicle into the neighboring city of Flowood, where police there joined the chase until it ended after the fleeing vehicle struck a motorcycle

Flynn said police later discovered the man was driving

with a suspended license and had felony convictions at the federal and state levels. He is being charged with felony fleeing resulting in death.

Pearl police, Flowood police, the Rankin County Sheriff’s Office and the Flowood Fire Department responded to the scene.

Three weeks ago, another vehicle being pursued by Pearl police crashed into a U.S. Postal Service truck in Jackson, killing mail carrier Brad Pennington, 32. That chase began when police attempted to pull over a man for speeding. The man allegedly failed to pull over, and police chased him into Jackson until he crashed his Toyota Camry into Pennington’s mail truck.

After the July incident, Pearl

Mayor Jake Windham said the city’s police officers were “not one bit” responsible for Pennington’s death. A former police officer himself, Windham said the officer involved in the pursuit followed department policy, WLBT-TV reported.

A Pearl city clerk denied WLBT-TV’s request for information on the police department’s pursuit policy. The clerk cited state attorney general guidance from 2010 that documents relating to officer training and written procedures are exempt from the Public Records Act. The news outlet also asked for the department’s body camera policy, which was denied under the same claim.

Windham did not immediately respond to a request for comment by The Associated Press.

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Fearing a recession, many express misgivings about a looming downturn

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

In the past, it hasn't always been clear when a recession loomed, let alone when it had already begun.

However, the silver lining now is that unlike in previous downturns, the Federal Reserve and the U.S. government have already taken action by making critical adjustments to fiscal and monetary policies to regulate economic activity.

"The United States currently has certain interim policies and tools, such as automatic stabilizers like the Earned Income Tax Credit and Unemployment Insurance that are automatically triggered to inject funds into the economy and don't require any government action to take hold in the event of a downturn," said Mila Garcia, a finance expert, and the founder of iPayday-Loans.

"And while such programs have proven effective, they should have an even stronger effect with congressional action being taken alongside them. So, if a downturn does hit, we can



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at least expect to be less vulnerable to economic troubles than before," Garcia stated.

Amid rising inflation and concerns of a looming recession, many have shared their fears and what America should learn from the pandemic-induced economic downturn.

"Given that Americans are struggling to pay their medical bills, inflation is rising quickly at a pace of 9 percent, and gas and food prices are at all-time highs, this subject is one of the most popular and alarming ones for all Americans," said Rinor Zejna, a digital public relations

specialist.

Zejna offered some findings from research regarding bankruptcy in the United States, noting that one in three Americans struggle to pay medical bills and 750,000 file for bankruptcy each year.

"Medical debt is the number

one cause of bankruptcies," Zejna offered. "And 58 percent of Americans live paycheck to paycheck."

Home sales and building have dropped substantially over the past year, and consumer confidence has fallen to its lowest point since the pandemic's beginning.

Still, President Joe Biden remains optimistic.

"Coming off last year's historic economic growth and regaining all the private sector jobs lost during the pandemic, it's no surprise that the economy is slowing down as the Federal Reserve acts to bring down inflation," Biden said in a statement.

"But even as we face historic global challenges, we are on the right path, and we will come through this transition stronger and more secure," the president continued.

He insisted that the job market remains historically strong, with unemployment at 3.6 percent and more than 1 million jobs created alone in the second quarter.

"My economic plan is focused

on bringing inflation down without giving up all the economic gains we have made," Biden asserted.

"Congress has a historic chance to do that by passing the CHIPS and Science Act and Inflation Reduction Act without delay."

Still, corporations have experienced a decline in sales and earnings during recessions and continue to fear what may come.

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Meanwhile, those corporations are collectively sitting on a record level of over \$4 trillion in cash.

"Companies may have raised these funds during the era of easy money and low-interest rates over the past decade," Vishesh Raisinghani wrote for Yahoo Finance.

"Now, this cash is acting as a buffer and could allow companies to retain staff despite the economic slowdown."

More black NFL retirees win dementia cases in rescored tests

By Maryclaire Dale
Associated Press

Two years after a pair of former players sued the NFL over the treatment of black retirees in the league's \$1 billion concussion settlement, hundreds of men whose medical tests were rescored to eliminate race bias now qualify for awards.

The newly approved payouts, announced in a report Friday, are a victory for NFL families in the decade-long legal saga over concussions. The 2020 lawsuit unearthed the fact the dementia tests were being "race-normed" — adjusted due to assumptions that black people have a lower cognitive baseline score. Changes to the settlement made last year are meant to make the tests race-blind.

The new results will add millions to the NFL's payouts for concussion-linked brain injuries. A league spokesman did not return a phone call Friday or respond to emails sent in recent weeks seeking comment on the rescoring.

Of the 646 black men whose tests were rescored, nearly half now qualify for dementia awards. Sixty-one are classified as having early to moderate dementia, with average awards topping \$600,000; nearly 250 more have milder dementia and will get up to \$35,000 in enhanced medical testing and treatment, according to the claims administrator's report.

Former players, lawyers and advocates say they'll now turn to getting the word out to more players who could receive awards.

"Our work has produced some great results and has opened many

eyes," said Ken Jenkins, a former Washington player who, along with his wife, petitioned the federal judge overseeing the settlement to make the changes and urged the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to investigate. "Now we're really focused on getting as many players who deserve compensation to be compensated."

This first group of players had the best chance of success because they otherwise passed the testing protocols and would have qualified if they were white. Thousands of other black former players can ask to be rescored or retested, but their cases might not be as strong based on earlier results on dementia, validity and impairment tests. About 70 percent of active players and 60 percent of living retirees are black.

The fact that the testing algorithm adjusted scores by race as a rough proxy for someone's socioeconomic background went unnoticed for several years until lawyers for former Steelers Kevin Henry and Najeh Davenport sued the league. Factors such as age, education and race have long been used in neurology to help diagnose dementia. But experts say the formula was never meant to be used to determine payouts in a legal case.

"In 2022, how can you possibly think that another human being comes out of the womb with less cognitive ability? It's just impossible to believe that that can be true," Jenkins said. "It's unspeakable."

Advocates fear that many former players don't know they can be rescored or retested, especially if they have cognitive issues and live alone.

"Men who are homeless, men who originally signed up but their cognitive function changed, men who are divorced or isolated — we are going to go looking for them," said Amy Lewis, Jenkins' wife.

The couple, once critical of class counsel Chris Seeger for his response to the issue, now work with him to spread the word.

Seeger — lead lawyer for the nearly 20,000 retired players, who negotiated the settlement with the NFL — has apologized for initially failing to see the scope of the racial bias. He vowed in a recent interview to "make sure the NFL pays every nickel they should."

The league's tally just passed \$1 billion in approved claims. However, appeals and audits mean actual payouts lag behind that number and now stand at about \$916 million. Payouts include awards for four other compensable diagnoses: Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Lou Gehrig's disease and deaths before April 2015 involving CTE, or chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

As reviewers tackle the thornier dementia claims, the process has slowed and audits and appeals intensified.

"Their mantra is deny, deny, delay until you die," said James Pruitt, 58, a wide receiver who played for Indianapolis and Miami from 1986 to 1991.

After his NFL retirement, Pruitt became a teacher and middle school principal in Palm Beach County, Florida. But in 2010, in his mid-40s, the district asked him to step down. He could no longer perform his du-

ties. Over time, he stopped calling on friends from his playing days.

"I don't get out, and I don't remember a lot of things. I've been told that I repeat things," he said. "I'm kind of embarrassed by the whole situation."

After the settlement was approved in 2015, he and his wife attended meetings with lawyers who traveled the country to sell the plan to retired players' groups.

"We were told this was going to be a very easy process, you just need to go to the doctors, get a qualifying diagnosis from them," said Traci Pruitt, 42. "Yet here we are six years later, and we're still getting the runaround."

The couple has twice been approved by doctors only to have the decision overturned — once after their first doctor was removed from the program. Their lawyer believes they'll be successful on their third try, under the race-neutral scoring formula. They're still waiting to hear.

Traci Pruitt, an accountant who works from home, said an award would ensure she gets the help she needs to care for her husband: "While I love him, I don't necessarily have that background and skill set."

Seeger said he believes the claims process is picking up steam after a slow start.

"I know folks have said they weren't moving that well for awhile. I think we've won some appellate battles with the courts," Seeger said. "I don't think the NFL expected to pay \$1 billion and we're about to cross \$1 billion."

Ex-officer to plead guilty in Breonna Taylor case

The Associated Press

Former Louisville police Detective Kelly Goodlett intends to plead guilty to a civil rights charge stemming from the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor, a black woman whose death in a botched police drug raid helped spark racial justice protests in 2020.

Goodlett is set to appear Aug. 22 before a federal judge to enter her plea, media outlets reported, citing her lawyer, Brandon Marshall. Marshall did not immediately return phone calls and emails seeking comment Friday.

Goodlett will plead guilty to one count of conspiring to violate Taylor's civil rights for helping falsify an affidavit for the search of her apartment, the *Courier Journal* reported Friday. She faces a sentence of no more than five years in prison.

Taylor was shot by officers who knocked down her apartment door while executing a search warrant. Taylor's boyfriend fired a shot that hit one of the officers as they came through the door, and they returned fire, striking Taylor multiple times.

The federal government recently filed civil rights charges against Goodlett and three other codefendants — Sgt. Kyle Meany and former detectives Joshua Jaynes and Brett Hankison.

The charges — most of which stem from the faulty drug warrant used to search Taylor's home — are an effort to hold law enforcement accountable for the killing of the 26-year-old medical worker. One of the officers was acquitted of state charges.

Goodlett was expected to plead guilty — and testify against her colleagues — because she was charged by information rather than indicted, the Louisville newspaper reported.

The Justice Department is also conducting a non-criminal investigation of the Louisville Police Department. Announced last year, that probe is scrutinizing whether the department has a pattern of using excessive force and conducting unreasonable searches and seizures.

In the racial justice protests of 2020, Taylor's name was often shouted along with that of George Floyd, who was killed less than three months after Taylor by a Minneapolis police officer in a videotaped encounter that shocked the nation.

Biden-Harris Administration announces two new actions to address youth mental health crisis



Courtesy of the U.S. Dept. of Education

Our nation’s young people are facing an unprecedented mental health crisis. Even before the pandemic, rates of depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts among youth were on the rise. The pandemic exacerbated those issues, disrupting learning, relationships, and routines and increasing isolation – especially among our nation’s young people. More than 40% of teenagers state that they struggle with persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness, and more than half of parents and caregivers express concern over their children’s mental well-being. To address this crisis, President Joe Biden put forward in his first State of the Union address a comprehensive national strategy to tackle our mental health crisis, and called for a major transformation in how mental health is understood, accessed, treated and integrated – in and out of healthcare settings. On July 29, the Biden-Harris Administration announced two new actions to strengthen school-based mental health services and address the youth mental health crisis.

Awarding the first of nearly \$300 million the president secured through the FY2022 bipartisan omnibus agreement to expand access to mental health services in schools. Next week, the Department of Education will begin the process to disburse almost \$300 million Congress appropriated in FY22 through both the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act and the FY22 Omnibus to help schools hire more mental health professionals and build a strong pipeline into the profession for the upcoming school year. In total, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act will invest \$1 billion over the next five years in mental health supports in our schools, making progress towards the president’s goal to double the number of school counselors, social workers and other mental health profession-

als. This funding is allocated to two critical programs:

- The Mental Health Service Professional (MHSP) Demonstration Grant Program. In FY22, this program will provide over \$140 million in competitive grants to support a strong pipeline into the mental health profession, including innovative partnerships to prepare qualified school-based mental health services providers for employment in schools.
- School-Based Mental Health (SBMH) Services Grant Program. In FY22, this program will provide over \$140 million in competitive grants to states and school districts to increase the number of qualified mental health services providers delivering school-based mental health services to students in local educational agencies with demonstrated need. This will increase the number of school psychologists, counselors and other mental health professionals serving our students. Some schools will gain mental health staff for the first time. Others will see this critical workforce expand. By increasing the number of qualified mental health professionals in our schools, and thereby reducing the number of students each provider serves, this program will meaningfully improve access to mental health services for vulnerable students.
- In the following months, the Biden Administration will deliver the following additional FY22 funding that can be used to expand access to mental health services and supports in schools:
- Fostering Trauma-Informed Services in Schools. Young people have been especially impacted by the trauma of COVID. Over the next several weeks, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will begin evaluating applications to award nearly \$7 million to education activities designed to help students access evidence-based and culturally relevant trauma support services and mental health care. Applications were sub-

mitted on July 25, 2022, and award announcements will be made this fall. The grant funds will help create partnerships that link school systems with local trauma-informed support and mental health systems to provide services to students in need.

- Expanding Mental Health Services Through Full-Service Community Schools. The Biden-Harris Administration has proposed expanding funding for community schools, which play a critical role in providing comprehensive services to students and families to improve academic outcomes and student well-being.

Earlier this month, the Department announced plans to award \$68 million in funds for 40 new grantees. All grantees are required to provide integrated student services, which can include mental health services and supports.

- Responding to Childhood Trauma Associated with Community Violence. The FY22 omnibus included \$5 million for the Department of Education’s Project Prevent, a program that provides grants to help school districts increase their capacity to implement community- and school-based strategies to mitigate community violence and the impacts on students.

Experiencing or witnessing violence in the community is an adverse childhood experience linked to chronic health issues, including mental health. Project Prevent seeks to build a bridge between schools and community-based organizations to provide students with the tools to break cycles of generational violence and trauma, including through the use of mental health services and supports.

Encouraging governors to Invest More in School-Based Mental Health Services.

In a letter sent July 29, 2022, to governors across the country, the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services highlight federal resources available to states and schools to invest in mental

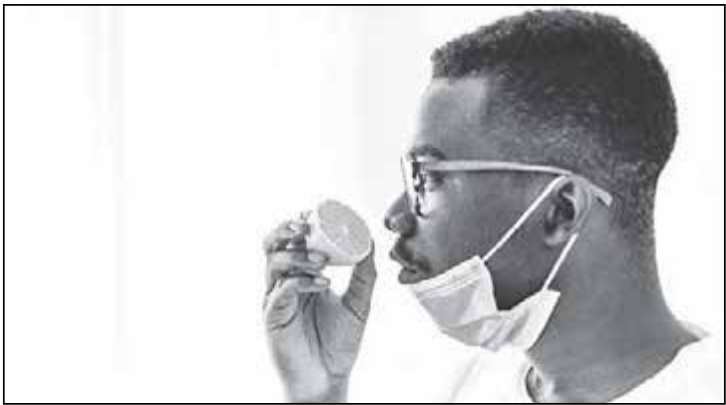
health services for students. The joint letter from Secretaries Becerra and Cardona highlights actions by the Biden-Harris Administration to improve the delivery of health care in schools and make sure children enrolled in Medicaid have access to comprehensive health care services, as required by law. The letter also previews forthcoming Medicaid guidance on how states can leverage Medicaid funding to deliver critical mental health care services to more students, including ways to make it easier to bill Medicaid for these services.

Building on Progress

These actions build upon earlier investments and announcements designed to expand access to mental health services for youth and further President Biden’s Unity Agenda. In just 18 months, President Biden has invested unprecedented resources in addressing the mental health crisis and providing young people the supports, resources, and care they need. Through the American Rescue Plan (ARP), the Biden-Harris Administration has invested over \$5 billion in funding through HHS to expand access to mental health and substance use services, and school districts are estimated to use an additional \$2 billion in Department of Education ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to hire more school psychologists, counselors and other mental health professionals in K-12 schools. And the president’s FY23 budget proposes over \$27 billion in discretionary funding and another \$100 billion in mandatory funding over 10 years to implement his national mental health strategy.

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Don’t take your sense of smell for granted



By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Did you know if you plug up your nose, food wouldn’t taste the same because you can’t smell it. Almost 16 million Americans suffer from a severe to total loss of their sense of smell. By age 65 about half of us will have a reduced sense of smell. The average adult can detect about 10,000 to 30,000 distinct odors. Your nasal membrane is lined with cellular receptors that match the shape of different scent molecules. These molecules bind to cell walls at the top of the nose, where they trigger the release of neurochemicals. These, in turn will generate nerve signals that stimulate the part of your brain that identify different scents. There are a number of causes for our loss of smell. This can include tobacco products, diabetes, vitamin deficiencies, cholesterol-lowering statins, antihypertensive drugs and now COVID-19. Recent studies have shown that people with a diminished sense of smell also suffered from chronic depression and anxiety disorder. The reason for this cause and affect doesn’t have a lot of scientific information to support a good finding. Most doctors use alcohol pads to test for diminished sense of smell. Doctors will take an alcohol pad and hold it beneath the patient’s chin. If you can smell the alcohol your sense of smell is good. If you can only smell the alcohol when the pad is raised closer to your nose you have a diminished sense of smell. You can do this test at home. I found a more enjoyable self-test using ice cream. I want you to put vanilla ice cream in one bowl and chocolate ice cream in another. Close your eyes and move the bowls around so that you don’t know which bowl is which. With your eyes still closed taste a spoonful from each bowl. Your taste is determined by smell, if you can’t tell them apart it indicates that you have a problem with your olfactory system. Your olfactory system is the structures that serve your sense of smell. Your system consists of your nose and the nasal cavities, which in their upper parts support the olfactory mucous membrane for your perception of smell and in their lower parts act as respiratory passages. Lately COVID-19 has been in the news as a virus that can cause you to lose your sense of smell. Science has found that the virus indirectly decreases action of your olfactory receptors, which detect the molecules associated with odors. According to a study COVID-19 appears to cause lon-

ger-lasting disruption that could prevent healing of olfactory receptor transcription even after the virus has cleared your body. If you’ve lost your sense of smell or sense of taste after a COVID-19 infection and it hasn’t returned in a few weeks or months you should schedule an appointment with your primary care physician or an ear, nose and throat specialist (ENT). Current estimates indicate that 20% of people with COVID-19 will experience some alteration of their sense of taste and smell. Your loss of sense of smell may act as the “canary in the coal mine,” which may be providing you with an early signals that the COVID-19 virus is damaging brain tissue before other symptoms start. Researchers have discovered that COVID-19 infected people can lose their sense of taste and not have any other COVID symptoms. There is hope. Because of COVID-19 more research is being conducted to gain more knowledge about the lost of your sense of smell. Before you start any treatment talk to your primary care doctor. The Internet is not the best source for your initial information. Information should be backed up with good research backed up with other good research. “Sniff Therapy” is a homeopathic treatment that is widely used now. This therapy has you expose yourself to the same scent 20 to 50 times a day for several weeks. It’s believed to increase your scent receptors and help you regain your ability to smell that particular scent. “Sniff Therapy” is similar to “Smell Retraining Therapy” (SRT). SRT is believed to work because of our body’s ability for smell nerves to regrow while encouraging improved brain connectivity. You should not become discouraged. This process can take time before you start to smell anything. Some COVID survivors still haven’t recovered their sense of smell after a couple of years. Some COVID survivors have a damaged sense of smell. Odors are now warped. Unpleasant scents have taken the place of normally pleasant odors. The problem with losing your smell is it leaves people vulnerable to dangers such as food poisoning and fire. Nobody has a good handle on this condition. Science is looking at this very closely. They will find something. I just don’t know when. Before starting your fitness program, consult your physician.

PART 1

Take a stand for truth

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



The Apostle Paul calls our attention to what we need to do as a people to show forth the praises of God. First, he said in Ephesians 6, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”

He said these things because of the way young people are going today. Disrespect and lack of manners are on the rise. Young people are involved (and adults) in

drugs and in all diverse types of ungodliness. We need to come back to the holy standard and to righteousness and show forth the praises of God. Young people’s hearts need to be tendered toward God.

My friends, God hates sin, folly and corruption. Those are against the righteousness of God. We want to call your attention today to come back to the place where you can acknowledge there is a God in heaven, and He must be served.

We must come to the place where we can understand that God is depending on us as a people that He has created to serve Him in holiness and in righteousness.

We are told in Ephesians 6:10-17, “Finally, my brethren,

be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith

with which, you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

Again, righteousness exalts, but sin puts us down. My friends, Jesus Christ came for the purpose to destroy the works of darkness. Who is He? He is the Light. “God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.” Who are we following today? Who are we obeying? Who are we trusting? Where are we going from here? Our nations have become corrupt, but thank God there is a Savior.

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Back-to-School Affirmation

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“You is smart. You is kind. You is important.” Viola Davis made these words famous when she played domestic Aibileen Clark in the movie The Help.

In the movie, Aibileen says these words and makes the little girl she is taking care of repeat them. Part of the reason why these words were so powerful was because in their simplicity, they stressed how important it is to speak encouragement. It’s made for a cute meme but In fact, having the little girl repeat the words is an impressive example of the spiritual principles of speaking things into existence (Romans 4:17) and of having life and death in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21).

Last week, I shared a back-to-school prayer. This week, I’m sharing a declaration of encouragement that any parent or guardian can repeat with their child as they head back to school.

“Today, I am blessed and am thankful that you will meet all of my needs. I am surrounded by favor, mercy and grace. I have the mind of Christ concerning all things. I will reject every thought, imagination or idea that does not come from God. I reject confusion, discouragement and distractions. My mind is sharp, and my ears are open to hearing from God. Godly excellence is my standard and divine purpose is my focus. Philippians 4:8 says to think on things that are true,

honest, just, pure, lovely and of a good report. I will have laser focused vision on God’s vision and purpose for my life. My mind is open to new ideas as I complete my schoolwork. My mind will grasp even the most difficult concepts and ideas as you God give me deeper understanding.

“My body is a temple of the holy spirit. I am a vessel of peace and will be at peace with others. I will be mindful of what I eat and how I treat my physical body. I will strive for balance in eating what is healthy and nourishing. I will not deprive myself of foods that I enjoy but I will eat in moderation. I will be open to insights into what foods are best for my body and what the best physical activities are for me. I am strong and will use my strength to empower others.

“My spirit will be in tune with God’s spirit throughout my day. My attitude will reflect a Christ-like character of love, joy, peace, patience, self-control, kindness and grace. I will remain open to receiving your blessings today. I am a child of God and everything about how I treat myself, my fellow classmates, my teachers and staff at my school will reflect that. I will be kind to others and be a daily example of God’s love.”

Have a fantastic and blessed school year.

Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

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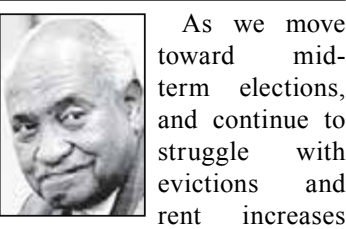


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When renters become voters

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



As we move toward mid-term elections, and continue to struggle with evictions and rent increases mostly based on greed and not need, it appears a good time to once again make the connection between those who vote and the quality of life, or the lack thereof, for so many. Consider the following fact. Forty-nine percent of the residents of San Diego County and its cities are renters. While new construction continues to grow with more highrise apartments and condos, and the homeless rate continues to increase, the average person will not be able to afford to live in one of these new structures. The reality is that most renters throughout San Diego County and the state of California are not voters. Landlords not only vote, but also contribute to candidates who run for office. Consider also that no

one appears to have looked at how many of our judges themselves are landlords. Once again, I would like to remind you of what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said about the power of the voter eight years before the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was enacted. In May of 1957, Dr. King said: “Give us the ballot and we will fill our legislative halls with men of goodwill.....” “Give us the ballot and we will place judges on the benches of the South who will do justice and love mercy.....” Fifty-seven years later, we have the vote, but no longer use it for the purposes that Dr. King spoke of. If we did, we would have city, county, state and national elected officials who would see the relationship between the lack of rent control and homelessness. We, the people, have the right and responsibility to make the issues before our elected bodies and not have them determined for us. In 90 days this country will have a midterm election in which those who bought the

Big Lie with Donald Trump are planning to use to further do away with voting rights and the democratic process. Mainstream media is not talking about voter registration. No one appears to be placing dollars in our communities to get out the vote. But it is up to each of us to determine that “Black Votes Matter”. While black voters may not be as many in number as white and Latino voters, there are still enough of us to determine the outcome of any election as proven by our electing President Joe Biden in 2020. As of this week, this newspaper will have voter registration cards available for those who choose to stop by and pick one up or need help filling out one. We encourage those of you who read this, no matter what state you are in, to get involved in voter registration and the concerted effort to get out and vote in November 2022, just a little more than 90 days away. We still have time to make Dr. King’s words of 1957 a reality in 2022.

D.C. delivers some good news – yes, really

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



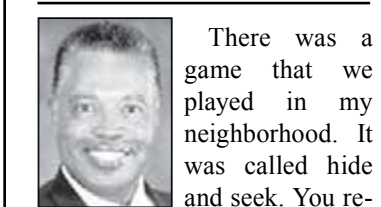
We could all use some good news out of Washington. I’ve got some. The Senate’s passage of the Inflation Reduction Act this month is good news for families, the economy, the planet, and even our democracy. As I write this, the House is poised to pass the bill too, giving Congress and President Biden a major win this summer. This is a big deal. For starters, it is the biggest investment in fighting climate change in our country’s history. The bill puts a whopping \$360 billion toward developing affordable, clean energy sources. It creates tax breaks if you buy an electric vehicle. Supporters say it will slash carbon emissions by 40 percent in just eight years; great news for our kids and grandkids, but also great news for all of us right now. Because not only will we have cleaner air and measurable progress against climate change, the investment in renewable energy generation should save families money on their electric bills. It also means we should suffer less from big ups and downs in oil prices caused by turmoil in unstable parts of the world. I especially like the parts of the bill that include money for cities being hit particularly hard by climate change and for Native American communities. The harms caused by climate change aren’t shared equally. This legislation recognizes that and does something about it.

The bill also promises to put more money back in families’ pockets by using the government’s bargaining power to lower Medicare prescription drug prices. That is great news for seniors in our communities. And it tackles a nagging problem we’ve had for years: getting big corporations to pay their fair share in taxes. The bill creates a 15% minimum tax on corporations that make more than \$1 billion in profits. It gives the IRS more money to collect taxes from big businesses and wealthy people who use loopholes and legal tricks to avoid paying what they owe. The bill will also put downward pressure on inflation. It may take a little while to see all the effects, but saving families money on health care, prescriptions and energy – while reducing the deficit – is a firm push in the right direction for the economy. The bill isn’t perfect. Because of the political compromises necessary to get it passed, some important pieces were dropped. For example, it doesn’t extend the federal Child Tax Credit enacted as part of COVID relief, which had a big impact on children living in poverty. There is more work to be done, but this bill shows what serious, committed public servants – in this case, Senate Democrats – can accomplish when they work together. If there’s a cloud around this silver lining, it’s that not one Republican senator voted for this bill. Not one. Maybe they’re worried about ticking off the big drug companies, which fought lower drug prices tooth and nail. Maybe they

think voters will forget by November. But I don’t think they will. I don’t think Americans will forget who voted for lower drug prices, clean energy and making billionaires and corporations pay their taxes – and who didn’t. We hear a lot about the growing gulf between the two major parties in America. But there’s a difference between politicians and voters. The people of Kansas just voted to protect the right to abortion care under the state constitution in the face of Republican legislators’ efforts to impose a complete ban on abortion. I think there are a lot of people– including Republicans – who need lower drug costs and smaller energy bills – and think the richest people and companies in America should not get a free pass to avoid paying their fair share of taxes. When we step into the voting booth, we are voting for individuals. And those individuals have voting records. This fall, voters get to decide whether our elected representatives are serving us or working against our best interests, our families and our future. If your member of Congress isn’t putting you first, you can vote them out. If they are doing what’s best for you, you can send them back. And that’s the best news of all. *Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and Professor of the Practice at the University of Pennsylvania. A New York Times best-selling author, his next book “Never Forget Our People Were Always Free” will be published by Harper Collins in December 2022.*

The former president is feeling pressure and discomfort from the Department of Justice

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

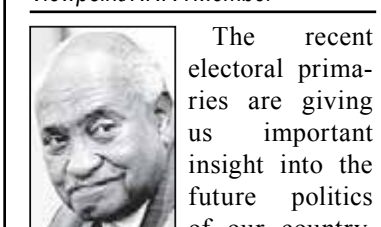


There was a game that we played in my neighborhood. It was called hide and seek. You remember hide and seek, don’t you? Simply explained, it was a game where we would hide until someone found you. We had some pretty interesting hiding places. We might be in the bushes or in someone’s backyard. The main goal was not to get caught. Of course, all of us would get caught eventually. For some of us, it simply took longer to get caught. At the beginning of the game, we would boast about how we weren’t going to get caught. We thought we could out-smart everyone else. Our thinking was that we had better places to hide, and we were just “cooler.” After we were apprehended, we would laugh about it and then go and get a snowball. We vowed to do better the next time because you see, it was only a game. In a strange way, the former president of the United States of America was playing a game of hide and seek. As his presidency started, he bragged about how good he was. That he never made mistakes and he was always at the top of his game.

Many Americans believed his testimonies of self-adulation. Along this ego-filled presidential journey, he made several mistakes in my opinion. The first error in judgement was that he confused loyalty to the country with loyalty to him. In the past several months, the former president has seen his appointees be loyal to the country. The second mistake he made was that he took the office of the president lightly. He wasn’t serious about the tasks at hand. Several reports say that he did not like to read documents and that his desk was always clean except for a diet soda. He didn’t realize that reading was fundamental to the position that he held. As we know now, the former president’s home at Mar-a-Lago was searched last week by the FBI. Reports say that they recovered 11 sets of classified documents including some that were identified as top secret. It begs the question, why were these sensitive documents at his house? In my opinion, there is no logical reason for them to be there. His lawyers are saying that all classified materials were returned in June. What else could his lawyers say? Trump had a penchant for mishandling and misplacing documents. John Bolton, a former Trump national security adviser said, “It worried people all of the time.” Aides say that sometimes he would trash documents and they would have to retrieve them from the waste basket. Am I missing something by using the president of this nation and waste basket in the same sentence? They were talking about the then president of the world’s most powerful country. The search warrant, questionable by some, was unsealed largely based upon the public opinion attached to it. U.S. Attorney General Garland Merrick said, “The department filed the motion to make public the warrant and receipt in light of the former president’s public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances and the substantial public interest in this matter.” Events having Trump’s name attached to them have only just begun. It is my opinion that the Department of Justice has gotten his full attention. Sleepless nights, nerves on edge and lots of diet sodas will be on his menu for the foreseeable future. I wonder if Mr. T played hide and seek as a child? If he had, he would have known that he would be found. The United States Department of Justice has found him. This may just be his last game of hide and seek.

Our vote: Our weapon against racism

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



The recent electoral primaries are giving us important insight into the future politics of our country. All one has to do is look at the number of Trump supporters winning primary elections for a place on the November General Election ballots. Eight out of ten of the Republicans who voted to impeach former President Donald Trump have either lost their primaries or decided not to run again. Just this week, we saw Congresswoman Elizabeth Cheney lose her primary race as a Wyoming Republican to a Trump supporter of the “Big Lie” that President Biden did not win the election. Let there be no doubt that racism in the form of fear of the black and brown voting electorate is at the heart of the Trump movement of voter suppression and planned efforts to decertify future elections.

Our vote is our most important weapon against this movement of racism cloaked in the “Make America Great Again” movement (MAGA). When we allow low voter turnout in the primary elections, we set the stage for the big November General Election Republican sweep that would not only give back control of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate, but also encourage the acceleration of hate crimes we are presently experiencing against people of color. If we want victories during and after the General Election of November 8, 2022, we must get involved now. How? Check your voter registration. If you have moved since the last election, fill out a new voter registration form. We have them available at the Voice & Viewpoint office, or go online. It was our votes that gave the state of Georgia two democratic Senators, shifting the balance of power in the U.S. Senate back to the Democrats. If Black Votes Matter (BVM), then we must vote because there are enough of us to make a difference in the general elections this November. If we plan to vote then we need to be sure we are registered and at the present address. If we don’t vote, then we can’t complain about rent increases, gas prices, lack of daycare and job opportunities. We will stay on this issue until we see some activities. We are less than 90 days from the election. What are you doing? Our vote is our weapon because there are only three things that corporate America fears: (1) lost profits, (2) bad publicity and (3) a vote cast against corporate interest. Our vote has been our weapon since the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which the U.S. Supreme Court has sought to dismantle. Now that Trump has stacked the Court with his conservative right judges, our vote for those who sit in the Congress and the Senate represents the only way to neutralize bad court decisions like Roe vs. Wade. Again, are you preparing to vote or will you just leave it to others to fight for your rights?

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

ZONING CASE NO. 4167

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 East Ridge, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Variance from the required lot width of 60' for R-1A zoned properties to allow for six (6) 52.7' wide lots for the property located at 0 Douglass Dr. (Parcel 540-344-1) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

79,525.5 Square Feet or 1.8256 Acres consisting of part of the property in Lot 36 of the E.D. Fonden Estate, a subdivision in Section 24, T6N/R2E, the City of Jackson, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi the Record Plat of which is filed in Plat Book 7 at Page 30 of the Hinds County Land Records for the said First Judicial District, said property being more fully described as follows:

Begin at the NW corner of Lot 1 of Hazlevert Heights, a subdivision in Section 24, T6N/R1E, the City of Jackson, First Judicial District, Hinds County Mississippi the Record Plat of which is filed in Plat Book 10 at Page 20 of the Hinds County Land Records for the First Judicial District, said point being on the South line of the right-of-way for Douglas Drive and proceed thence:

S11° 14' 44"E along the West line of Lots 1 and 4 of Hazlevert Heights for 572.30 feet to a point on the North line of the property conveyed to Dorothy D. Johnson by the Warranty Deed filed in Deed Book 2554 at page 320 and Deed Book 2552 at page 693 of the Hinds County Land Records for the First Judicial District; thence, S 80° 16' 17"W along the North line of the above cited Dorothy D. Johnson property for 200.0 feet to a point on the East line of Lot 26 of Eastwood Place, Part 2, a subdivision in Section 24, T6N/R1E, the City of Jackson, First Judicial District, Hinds County Mississippi the Record Plat of which is filed in Plat Book 21 at Page 6 of the Hinds County Land Records for the First Judicial District; thence,

N 11° 19' 00"W along the East line of Lots 26, 25, and 24 of Eastwood Place, Part 2 for 315.81 feet; thence,

N 78° 41' E for 140.33 feet; thence,

N 11°14' 44"W for 274.64 feet to a point on the South line of the right-of-way for Douglas Drive; thence,

S 79° 40' E along the South line of the right-of-way for Douglas Drive for 65.51 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 24, 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 August 17, 2022.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of July 2022.

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

8/4/2022, 8/18/2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

PHASE I, FARISH STREET

DEVELOPMENT OF LIMITED

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The Jackson Redevelopment Authority (JRA) is seeking proposals from interested parties for the development of Limited Commercial Property(ies) owned by JRA, located within the 200 Block of the Historic Farish Street District, Downtown Jackson, MS. The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available to the public beginning August 1, 2022, at www.jrams.org. Copies of the full RFP will be available for online review and download. All proposal responses must be received by JRA no later than Friday, September 30, 2022, at 4:00pm CDT. JRA reserves the right to cancel all solicitations and to accept or reject, in whole or in part, all proposals for any reason or to redevelop the project by other means at JRA's sole discretion.

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, AT 4PM

A virtual pre-proposal informational meeting will be held via zoom:
Monday, August 29, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND
The registration link will be available online 7 days prior to the meeting at www.jrams.org .

For additional information about this solicitation, contact JRA via email at info@jrams.org or develop@jrams.org or by phone at 601.960.1815. Emails are preferred and strongly encouraged.

7/28/2022, 8/4/2022, 8/11/2022, 8/18/2022, 8/25/2022

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30p.m., Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

As Jackson celebrates its 200th year, we want to encourage communities across the city to reflect upon and celebrate the shared history and culture of Jackson, while envisioning a future for Jackson. The Bicentennial offers a unique opportunity to foster appreciation among Jacksonians for our city's remarkable story and educate people of all ages about the founding, growth, and evolution of the city.

Our hope is to inspire and empower local organizations throughout Jackson to develop events and/or bolster existing programs, etc. that help document, interpret, and explore community culture throughout the city.

These bicentennial grants will support a wide array of public events, programs, awareness, etc. All funding from this grant opportunity must relate to some aspect of Jackson, MS history, contemporary culture, the celebration of the city's bicentennial, including but not limited to storytelling, history, arts & culture; music & food; industry & entrepreneurship; and outdoors and recreation.

The maximum award is \$2,500.

The goal of the Jackson Bicentennial Grants program is to empower Jacksonians to explore the unique history and character of our city. Programs must take place from September 2022-December 2022. The events should bring together communities, foster discussion, celebrate the city, and forge relationships between individuals, organizations, and regions. Grant awards offered by the City of Jackson shall only represent supplemental funding in support.

For the Request of Proposals Packet, please contact Christina Spann at 601-960-1537 or email 200jxn@gmail.com To apply, visit 200jxn.com/contact.

All proposal must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Jackson 200 Bicentennial Proposal City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 3:30pm on Tuesday, August 30th,2022. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Request for proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: 200jxn.com/contact. Packet proposals may also be picked up at the City of Jackson Department of Human and Cultural Services located at 1000 Metrocenter Drive Suite 101, Jackson MS.

By: David Lewis, Deputy Director
Department of Human and Cultural Services

8/11/2022, 8/18/2022, 8/25/2022

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

City of Jackson

Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, September 06, 2022 at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

75078-090622 Twenty-Four Month Supply of Clay Gravel and Wash Gravel

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

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


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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING AND A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4183

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 Luxe Homes, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential to R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District to allow for the construction of a 2-unit town house development for the property located on Parcel 507-2 (formerly 5016 Old Canton Rd) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 1, Briarwood Addition, Part 1, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 17 at page 26, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 24, 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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/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

8/4/2022, 8/18/2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING AND A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4182

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 Shawn Maxer has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District to allow for the construction of a barbershop for the property located on Parcel 220-91 on Ellis Ave and a Use Permit to allow for accessory parking on Parcel 220-92 on Ellis Ave. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel 220-91
LOT 4 BLK B CHESWOOD PARK SUB PT 2

Parcel 220-92
LOT 5 BLK B CHESWOOD PARK SUB PT 2

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, August 24, 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 27th day of July 2022.

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

8/4/2022, 8/18/2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4184

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 Reuben Jones has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit in a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to allow for the placement of a manufactured house on the property located at 195 Elton Rd. (Parcel 872-159). in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 9 & 10, Marshall Subdivision, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in plat book 4 at page 114, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description,

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 24, 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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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4180

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 Sara & Jaquan Jackson have filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit in a C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for the operation of a tattooing and piercing parlor in Suite F of the property located at 350 North Mart Plaza (Parcel 430-16-4). in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Tract I.
A parcel of land being situated in Lots 2 and 3 of Block "L" of the North View Addition, Part 2, according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is made in aid hereof, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the East right-of-way line of North State Street and the North right-of-way line of North Mart Plaza, (street dedicated by Deed Book 1082, Page 245, dated May 15, 1958), marked by a found ½" iron pin, and being 225 feet Northeasterly of and 30.9 feet Westerly of the Southwest corner of said Lot 3, Block "L" of North View Addition as indicated in previously recorded deeds;

Thence run Easterly along said North right-of-way line of North Mart Plaza for a distance of 471.65 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin, and being The Point of Beginning of said Tract I;

Thence continue Easterly along said North right-of-way for a distance of 50.0 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin;

Thence turn to the left through an angle of 82 degrees 13 minutes and run Northeasterly for a distance of 184.1 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin;

Thence turn to the left through an angle of 96 degrees 44 minutes and run Westerly for a distance of 50.0 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin;

Thence turn to the left through an angle of 83 degrees 18 minutes and run Southwesterly for a distance of 185.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 9,157 square feet, more or less.

Being the same property as described in Deed Book 1086, at Page 324.

Tract II.
A parcel of land being situated in Lots 2 and 3 of Block "L" of the North View Addition, Part 2, according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is made in aid hereof, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the East right-of-way line of North State Street and the North right-of-way line of North Mart Plaza, (street dedicated by Deed Book 1082, Page 245, dated May 15, 1958), marked by a found 1/2" iron pin, and being 225 feet Northeasterly of and 30.9 feet Westerly of the Southwest corner of said Lot 3, Block "L" of North View Addition as indicated in previously recorded deeds;

Thence run Easterly along said North right-of-way line of North Mart Plaza for a distance of 521.65 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin, and being the Point of Beginning of said Tract II;

Thence continue Easterly along said North right-of-way for a distance of 70.0 feet to a found 1/2" iron pin;

Thence turn to the left through an angle of 82 degrees 10 minutes and run Northeasterly for a distance of 182.9 feet to a found 1/2" iron pin;

Thence turn to the left through an angle of 96 degrees 47 minutes and run Westerly for a distance of 70.0 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin;

Thence turn to the left through an angle of 83 degrees 16 minutes and run Southwesterly for a distance of 184.1 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 12,743 square feet, more or less.

Being the same property as described in Deed Book 1086, at Page 320.

Tract III.
A parcel of land being situated in Lots 2 and 3 of Block "L" of the North View Addition, Part 2, according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds Count at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is made in aid hereof, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of "Parcel Number 6" as shown on Plat dated March 22, 1957, (revised April 8, 1960) prepared by W.A. Akin, Civil Engineer, recorded in Deed Book 1266 at Page 415 of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk, also being the Northwest corner of Tract I, Deed Book 1086 at Page 324, marked by a set 5/8" iron pin, and being the Point of Beginning.

Thence run Northeasterly along an extension of the West line of said Parcel Number 6/Tract I, for a distance of 10.0 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin;

Thence Easterly and parallel to the North line of said Parcel Number 6/Tract I for a distance of 60.0 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin;

Thence Southwesterly and parallel the West line of said Parcel Number 6/tract II for a distance of 10.0 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin on the North line of Parcel Number 7 as shown on aforesaid Plat/Tract II, Deed Book 1086, at Page 320;

Thence Westerly along the North line of said Parcels Number 6 and 7/Tracts I and II for a distance of 60.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 596 square feet, more or less.

Being the same property as described in Deed 1266 at Page 415.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4181

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 River Ridge, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial to be consistent with the zoning of the adjacent properties to increase the development opportunities for the property located at 2095 Dunbarton Dr. (Parcels: 590-57, 590-57-2, 590-57-4, 590-57-5 & 590-57-3). in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcels 590-57-2 & 590-57-4

Being situated in Lot 5, Section 30, T6N-R2E, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows;

Commence at the intersection of the West boundary of said Lot 5 of Section 30, T6N-R2E, with the Southern R.O.W. line of Mississippi Highway 25, and run thence Easterly, along the Southern R.O.W. line of Mississippi Highway 25, 1,261.02 feet; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Southerly, 450.00 feet to the Southern R.O.W. line of a 50' foot wide street; turn thence to the left through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Easterly, along the Southern R.O.W. line of said street, 70.00 feet to an iron bar marking the POINT OF BEGINNING for the property herein described: continue Easterly, along the Southern R.O.W. line of said street, 281.50 feet to an iron bar; turn thence through an interior angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Southerly, 270.00 feet to an iron bar; turn thence through an interior angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Westerly, 359.50 feet to an iron bar; turn thence through an interior angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Northerly, 145.00 feet to an iron bar; turn thence through an interior angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Easterly, 78.00 feet to an iron bar; turn thence through an interior angle of 270 degrees 00 minutes and run Northerly, 125.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 87,315 square feet or 2.004 acres, more or less.

Parcel 590-57-5

Commencing at the point of intersection of the West line of Lot 5, Section 30, T6N, R2E Hinds County, Mississippi, and Southerly R.O.W. of Mississippi Highway 25, said point being 175 feet from the center of said R.O.W.: run thence Easterly along said R.O.W. 1261.02 feet to a point; thence turn right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees and run Southerly 720 feet to the Point of Beginning of the property herein described; thence turn left 90 degrees and run Easterly 356.5 feet; thence turn right 90 degrees and run Southerly 30 feet; thence turn right 90 degrees and run Westerly 356.5 feet; thence turn right and run Northerly 30 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 590-57

Being situated in Lot 5, Section 30, T6N-R2E, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the West Boundary of said Lot 5 of Section 30, T6N-R2E, with the Southern R.O.W. line of Mississippi Highway 25, and run thence Easterly along the Southern R.O.W. line of Mississippi Highway 25, 1261.02 feet; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 90000' and run Southerly, 450.00 feet to the Southern R.O.W. line of a 50' wide street; turn thence to the left through a deflection angle of 90000' and run Easterly, along the Southern R.O.W line of said street, 510.42 feet; run thence Southeasterly, along the arc of a curve in the said Southern R.O.W. line, 39.65 feet to an iron bar to the Point of Beginning for the herein described easement; said curve having a radius of 50.00 feet and a delta angle of 450 39' 37"; thence backsighting along the chord of said curve, turn thence through an interior angle of 149042' and run Southerly, 116.50 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 210 04' 30" and run Southwesterly, 91.45 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 25 0 41' and run Southwesterly, 35.48 feet; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 32 0 14' 30" and run Southwesterly, 54.27 feet, turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 110 00' and run Westerly, 426.00 feet to the proposed East R.O.W. line of River Ridge Drive; turn thence through an interior angle of 900 00' and run Southerly, 20.0 feet; turn thence through an interior angle of 900 00' and run Easterly, 427.91 feet; turn thence through an interior angle of 169 0 00' and run Northeasterly, 61.98 feet; turn thence through an interior angle of 147 0 45' 30" and run Northeasterly, 45.83 feet; turn thence through an interior angle of 1540 19' and run Northeasterly, 99.72 feet; turn thence through an interior angle of 1580 55' 30" and run Northerly, 111.23 feet to the Southern R.O.W. line of aforesaid 50' wide street; run thence Northwesterly, along the arc of a curve in the Southern R.O.W. line of said street, 22.11 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 590-57-3

A tract of land lying and being in the first Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being situated in Lot 5, Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 2 East, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the West boundary of said Lot 5 of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 2 East, with the Southern R.O.W. line of Mississippi Highway 25, and run thence Easterly, along the Southern R.O.W. line of Mississippi Highway 25, 1261.02 feet; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Southerly, 450.00 feet to the Southern R.O.W. line of a 50 foot wide street; turn thence to the left through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Easterly, along the Southern R.O.W. line of said street , 351.50 feet to the Northeast corner of and the Point of Beginning for the property herein described; continue thence Easterly, along the South R.O.W. line of said street 158.92 feet; run thence Southeasterly, along the arc of a curve in the said Southern R.O.W. line, 39.85 feet to an iron bar; said curve having a radius of 50 feet and a delta angle of 45 degrees 39 minutes 37 seconds; thence backsighting along the chord of said curve, turn thence through an interior angle of 149 degrees 42 minutes and run Southerly, 116.50 feet; turn thence through an interior angle of 158 degrees 55 minutes 30 seconds and run Southwesterly, 91.45 feet; turn thence through an interior angle of 154 degrees 19 minutes and run Southwesterly, 35.48 feet to an iron bar; turn thence through an interior angle of 147 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds and run Westerly, 54.27 feet to an iron bar; turn thence through an interior angle of 169 degrees 00 minutes and run Westerly, 66.50 feet; turn thence through an interior angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Northerly, 270 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.018 acres, more or less.

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Jackson State University welcomes Haynes as new dean of the College of Education and Human Development

By Anthony Howard
Jackson State University

Jackson State University (JSU) has welcomed Jerri Haynes, Ed.D., as the dean of the College of Education and Human Development. She is joining JSU following her time at Tennessee State University, where she served as dean and professor of the College of Education, increasing their enrollment by 15 percent in her first year.

“We are pleased that Dr. Jerri Haynes has joined the Jackson State family. During her career, her passion for education has resulted in unique program offerings tailored to addressing the teacher shortage. She’s been nationally recognized as a thought leader and her appointment as dean of the renowned College of Education and Human Development aligns with our strategic goals at Jackson State. I appreciate the efforts of the search committee,” said Alisa L. Mosley, Ph.D., provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs



Haynes

at JSU. Haynes has dedicated nearly three decades of her life to higher education. She plans to

continue paving the path for academic excellence, encouraging a diverse and supportive community as well as facilitating school districts and other educational agencies.

“I am looking forward to collaborating with an innovative and thriving team of individuals at JSU throughout the college, university and system who are working to transform the lives of students, faculty, staff and stakeholders. It is an opportunity to reimagine COEHD, an amazing opportunity with unlimited possibilities,” said Haynes.

The newly appointed dean served in various positions in the K-12 school setting, including teacher, reading coach, curriculum administrator, educational consultant, principal, school board member and founder of the New Millennium Charter School.

Haynes has published two books: “Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Children” and “The Silent Epidemic: Problem in Public Education,” written

more than 15 peer-reviewed articles, and presented at various local, state, national and international conferences.

The veteran educator has also served as one of eight faculty scholar exchange professors and presented at the Northwestern International Universities in Lanzhou, China, and SIAS International University People’s Republic of China.

Haynes is a proven skilled peer reviewer and conducted reviews for the U.S. Department of Education, the Council for the Accreditation of Education and Preparation, and the Higher Learning Commission. She serves on the Social Science Editorial Board, Grow Your Own National Board, Purpose Preparatory Academy Board and the National Teacher Quality Council.

Haynes has an extensive amount of curriculum and management leadership, including experiences developing new courses, certificates and credentialing programs.

“Critical to my success in these efforts have been my knowledge, experience, skills and disposition of programs, instructional pedagogy, assessments and partnerships to connect diverse perspectives to develop programs that consist of rigor relevance, and relationships with flexibility and autonomy to meet all stakeholders’ needs,” she shared.

Haynes earned her Ed.D. in child and youth studies from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1999, where she also earned a specialist degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages. She obtained her and bachelor’s and master’s degrees in elementary education from Florida A & M University in Tallahassee.

The proud mother of two further credits her success to a strong foundation of progressive leadership and diverse experiences that played an integral role in her becoming a culturally and linguistically responsive leader.

Senior Glennescia Tenner talks experience as first Alcorn student selected as a Cargill Global Scholar

Mississippi Link Newswire

A student from Alcorn State University was recently the university’s first to participate in a leading agriculture agency’s global scholarship program.

Glennescia Tenner, a senior majoring in agribusiness management, is the first Alcorn student to earn acceptance into the Cargill Global Scholar Program. The program, held at Cargill’s headquarters in Minneapolis, is a two-year leadership development program that provides financial support, leadership development and one-on-one mentoring.

Scholarship recipients received an annual scholarship award of \$2,500 for up to two years, and participation in two fully funded Leadership Development Seminars held during Summer 2022 and 2023. Recipients also gained opportunities to network with fellow scholars from Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and Russia, along with one-on-one mentorship from Cargill executives in the United States and abroad.

Accomplishing this feat is a significant step in Tenner’s journey to success. She plans to use the knowledge the program has taught her to accelerate further into her potentially bright future.



Tenner

“Completing this milestone is one step closer to success,” said Tenner. “This process has given me the tools to become a more confident individual. I will take this confidence and apply it to reach my goals.”

Tenner’s participation sets a precedent for future Alcorn participants in the scholarship program. She’s happy to be the torch bearer and looks forward to passing it to the next Alcorn student to gain acceptance into the program.

“Being Alcorn’s first student to participate in this program is an honor. This is a great accomplishment for me. It showed me that it was my responsibility to leave a positive impression not only for me but also for future Alcorn students that come into this program. Exemplifying knowledge and character, which is the Alcorn way, allowed them to see that Alcorn has amazing and talented students that can assist their program.”

The program offered Tenner the chance to improve essential skills she will need to become an agricultural professional.

“The program helped me to improve my leadership and networking skills. It allowed me to learn more about the company and meet mentors and staff members that can help prepare me to reach my goals in the field. This experience exposed me to people from different backgrounds, volunteer experience and mentor programs. It also encouraged us to reach our goals and connected us to people that can help.”

Tenner offers advice to students who may be interested in applying for the program.

“This program is a good learning opportunity. I encourage the next group of students to go in with an open mind because there’s something to learn in everything you do. The people there really want to see you succeed, so take every opportunity to network and gain connections. You never know when you might need them or who could help.”

Health Department reviewing COVID-19 guidance for schools after CDC updates recommendations

By Will Stribling
Mississippi Today

The Mississippi Department of Health is reevaluating its COVID-19 guidance for K-12 schools following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) loosening its own recommendations on Aug. 11.

The new CDC guidance further emphasizes individual risk mitigation over population-level precautions.

“We know that COVID-19 is here to stay,” Greta Massetti, a CDC epidemiologist, said at a press conference following the release of the new guidance. “High levels of population immunity due to vaccination and previous infection, and the many tools that we have available to protect people from severe illness and death, have put us in a different place.”

Over the course of the pandemic, COVID-19 has infected over 896,000 Mississippians and killed nearly 13,000. Mississippi has the highest per capita death rate from COVID-19 of any state in the nation, with 427 deaths for every 100,000 people, compared to a national average of 311, according to the New York Times.

CDC guidance no longer differentiates between vaccinated and unvaccinated people in its recommendations. Mississippi remains one of the least vaccinated states in the nation, only ahead of Wyoming, according to CDC data. Just 53% of the state’s population has been fully vaccinated and only 21% have received a booster dose.

The state health department’s COVID-19 guidance for the current school year was re-



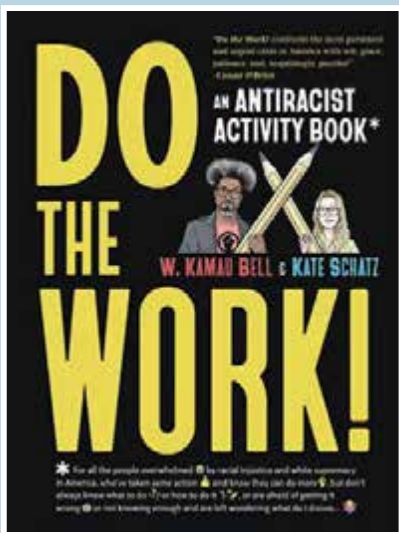
First graders line up on their first day back to school at Pearman Elementary in Cleveland, MS. Masks are required for students and staffers. CREDIT: VICKIE D. KING/MISSISSIPPI TODAY

leased in July. In its current form, it recommends actions no longer included in CDC guidelines.

The CDC removed a recommendation that kids who are contacts of someone who tested positive for COVID-19 take regular tests, and test negative, to remain in the classroom. The process was known as “test-to-stay.”

Schools in Mississippi are able to receive at-home BinaxNOW COVID-19 tests through its School Based Screening Testing Initiative. One of the allowed uses for these tests is test-to-stay initiatives, and the department recommends that asymptomatic teachers and students receive a negative test on days one, three and five after exposure to remain in the classroom.

“MSDH is aware of the updated guidance from CDC and is currently reviewing to determine the modifications and updates that will be needed in Mississippi’s guidance to schools moving forward,” State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers said.




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Hinds County School District Convocation

Hinds County School District held its convocation. It was a very informative and exciting event. Dr. Delesicia Martin, Superintendent of Hinds County School District, opened the convocation with great excitement and enthusiasm. Dr. Linda Law, President of the Hinds County School Board also expressed great excitement about the 2022/2023 school year. The Hinds County School Board was

in attendance. The two Assistant Superintendents, Dr. Robert Sanders and Mrs. Michelle Ray gave important instructions and information to all Hinds County School District Employees on safety and academic expectations to have a successful year. Mrs. Lisa Jones, Information Technology Director, gave instructions about cybersecurity and Mrs. Laura Fosselman from Homeland Security gave a

presentation on CRASE (Civilian Response Active Shooter Event) to ensure that the Hinds County School District will be informed and prepared for an active shooter incident. To end the Convocation, Dr. Martin and the Martineers put on a performance to Love Train by Bruno Mars with lyrics associated with education. They were very impressive. We are ready for a fantastic year in Hinds County School District!



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