

Poor People’s Campaign marches into Jackson

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

A Moral Monday March was conducted by the Mississippi Poor People’s Campaign joining forces with Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival on Monday, September 26, in downtown Jackson, with co-chairman Reverend William Joseph Barber II in attendance.

The focus of the march was Clean Water is a Human Right.

Starting at Mt. Helm Missionary Baptist Church, marchers proceeded to the intersection of Capitol and Congress Streets, in front of the Mississippi Governor’s Mansion for a rally that lasted over two hours, a part of which was featured on MSNBC’s Reid Out with Joy Reid.

Between one and two hundred people gathered at Mt. Helm and were joined by others along the route to the rally and by still more at the rally site – about 500 people in all.

Rukia Lumumba of the People’s Advocacy Institute and Electoral Justice Project led the crowd in chants of Free The Land – Clean The Water – Keep It Public. Numerous leaders of community organizations were in attendance and numerous clergy including Reverend C.J. Rhodes and Bishop Dr. DeWayne Pickett.

Barber indicated that this may be his first rally centered on the voices of those impacted by Jackson’s water crisis. Speaker after speaker came to the podium to share their personal stories, some with tears, and others with blistering outrage that decade after



Marchers gather at Mt. Helm MB Church in Jackson, Miss. 9/26/22.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS YOUNG

decade the State of Mississippi has failed Jacksonians. The entire evening was rife with prayer, song, preaching and call and response.

Barber reported that this is just the first Moral Monday Rally in Jackson. “This is the inauguration, and there will be many more in the coming weeks and months ahead. Moral Mondays are never about one day of action...they will continue until change happens. Moral Monday is about telling the truth. It’s immoral that there is poison in the water. It’s immoral that you have to be washing your babies in poison.

It’s a sin and a violation of equal protection under the law and a violation of human rights to have a system and a fight over controlling water that has been going on since 1972.”

Barber spared no intensity when speaking of Governor Reeves either. “You have a governor who demeans Jackson when he goes into another city and says he would rather be there than in Jackson. He lies on Jackson, and lies about Jackson, rather than joining hands with Jackson to clean the water. He says Jackson doesn’t have a plan, but Jackson does have a plan, you just don’t

have the damn consciousness to make the plan happen.”

Barber said, “For this state’s former governor and some others to seemingly be caught up with Brett Favre – a scandal to rob money from poor and low income people and use it for their own pet projects while you and your children and the sick and the disabled of every race and creed and color, are the ones being hit the hardest by this crisis – it’s immoral, its sinful, it’s a violation of equal protection under the law and a violation of human rights in the

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Major display of Aids Memorial Quilt honoring black and brown lives lost to aids – first time public viewing

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent, Ph.D.
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A week of free Quilt displays and events honoring black and brown lives lost to AIDS has been going on in the City of Jackson and surrounding areas since Wednesday, September 28 and will climax Tuesday, October 4, 2022. The largest display ever in the state of Mississippi, the Quilt exhibition has launched the Change the Pattern initiative. Jackson and surrounding environs are the first to see the display which has numerous partners, but largely funded by Gilead Sciences with a \$2.4 million grant.

This new initiative of the National AIDS Memorial, Southern AIDS Coalition and Gilead Sciences uses the power and beauty of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to disrupt systemic issues that impact health equity and continue to disproportionately impact communities of color and marginalized populations.

Mississippi has the sixth-

highest rate of HIV in the United States. Additionally, new HIV diagnoses remain high year after year.

Sections of the Quilt will sojourn to twelve southern states, reaching many communities via displays, storytelling, community events/programming and quilt-making workshops.

More than half of new HIV diagnoses occur in the South which comprises 38% of the US population.

Furthermore, the Quilt is the largest community arts project throughout the globe. It now surpasses 50,000 individuals, sewn panels with more than 11,000 names stitched into its tons of fabric as it pays deference to the Black, Latinx, Indigenous, Transgender and other marginalized communities.

The first panels were stitched 35 years ago, but according to John Cunningham, CEO of the National AIDS Memorial, the Quilt endures as “a powerful

teaching tool for health action, remembrance and social justice.”

The intent is to bring the Quilt to communities throughout the United States in the fight to alleviate apathy, to cure persons of AIDs and to serve as a catalyst for change.

Both Daniel O’Day (chairman and chief executive officer, Gilead Sciences) and Dafina Ward (executive director of the Southern AIDS Coalition) contended that the power of community is reflected in the Quilt which contains powerful stories, “critical to ending HIV-related stigma.”

Many Quilt panels on display honor and celebrate lives lost to HIV/AIDS from Jackson and the South to merge their stories with today’s crisis. Changing the pattern starts with: Jackson State University professor Mark A. Colomb (Ph.D.); 14-year-old Hemophilic Michael Felton; Lavadious Walker, celebrated in the local Trans community; and Grace House for their residents.

Included, as well, is a quilt made by legendary civil rights and justice activist Rosa Parks, a supporter of the AIDS Quilt.

Emmy Award winning actress Sheryl Lee Ralph is also featured. Ralph is a founding member of the DIVA (Divinely Inspired Victoriously Anointed) Foundation which she created in memory of the many friends she has lost to HIV/AIDS. She has a long history with the Quilt, creating the Quilt section that will be on display at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum which honors and celebrates black artists, entertainers and friends who died of HIV/AIDS. Ralph made part of this Quilt in Jackson during a panel-making workshop at New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Jackson in 2012.

Main exhibits are located at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and Jackson Medical Mall.

Smaller exhibits are at JSU

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Pam Confer hits Mississippi roads with Harmony Talks, To Go (Unconscious Bias Talks)

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent, Ph.D.
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On Monday, September 26, 2022, during the 12:00 noon luncheon at the Downtown Jackson Rotary Club meeting held at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, Mississippi songstress Pam Confer set about her new task – Harmony Talks, To Go – with vigor. In her conversational tone, she stood at the podium and engaged the Rotary and their guests who smiled, nodded and applauded.

What Confer had to say seemed appropriate in that the club provides humanitarian service, encourages high standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

“People express themselves in different ways. The goal is overall, to be beyond that,” said the speaker.

Confer explained her comment as she referenced relationships within the workplace. Employers pay \$64 billion a year because two million employees leave their jobs based upon unfair treatment. It takes that amount of money, she argued, for employers to find a new flock of employees.

As she mentioned the global call for unity, the feisty personality claimed, “The pandemic has forced us to communicate in different ways, [but] harmony can’t wait.”

Confer explained that this new norm has compelled creativity into play like never before. “Conversations we have are all about what’s going on in our lives, and we’re uncomfortable with 11 million things that remain on our minds,” she said. “It is crucial, then, to strive for ‘life management.’”

A minister from Sharon, Mississippi, said to members of one of his conferences many years ago, “We don’t always see ourselves the way others see us.” Bias was the term that Confer mentioned in connection to this. When it comes to self-disclosure, everyone has what a communication scholar



Confer

labelled, “a blind self.” What this means is that there is a part of the self that others see about us, but we are unaware of it. An example might be lip smacking after drinking water. Thus, those witnessing the act notice the lip smacking, but the person drinking the water has no knowledge of it.

Confer posed several remedies to communication ineffectiveness within the workplace: (1) have a desire to seek diverse perspectives; (2) capitalize on everyone’s skills; (3) establish a buddy system; (4) challenge the status quo; (5) foster flexibility and learning; and (6) admit mistakes. She asserted that adopting these suggestions would bring greater knowledge and appreciation among persons in the world of work. Thus, whether virtual or in person, “talks work.”

She concluded her talk with, “Mississippi is the most diverse state in the country, and we all are allies of each other. [Building relationships is a lifelong process], and we must realize that we really are beautiful.”

Following her talk, at the request of an audience member, Confer sang Mississippi Beautiful, a song she wrote, produced and recorded in 2017 in tribute to the state’s bicentennial and the opening of the Two Mississippi Museums.

Pam Confer is an international, award-winning bilingual singer, song-writer and speaker. She has deep roots and a smile that can move the world.

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Confer speaking at the well-attended Downtown Rotary Club meeting. PHOTO BY JANICE NEAL-VINCENT



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Student Center; Craftsmen's Guild of MS; Jackson City Hall; Capitol City PRIDE, Visit Jackson; Greenville City Hall; and Hattiesburg AIDS Services Coalition.

Key Media Events

Wednesday, Sept. 28 (10 a.m.): Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, 222 N. Jackson St. (Exhibit opening for public viewing). 2 p.m. (Opening Ceremony with dedication of new Quilt panels recently made by Mississippi residents that will become permanent panels on the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Announcement of \$100K in emergency relief grants for local HIV/AIDS service organizations.

Thursday, Sept. 29 (9-11 a.m.): Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, 222 N. Jackson St. Change the Pattern with Love & Activism Forum with HIV/AIDS community leaders on efforts to advocate and to educate.

Friday, Sept. 30 (1-4 p.m.): Jackson Medical Mall, 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave. Community Forum – Fight Like Fannie Lou: The Legacy of Mississippi Civil Rights in the HIV Justice Movement.

Saturday, Oct. 1 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.): Greenville. Community Forum-Change the Pattern in the Faith-Based Community. Anointed Oasis of Love Ministry, 238 Thomas St.

Saturday/Sunday (11 a.m.-7 p.m.): Capital City Pride, Two Mississippi Museums, 222 N. Jackson St.

Special reading of Names of MS lives lost to AIDS remembered on the Quilt throughout the day. Free Museum pass-



es for the public.

All Week:

Community Quilt-Making Workshops and Film Screenings. Mississippi Civil Rights Museum (Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.) & Jackson Medical Mall (Wednesday-Friday, 1-4 p.m.)

Display hosts include: Mississippi Episcopal AIDS Commission; St. James Episcopal Church; the Mississippi Episcopal AIDS Commission; Mississippi and Mississippi HEARTS Against AIDS; Chevron Mississippi; AIDS Services Coalition; and Community Health – PIER; Grace House.

As a tradition with the AIDS Quilt to support HIV/AIDS service organizations doing important work in their communities, the National AIDS Memorial, Southern AIDS Coalition and Gilead Sciences are inviting interested Southern-based organizations to apply for funding through special grant pro-

grams through the Change the Pattern initiative.

Jackson Emergency Relief Fund is providing \$100,000 in grants to support Jackson area HIV/AIDS service organizations to support their work and who have been impacted by the water crisis that continues in the region.

Quilt Panel-making Workshops Fund is supporting local quilt-making workshops throughout the South to help ensure the stories of black and brown lives lost to HIV/AIDS are captured through newly-sewn panels on the Quilt through the Memorial's Call My Name program.

The following leaders, communities from the HIV/AIDS Community and Quilt panel makers are available for interviews: John Cunningham (CEO), Duane Cramer & Jada Harris, National AIDS Memorial; Dafina Ward, Executive Director, Southern AIDS Coalition; Dr. Shanell McCoy, Director of Corpo-



rate Giving, Gilead Sciences; Melverta Bender, MLS, MPH, Director, Office of STD/HIV, Mississippi Dept. of Health; Robin Webb, Executive Director, AIDS Watch Mississippi; Dr. Juanita Davis,

Director, CARE4ME Program, Jackson Medical Mall; Cedric L. Sturdevant, Executive Director, Community Health-PIER; and Jason McCarty, Executive Director, Capital City Pride.

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21st century.”

Barber offered many statistics: “351,000 Mississippians are uninsured, 52% of Mississippians are poor, 500+ thousand are working for less than a living wage – and you spend time robbing from the poor – that’s immoral, that’s sinful.”

He took aim at pastors, and acknowledged that he is a pastor himself. “If you care about your pastor’s anniversary but don’t care about this water getting clean and helping these people out here, then something is wrong. Something is wrong with your theology.”

James Sims, the great great great grandson of confederate colonel and U.S. Senator from Mississippi, James Z. George, who was the primary architect of the Jim Crow laws – labeled the water crisis in Jackson as economic and institutional racism. He cried out, “Tate Reeves clean drinking water is not optional. Clean drinking water is mandatory. If this crisis was happening in Oxford, Ocean Springs or Madison, Mississippi, how long would it take to find a solution?”

As the evening was coming to a close, Barber asked Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba to come to the front of the stage. He placed his stole over the mayor’s shoulder – the stole says Jesus Was A Poor Man – before leading the crowd in a methodical version of the song ‘We Shall Overcome.’ Barber amped it up a bit by encouraging the DJ to play the O’Jays song ‘Give The People What They Want.’

The Poor People’s Campaign (www.poorpeoplescampaign.org) has a moral agenda based on fundamental rights, and in addition to its twelve principles, has two parts: Declaration of Fundamental Rights and Poor People’s Moral Agenda (which includes addressing systemic racism, poverty and inequality, ecological devastation, war economy and militarism, and national morality) and the history behind and moral justification for this Moral Agenda.

For those that want to get involved with Mississippi Poor People’s Campaign, email mississippi@poorpeoplescampaign.org.



Poor People’s Campaign rally site with Governor’s Mansion in the background PHOTOS BY CHRIS YOUNG



Reverend William Barber arriving at rally



Marchers arriving to rally site from Mt. Helm Church.



Cassandra Welchin, Mississippi Black Women’s Roundtable



Jackson Mayor Lumumba with stole on his shoulder presented by Rev. Barber



Cheikh Taylor, Jackson resident



Charles Sims, great great great grandson of James Z. George (aka Jim Crow architect)



Marchers arriving at rally point.



Impacted resident and Rev. Barber while Live with MSNBC Reid Out.



Marchers arriving at rally point from Mt. Helm.



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CGMA honored music achievers and awarded student scholarships at annual gospel celebration

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The Canton Gospel Music Association (CGMA) held its 19th Annual Scholarship Awards & Gospel Music Celebration August 28, 2022, at the Canton High School Auditorium.

Cynthia Goodloe Palmer is founder/president of CGMA.

Palmer stated that to date, the CGMA has awarded music scholarships to 181 students of Madison County totaling over \$30,000 to assist with music lessons.

Lifetime Music Achievement award recipients were Gerald Nichols (music producer, musician, songwriter, arranger); Rev. Jessie Primer, Jr. (retired band director, music producer, musician, songwriter); and Dr. Quentin Ransburg (Minister of Music, recording artist, choir director).

In addition, The Mayor's Award was presented by Canton Mayor William Truly to Evelyn Jones for 41 years at WMGO Radio playing gospel music.

The audience was treated to musical selections from six of the scholarship recipients. Music scholarship were presented to nine students.

Musical guests included Jessica Poston, Evangelist Elizabeth Brixter, DoxaMuziq, Jean Ellis & The DB Singers, Dr. Jessie and Yuric Primer and Police Chief Otha Brown. Rev. Jonathan T. Phillips Jr., gave the opening prayer.

Several sponsors were in attendance and received awards. They included Earl Nichols accepting for Ethel Doris Lucille Nichols; Pastor John & LaJesca Woodard accepting for The Ark of Safety Ministry and Rev. James Sims accepting for UAW Region 8.

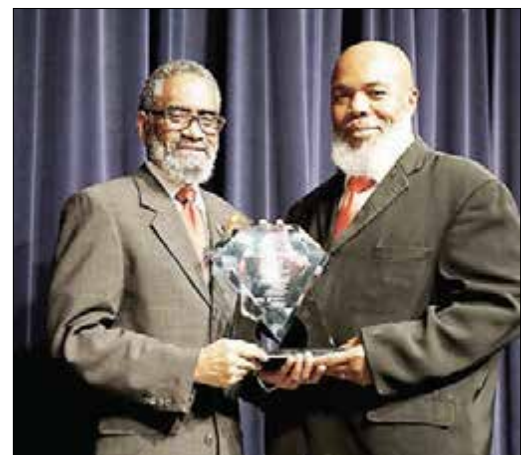


Cynthia Goodloe Palmer, CGMA founder and president



Canton Gospel Music Association

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Claude Nichols accepting Lifetime Music Award for Gerald Nichols from Jeffery Luckett



Musical guest – DOXAMUZI



Musical guest – Evangelist Elizabeth Brister



Musical guest – Jean Ellis and the GB Singers



Musical guests – Yuric & Dr. Jessie Primer, III



Harry Watson, Lifetime Music Award honoree Dr. Quentin Ransburg, LaJesca Woodard, Pastor John Woodard Jr.



Mayor William Truly and Mayor's Award recipient Evelyn Jones



Musical guest – Jessica Poston



Musical guest – Canton Police Chief Otha Brown



Scholarship winner LeeAndrae Chandler performs



Randy Abron & Lifetime Music Award honoree Rev. Jessie Primer Jr.



Scholarship student Layla Garrett performs



Rev. Dr. Jonathan Phillips T. Jr.



Scholarship awardees – Wesley Dinkins Jr., Victoria Garrett, Layla Garrett, Kingston Wiley, LeeAndrea Chandler, Kaleb Bullock



Veda Archie, Earl Nichols accepting for sponsor Doris Lucille Nichols Smith, Georgia Sims



Veda Archie, Pastor John & LaJesca Woodard accepting for sponsor Ark of Safety Ministry, Georgia Sims

St. Mary Catholic Church to get historic markers

By John Surratt
The Associated Press

For 116 years, St. Mary Catholic Church has been a source of spiritual guidance and education for African-American Catholics in Vicksburg and Warren County.

Its importance to the community will be remembered on Oct. 16 with a ceremony dedicating two historic markers – one for the church and another for the elementary and high school.

The markers, said Benny Terrell, a member of the marker committee, were the idea of the church’s pastor, the Rev. Joseph Nguyen.

“He decided that he wanted to do something to recognize St. Mary’s, to highlight the significant contributions of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and St. Mary’s School to the spiritual and educational needs of the Vicksburg community,” he said. “We wanted to cover those things that we have done that have impacted this community and a lot of the minority people in this community.”

The original plan, Terrell said, was to unveil the markers in 2021 to celebrate the church’s 115th anniversary, but the impact of COVID-19 delayed the plans.

“We couldn’t get the markers done until 2022 but we decided to go on and do the dedication anyway,” he said.

St. Mary’s parish was founded in 1906 by the Rev. Aloysius Heick. The first church was on Holly Street “right behind where United Cleaners is located on Cherry Street, down the hill,” Terrell said.

The Sisters of Mercy provided the altar for the first church, the candlesticks and the priest’s vestments; and the priests at St. Paul Catholic Church provided a place for Heick to stay until St. Mary’s moved to its present location at Main and Second North streets later in 1906 and also started an elementary and high school. The present church was built in 1923.

The congregation at St. Paul’s collected \$279.80 that they donated to Heick to buy the land and philanthropist Katherine Drexel, who was later canonized a saint, provided half of the money necessary to get the property.

“When they moved from Holly Street, there were three houses on the lot,” committee member Josephine Williams Calloway said. “They utilized one for the priest, one for the school and one for the nuns when they came.”

School attendance at the time



116 year-old St. Mary Catholic Church, Main Street, Vicksburg, MS

was so low, she said, the grade school and high school were housed in the same building.

“They (parish officials) had to contact most of the parishioners to see how many would come to the school,” she said.

A two-story Greek revival building was built in 1908 and was later used for the high school. Drexel, Calloway said, contributed money for the building.

“She came here to inspect it and according to accounts, she was very impressed with what they were doing,” she said.

“She was very dedicated to supporting black Catholics in this country,” Terrell said. “Not only did she provide funding to help secure our property, but when Father Heick went to Jackson, she helped secure the property over there by donating funds. She also paid for Xavier University in New Orleans. She was very generous and very supportive of black Catholics and Native Americans.”

The nuns who taught the children at St. Mary’s were members of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit, who were all German,” committee member Cherrie Boykin McClelland said.

“And in order to teach in Mississippi, the teachers, if they had not completed their teacher training in Germany or Holland, they had to go to DePaul University in Chicago and get an additional degree before they were allowed to teach here,” Calloway said. “So most of our teachers had two degrees and one of our teachers was a professor at Peking University (before Catholics were expelled from China).”

“They spoke limited English and they practiced English on the way from Europe to the United States,” Terrell said.

Because they were teaching African-American children in the then-segregated Jim Crow South, “The nuns were not that welcome in Vicksburg and the congregation was the one that really supported them,” Terrell said.

“The nuns would not go anywhere by themselves; they would always go in pairs. People still did not cater to the idea of white nuns teaching black kids,” he said.

“Sometimes they were referred to as the ‘N Nuns,’” McClelland said.

But the members of St. Paul took a different attitude.

“The contribution of the white community should be noted because the congregation consisted of Italian, Irish, German and Lebanese and they supported the nuns,” Calloway said. “Mother Hildegard, a Sister of Mercy nun, and her family supported the missionary sisters when they needed food and help.

“A number of prominent whites attended St. Mary’s on a regular basis and still do,” she said. “Although this is an African-American parish, it has truly served the community of Vicksburg and welcomed everyone who came. Although we may be assigned to the back pews of St. Paul, they were integrated into the total Catholic community at St. Mary’s. They helped us and we helped them.”

The elementary school closed in 1970 and the high school closed in 1964. When the schools closed, Terrell said, the children who wanted to continue attending Catholic school had to go to Yazoo City.

Calloway’s father, a prominent businessman in Vicksburg, took the children to Yazoo City and waited there to take them home.

When a new high school building was built in 1948, McClelland’s father, a contractor, contributed most of the money and materials.

“I think he actually built the high school, along with other adults,” Terrell said.

“Our parents worked hard to support St. Mary’s,” Calloway said. “We are continuing their effort. What we have done here has influenced the whole community.”

Mississippi man gets hate crime charge in cross burning

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

A Mississippi man has been charged with a federal hate crime for burning a cross in his front yard to threaten his black neighbors, the U.S. Justice Department announced Friday.

Axel Cox, 23, has been charged with one count of criminal interference with the right to fair housing and one count of using fire to commit a federal felony.

According to court records, Cox chose to burn a cross in front of a black family because of their race. He also allegedly addressed the family with racially derogatory language, the records show. The incident occurred Dec. 3, 2020.

Federal prosecutors said the Gulfport man violated his neighbors’ housing rights. The statute Cox is accused of violating falls under the Civil

Rights Act of 1968. That law says it is illegal for an individual to interfere with any person’s housing rights based on race.

Vangela M. Wade, president of the Mississippi Center for Justice, said cross burnings harken back to the overt racism of the Jim Crow South.

“This is another stark reminder of how bigotry, racism and hate-fueled violence are alive and well in our country. Mississippi is no exception,” Wade said.

“The fight to dismantle Mississippi’s deeply entrenched culture of injustice and a better tomorrow continues. We are thankful for the courage of the members of the federal grand jury to indict this hate crime.”

A grand jury indicted Cox in September. Court records were unsealed before his first court appearance Friday. Judge Rob-

ert Myers ordered Cox held without bond pending a jury trial, which is scheduled to start Nov. 7.

Cox could face multiple years in prison and a \$250,000 fine concerning each charge if convicted.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrea Cabell Jones for the Southern District of Mississippi and Noah Coakley II of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division are prosecuting the case.

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Absentee ballots now available for November election

By Michael Watson
Secretary of State

In-person and mail-in absentee ballots are now available through your county circuit clerk’s office for the November general and special election to be held November 8, 2022.

To verify eligibility, Mississippians can utilize the Step-By-Step Absentee Guide from the Secretary of State’s Office or contact their local circuit clerk. If eligible, ballots will be provided upon request by your circuit clerk.

For those who cannot visit their circuit clerk’s office during the work week, Saturday in-person absentee voting



dates are Saturday, October 29, 2022, and November 5, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

To familiarize yourself with the upcoming election, all congressional and state district races can be viewed on the Secretary of State’s website. For a sample ballot specific to you, contact your local circuit clerk.

CITY OF JACKSON Garbage Collection Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenses Year Ended September 30, 2021	
Operating revenues - garbage collection charges	8,778,505
Other Revenues	11,401
Total Revenues	8,789,906
Operating expenses:	
Personnel services	788,820
Supplies	158,976
Contracted services - garbage collection	6,405,315
Contracted services - other	2,226,010
Other services and charges	10,553,565
Depreciation	147,759
Total operating expenses	20,280,445
Operating loss	(11,490,539)
Non-operating revenue (expense)	
Noncapital grants	191,202
Interest revenue	15
Interest and service charges on long-term debt and capitalized lease obligations	(3,774)
Gain on sale of capital assests	0
	187,443
Net income (loss)	(11,303,096)
Note 1 - Contracted garbage collection services is composed of payments to Waste Management of Mississippi, Inc.	
Note 2 - The average monthly cost incurred by the City for garbage and recycling pickup service for the fiscal year 2019 was \$12.95.	

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Lessons of Sisterhood from *The Woman King* (Part 2)

Scars and limps: but still walking

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



box office hit *The Woman King*. These words were spoken by Izogie, one of the veteran agojie warriors to one of newest warrior trainees, Nawi. From the beginning of her entrance into the training program, Izogie takes the time to answer questions that Nawi asks, and she also teaches her lessons about how to survive life on and off the battlefield.

In this instance, Izogie was warning Nawi about how love, especially if it becomes a distraction, can put you in a position where you give away your emotional and mental power.

The first time I saw *The Woman King*, I didn't grasp

the depth of that line. I admit that I was so in awe of the battlefield scenes that I didn't realize until after I saw the movie the second time the power of the movie's dialogue. I don't necessarily want to do a movie review as there are many people who have already provided their thoughts about how *The Woman King* excels is as a piece of cinematic art. However, the aunt and scholar in me wants to look at it from the from the auntastic perspective and study how the movie shows the intersections of strength and sisterhood.

For starters, the movie depicted the power and strength of the black woman. This was shown when the agojie return victoriously from battle. The people in Dahomey were instructed not to look at the female warriors as they walked back to the palace as a sign of respect. In another scene, Nanisca (Viola Davis) is called dirty, and battle worn by one

of King Ghezo's younger and attractive wives. Instead of allowing this difference to become a superficial focus of the movie with Nanisca focusing on her own external appearance, she remains focused on being a strategic military leader. In doing so, the movie emphasizes how the inner strength and strategic intelligence of a woman can be more influential and attractive than her outward beauty.

On a more basic level, *The Woman King* illustrated the depth of transformation that comes with compassionate mentoring. It wasn't easy because Nawi was one of the newest recruits and was headstrong. She was constantly being corrected by Nanisca and Izogie for trying to do things on her own and not listening to her older more experienced female mentors. She finally gets the lesson at the end about the importance of sisterhood.

As an aunt, I appreciated how the movie showed the women were intentional about creating a welcoming, safe but challenging community that demanded the best from each woman whether she was a trainee or whether she was a veteran warrior.

Izogie reminded Nawi often that she was a part of sisterhood with rights, privileges and responsibilities. Even though the agojie were single and childless by choice, the movie was a compelling visual demonstration of the importance of being teachable and self-controlled from Titus 2:3-5.

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Be a shining example to the world

By Pastor Simeon R. Green III
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Romans 12:1 reads, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

They spit upon Jesus Christ, beat Him, put a crown of thorns upon His head, and mocked Him. Then, they drove nails through His hands and His feet, hung Him on the cross, and let Him hang there for six hours.

In Matthew 27:40b, you can read that they mocked Him and said, "If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." Luke 23:35 says, the rulers derided Him and said, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God." Jesus Christ could have struck them all dead, but He had mercy. He is on the mercy seat today, saying as He said in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Jesus said in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." Friend, Jesus Christ is offering us peace in our souls. We need to examine our hearts. Do we have stubbornness and rebellion in our hearts? Do we rebel against the pastor? Do we rebel against the Word of God? First Samuel 15:23 states, "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity

and idolatry." These things are sin. Do we deal in witchcraft? Some people love Harry Potter, but the Child of God should not read Harry Potter books or watch the movies.

Do we hate our brethren? The Church of God is one body, one family. We are not to hate our families; we are to have love in our hearts. Do we need more love in our heart? Jesus said in John 15:12, "This is my great commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." Sometimes, we need to pray, "Lord, fill me with thy love; give me compassion and mercy and a burden for the people."


I do not want to see anyone lost. Have we done something to someone that we have not made right? Have we taken anything and not made restitution? We may dress godly and appear to be righteous, but what does the inside of the cup look like?

We know what is in our heart. Jesus said in Matthew 23:25, "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess." We may look beautiful outwardly, but what about the inside? What is in our hearts?

We need to get rid of the things that displease God. Satan would like nothing better than to see us fall, but God wants us to stand on His promises, cleanse our hearts, and be made pure.

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Arrogance and self-adulation have the former president backed in a corner and the optics don't look good

By James B. Ewers Jr.
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The political landscape is ripe for comment and critique. Almost every day, something happens to make you pause and wonder if it will ever

stop. It is my thinking that these rumblings will always be with us.

One of the political occurrences that keeps on giving is what is happening with the former president of the United States of America. If it's not one thing, it's another with him.

His ascent to the presidency has only brought more attention to his checkered past and now his questionable future. Money and power, or maybe, I should say the quest for it have caused him problems galore.

Like many in America, Trump is in the 4th quarter of his life and the 2-minute warning is approaching. I just wonder how he sleeps at night given what is hanging over his head. I listened to him on Fox News recently and he's in a totally

different reality. Contrary to popular opinion, he believes he is above the law.

Donald Trump thinks that the rule of law does not apply to him.

The state of New York has come after him. New York State Attorney General, Letitia James has filed a lawsuit against Donald Trump, and the Trump organization for financial fraud. They inflated their profits to gain certain economic advantages and benefits. It appears that he wasn't as rich as he said he was.

Attorney General James said, "The statements of financial condition were greatly exaggerated, grossly inflated, objectively false and therefore fraudulent and illegal."

She added, "And as a result of that we are seeking relief, and Mr. Trump, the Trump Organization, his family, they should all be held accountable." Will this result in the former president being convicted and going to prison?

Carl Tobias, law professor at the University of Richmond said, "Even for Trump, people don't like him, but do they want to put him

away? What kind of punishment would be appropriate? So, it's just all around more difficult."

Can we imagine Trump spending time in a federal prison and ordering a diet soda from his room? That is almost laughable and full of satire. Because he is self-serving and a narcissist, there are people who want to see him do some time.

He has hired lawyers to defend his positions which many believe are frail and puny. Will he win this court battle? We will just have to wait and see.

On another Trump-infused problem, the classified documents taken by him to his home are causing a problem for him. Of course, his lawyers are saying that he declassified them but have offered no proof.

Raymond Dearie, Senior Federal Judge said, "My view of it is you can't have your cake and eat it. I can't allow litigation strategy to dictate the outcome of my recommendations to Judge Cannon."

Aileen Cannon is the U.S. District Court judge who chose Judge Dearie as the special master.

The former president believes, in my opinion, that because he lies

that he can get his lawyers to do the same. Not so. The lawyers representing him will not perjure themselves. That will result in them losing their license to practice law.

The Department of Justice is continuing its probe of what many believe was an illegal activity.

Trump is tied up and tangled up and the truth is not in him. His troubles are going downhill faster than a skier.

Don't forget the January 6th Hearings which will resume in the coming weeks.

It is widely speculated that the former president is the reason for the attack on the Capitol.

It is my thinking that Mr. Trump has hit a ground zero political tri-fecta. His money is wrong, his judgment is wrong, and his tampering is wrong.

Do you remember the television show Cops? The theme song was Bad Boys written by Ian Lewis.

Some of the lyrics were, "Bad boys, bad boys watcha gonna do? Watcha gonna do when they come for you.

Is that a fitting song for what is happening now?

Let It Be Known: FEMA and the Ad Council

By Dr. John Warren
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Recently the Deputy Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), spoke to students at Howard University as a part of a new "Ready Campaign" aimed at African-American communities

to encourage advanced preparedness for storms and all natural disasters The Deputy Administrator told the students that FEMA was there to reaffirm its commitment to equity and to say loud and clear that every community deserves to be protected from hazards. After all, September is Disaster Preparedness month.

Erik Hooks, the Deputy Administrator speaking to the students said, "Blacks are the communities that are on the frontlines of climate change and related extreme weather events." Hooks also referenced an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report that said socially vulnerable populations, including black and African-American communities may be more exposed to the highest impacts of climate change. With the full knowledge of how serious this matter is to the black and African-American communities in particular, one must ask why would FEMA and the Ad Council be addressing this issue with an ad campaign based on Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and college speeches with no dollars to ensure the targeted populations are reached?

How can there be "equity" with no dollars when, in America, issues of public policy – without dollars – are meaningless? FEMA as an agency of the federal government has a budget for everything it does. If the Black Press, including Black Media, is the "Trusted Messenger" of our communities for more than 195 years, where are the dollars to support the campaign?

Let's look at what FEMA is calling a 'Readiness Campaign' based on PSAs running nationwide in Spanish and English. The Ads for this campaign have been developed and provided by the Ad Council. The ads are both print and electronic. White Media can afford to run them for free and give the appearance of community service.

But let's take a look at the Ad Council itself. It was established as a nonprofit in 1942; changed its name during World War II and raised monies for the War effort. It reverted to the name Ad Council as a nonprofit after the War, and today receives more than 1.8 billion dollars from Media among its 385 donors. The White Press writes off its donations to the Ad Council, which, in the past and perhaps still does today, provide print ads to small community newspapers which historically ran them for free when they had no paid ads to run.

One of the large contract donors and participants with the Ad Council on various campaigns is the federal government. The same federal government that, according to a General Accounting Office report, in recent years spent less dollars with the Black Press than its contracts with the Ad Council. Now FEMA, on behalf of the federal government, is calling for "equity" without spending "equitable" dollars with the Black Press.

We should "Let It Be Known" that mentioning the word "equity" does not in and of itself produce equitable participation in the programs and policies around us. We applaud the disaster relief efforts of FEMA, the agency's efforts and its continued impact in making the difference between life and death for so many everyday.

With 1.8 billion dollars in Media contributions, the Ad Council could have provided dollars by itself for a paid media campaign for the local and community newspapers like the Black Press. Let us not forget the multi-billion dollar advertising agencies who also contribute to the Ad Council with write-offs while too often controlling the trickle down dollars reaching smaller media like the Black Press.

Let It Be Known that the Black Press will be looking more closely at those who come to us in the name of equity with empty hands.

Accountability: An insurrectionist removed from office

By Ben Jealous
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A New Mexico judge has done the country a big favor.

Judge Francis Mathew upheld a little-known provision of the U.S.

Constitution and removed a public official for participating in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection. I hope other judges have the courage to follow his lead.

The principle that no person is above the law – that powerful people have to obey the laws like everyone else – is essential to a democratic society. If this principle is not enforced, corrupt leaders will undermine the rule of law and democracy itself.

Judge Mathew ruled that a county commissioner who participated in the attack on the U.S. Capitol can no longer hold public office. The ruling was based on a section of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which was passed after the Civil War. It forbids anyone from holding public office if they had taken an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and then "engaged in insurrection

or rebellion" against the country.

The judge found that Otero County Commissioner Couy Griffin helped lead the mob that used violence to try to prevent Congress from affirming Joe Biden's win in the presidential election. Griffin later bragged about his role and suggested that there might be another insurrection coming.

Judge Mathew's ruling is a milestone in the effort to hold public officials accountable for trying to overturn the 2020 presidential election. It should provide a road map – and some moral courage – to other judges considering legal efforts to hold state legislators and others accountable for trying to undermine democracy.

Another important effort to hold powerful people accountable for the insurrection is being conducted by the House Select Committee that is investigating the insurrection and the schemes that led up to it.

The committee's public hearings this summer gave the American people a powerful dose of truth-telling about the lies and deceptions of President Trump, members of his legal team and his political allies. The committee's investiga-

tion is continuing, and we can look forward to more public hearings this fall.

Members and staff of the committee have spent countless hours digging through emails and other public records and interviewing former Trump administration officials and lawyers, members of Congress and far-right activists who promoted Trump's lies about election fraud. They are still at it. Among the people they hope to interview this fall are former Vice President Mike Pence, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and far-right activist Ginni Thomas, wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

Truth is a first step toward accountability. But it cannot be the only step.

The committee's efforts to get a full picture of the illegal scheming to overturn the election is essential. So is punishing wrongdoers and preventing future attempts to subvert our elections.

There are plenty of wrongdoers who need to be held accountable, punished, and prevented from using powerful government positions to undermine democracy and the rule of law. And that includes for-

mer President Trump, whose lies about a "stolen" election fueled the insurrectionists' anger.

In our system of government, there are many people with roles to play in defending our democracy. Congress can use its oversight power to reveal the corruption within the White House. The Justice Department can prosecute criminals like those who attacked the Capitol Police – and those who broke other laws as they tried desperately to keep the defeated Trump in power. Judges can hold public officials accountable for violating the Constitution.

And we the voters can defend democracy by electing local, state and national officials who are committed to the democratic process – and rejecting those who seek power for the purpose of interfering with our elections and our ability to hold powerful people accountable.

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Total Taxes		2,448,768	2,414,834	2,414,834	2,437,437
Total Available Cash and Anticipated Revenue from all Sources		\$ 7,225,905	\$ 8,678,603	\$ 8,837,104	\$ 9,381,807
Expenditures					
PERSONAL SERVICE		\$ 4,320,036	\$ 5,853,691	\$ 5,797,145	\$ 6,330,186
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		491,584	773,595	866,745	816,245
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		3,003,549	1,363,540	1,513,190	1,445,854
CAPITAL OUTLAY		299,054	313,390	313,390	494,305
OPERATING TRANSPORTS		-	-	540,000	-
DEBT SERVICE		56,679	61,036	61,035	63,038
Total Expenditures		\$ 7,370,312	\$ 8,575,602	\$ 8,897,104	\$ 9,381,807
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT TAX ASSESSMENT (BIT)					
Revenues					
Real Property Taxes		\$ 1,084,217	\$ 1,082,747	\$ 1,082,747	\$ 1,082,747
Total Revenues		\$ 1,084,217	\$ 1,082,747	\$ 1,082,747	\$ 1,082,747
Expenditures					
Grants Contribution B		\$ 1,084,217	\$ 1,082,747	\$ 1,082,747	\$ 1,082,747
Total Expenditures		\$ 1,084,217	\$ 1,082,747	\$ 1,082,747	\$ 1,082,747
SANITATION/LANDFILL FUND (609)					
Revenues					
LAND FILL CHARGES		\$ 175,757	\$ 170,880	\$ 170,880	\$ 170,880
SPECIAL TRASH COLLECTION FEES		2,235	4,606	4,606	6,004
WASTE TO GRANTS-SOLID WASTE		181,209	175,000	175,000	180,999
GARBAGE PROGRAM FEES		9,516,939	9,696,496	9,696,006	15,264,288
GARBAGE PROGRAM FEES PRESHILLS		225,954	252,231	252,231	273,291
INTEREST EARNED ON REPOS		7	30	30	30
RECYCLING PROGRAM		11,421	15,000	15,000	11,400
TRANSFERS FROM GENERAL FUND		1,891,675	140,488	140,488	123,814
Total Revenues		\$ 12,794,265	\$ 10,356,264	\$ 10,356,264	\$ 15,019,896
Expenditures					
Personal Service		\$ 296,650	\$ 1,034,198	\$ 990,454	\$ 1,240,536
Supplies & Materials		109,073	203,264	171,964	210,134
Other Services & Charges		10,153,545	8,996,490	9,145,017	14,157,467
Capital Outlay		116,586	66,460	36,118	506,540
Grants Contribution		40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Debt Service		5,274	1,151	8,501	-
Total Expenditures		\$ 11,669,586	\$ 10,358,264	\$ 10,358,264	\$ 15,019,896
SENIOR ADOS FUND (610)					
Revenues					
MCWC Senior Allow		\$ 450,371	\$ 473,364	\$ 473,364	\$ 463,416
Transfer from non General Fund		85,182	85,215	85,831	85,830
Total Revenues		\$ 535,553	\$ 558,579	\$ 563,937	\$ 549,246
Expenditures					
Personal Services		\$ 517,240	\$ 543,451	\$ 547,199	\$ 546,211
Supplies & Materials		3,340	3,013	3,013	3,315
Other Services and Charges		1,463	7,115	7,115	5,215
Capital Outlay		-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures		\$ 524,752	\$ 553,579	\$ 560,327	\$ 554,741
CLAIMS FUND (518)					
Revenues					
Interest Earned on Investments		\$ 456	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50
Interest Earned on Bonds		579	-	1,708	-
Applied Fund Balance		-	4,843,543	4,843,473	4,843,473
Appropriation from General Fund		-	365,112	365,112	500,889
Revenues		\$ 1,035	\$ 5,798,655	\$ 5,798,623	\$ 5,405,222
Expenditures					
Other Services and Charges		\$ 850	\$ 5,720	\$ 5,762	\$ 5,720
Grants Contribution		416,054	5,762,932	5,762,932	5,432,808
Total Expenditures		\$ 416,904	\$ 5,768,656	\$ 5,768,623	\$ 5,443,328
BOND AND INTEREST FUND (020,024,026,021,022,023,024,025,026,027,028,029,030,032,033)					
Revenues					
Current Realty Taxes		\$ 4,616,457	\$ 5,015,091	\$ 4,947,435	\$ 5,815,255
Current Personal Taxes		5,524,589	1,742,380	1,742,380	1,812,264
Delinquent Realty		196,361	3,013	3,013	8,135
Delinquent Personal		12,848	-	1,475	-
Ad Valorem Tax on Automobiles		880,151	916,433	916,433	724,258
0227 Aircraft Registration		2,088	-	454	-
4517 Homestead Exemption		323,440	43,672	43,672	8,739
4518 Homestead Exemption		3,149	-	79	-
4911 Interest Earned on Investments		2,029	21	144	-
5670 County Sales		85,165	118,786	108,024	207,000
5699 Applied Fund Bal		-	1,103,996	912,018	495,371
5812 Transfers from non Water/Sewer		-	-	396,570	-
5814 Transfers from non Other Funds		15,361,167	15,369,884	15,417,384	14,808,399
Total Revenues		\$ 27,075,448	\$ 23,141,605	\$ 23,141,386	\$ 27,067,805
Expenditures					
Other Services & Charges		\$ 15,805	\$ 18,371	\$ 19,415	\$ 18,173
Debt Service		15,487,609	15,487,487	15,485,467	15,130,887
Grants, Contributions		10,160,664	61,768	61,447	-
Transfers and Other Functions		10,160,664	2,608,769	2,620,267	6,868,887
Total Expenditures		\$ 26,627,499	\$ 23,141,605	\$ 23,145,586	\$ 27,067,805
WATER/SEWER & W FUND (030,031,033,211,220,254,375,500)					
Revenues					
Sewer Connection Permits		\$ (1,760)	\$ 60,671	\$ 40,671	\$ 60,671
4274 Sewer Connection		11,050	-	4,600	4,600
4911 Interest Earned on Investments		766	-	636	6
5011 Water Charges		29,203,016	29,620,549	29,437,433	29,437,433
5012 Water Charges-Triangle		229,213	426,751	426,751	426,751
5013 Meter Charges		48,059	-	11,648	11,648
5015 Development Charges		16,654	71,869	71,869	71,869
5017 Meter Installation Fees		129,968	-	24,815	24,815
5018 Meter Installation Fees		1,250	-	162	162
5019 Sewer Charges		24,862,289	21,417,400	21,415,020	21,417,400
5020 Sewer Charges-Triangle		260,303	567,393	567,203	567,203
5021 Miscellaneous		(7,447,000)	614,605	614,603	657,665
5022 Miscellaneous-Triangle		-	1,789	1,789	1,789
5029 Madison County Water Revenues		41,899	451,880	451,880	451,880
5309 Collection of Bad Debt		3,194	-	-	-
5342 Service Connections		45,361	119,919	119,919	119,919
5606 W Forks Metro Sewer Revenues		647,259	0	61,209	61,209
5680 Warren Street Revenues		498,266	-	63,773	158,980
5872 Madison/Water/Sewer Revenues		536,701	126,219	126,519	126,119
5880 Madison County Sewer Revenues		107,614	2,363,589	2,363,589	2,363,589
5883 Forest Hills Utility Sewer Revenues		-	126,336	126,336	126,336
5886 Lock-Hole Disposal		142,543	30,000	30,000	30,000
5970 Other Departments		529	-	1	1
5984 Settlement of Sirena Claims		-	8,698,336	8,619,590	1,849,538
5991 Proceeds from Long Term Debt		13,843,375	13,697,857	13,214,157	16,681,401
5999 Applied Fund Balance		-	14,716,828	14,716,026	15,216,026
5911 Transfers from non General Fund		1,188,618	1,039,467	1,039,467	1,039,467
5912 Transfers from non Water/Sewer		14,439,365	55,436,681	55,733,628	55,690,766
5914 Transfers from non Water/Sewer		0	2,890,000	2,890,000	-
Total Revenues		\$ 80,705,219	\$ 75,470,512	\$ 73,727,140	\$ 184,301,811
Expenditures					
Personal Service		\$ 8,176,322	\$ 8,662,262	\$ 8,159,308	\$ 9,369,088
Supplies & Materials		1,055,191	4,980,262	5,451,718	4,714,718
Other Services & Charges		17,488,900	19,750,737	19,518,588	18,575,773
Capital Outlay		366,771	273,360	302,558	361,250
Grants, Contributions		876,687	23,612,580	16,648,767	16,440,387
Transfers and Other Functions		22,349,449	10,062,780	179,179,080	137,755,720
Debt Service		22,349,449	24,627,436	24,627,436	26,361,368
Total Expenditures		\$ 72,881,689	\$ 111,426,212	\$ 210,727,140	\$ 285,301,811
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (047, 141, 212, 214, 215, 216, 217 and 220)					
Revenues					

4500 Intergovernmental State - (MOOT) (Lenders) (Lenders)	-0	179,130	179,130	179,130
4501 CMFO	260,259	13,000	13,000	13,000
4503 MOOT Mary	3,088,750	3,088,750	3,088,750	3,088,750
4504 Fund	1,364,764	1,364,764	1,364,764	1,364,764
4521 Intergovernmental Local - (Street Resurfacing)	-	34,110	34,110	34,110
5011 Grants & Donations	-0	725	725	725
5150 Settlement of Int	-	140,881	138,866	138,866
5401 Proceeds from Long Term Debt	-	473,980	473,980	473,980
5899 Applied Fund Balance	-	1,802,343	893,202	881,889
5911 Transfer In From General Fund	1,185,543	1,185,039	1,185,039	1,185,039
Total Revenues	\$ 1,805,459	\$ 3,464,486	\$ 10,814,854	\$ 11,813,871
Expenditures				
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 85,704	\$ 85,704	\$ 85,704
Other Services and Charges	30,000	8,362,375	5,791,289	5,791,289
Capital Outlay	2,871,215	1,841,508	5,191,003	5,640,390
Grants, Contributions	-	1,295,380	3,129	852,692
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,921,215	\$ 3,464,486	\$ 10,814,854	\$ 11,813,871
1986, 1999, 2000, 2004, 2012 and 2013 WATERSSEWER CONSTRUCTION FUNDS (R06, 032, 050, 061, 064, 400)				
Revenues				
4913 Interest Earned on Depos	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5899 Applied Fund Balance	-	1,583,628	1,583,628	1,583,628
5912 Transfer In From Water/Sewer	-	12,637,857	73,073,093	56,681,480
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 14,221,485	\$ 74,656,725	\$ 58,265,098
Expenses				
Personal Services	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Supplies	-	1	-	1
Other Services and Charges	2,329,783	3,963,628	5,579,034	6,674,576
Capital Outlay	17,576,047	-	12,217,361	3,974,051
Grants, Contributions	5,200	10,264,836	10,264,743	45,250,860
Total Expenses	\$ 20,111,230	\$ 14,221,485	\$ 34,066,725	\$ 56,725,088
DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND (R06)				
Revenues				
4111 CURRENT REALTY TAXES	\$ 2,756,786	\$ 2,772,604	\$ 2,772,604	\$ 1,987,546
4112 CURRENT PERSONAL TAXES	1,202,336	1,211,814	1,211,814	904,436
4113 DELINQUENT REALTY TAXES	85,852	4,500	4,500	17,398
4114 DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAXES	8,204	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
4115 AD VALOREM TAX ON AUTOMOBILES	140,000	567,758	140,758	366,431
4227 ANCIENT REGISTRATION	448	40.00	400.00	400.00
4917 HOME/STEAD EXEMPTION	128,636	67,508	67,508	100,000
4918 HOME/STEAD EXEMPTION CHANGEBACK	1,254	230	230	1,000
Total Revenues	\$ 4,899,116	\$ 4,587,264	\$ 4,587,264	\$ 3,266,281
Expenditures				
Other Services and Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants, Contributions	4,841,106	4,587,264	4,587,264	3,266,281
Total Expenditures and Ending Cash Balance	\$ 4,841,106	\$ 4,587,264	\$ 4,587,264	\$ 3,266,281
EMPLOYEES GROUP BENEFIT FUND (R07)				
Revenues				
5211 GROUP INSURANCE - ACTIVE EMPLOYEES	1,682,109	1,628,046	1,628,046	1,682,110
5212 GROUP INSURANCE - RETIRED EMPLOYEES	80,413	103,795	103,795	80,414
5213 GROUP INSURANCE - OUR RETIRED EMPLOYEES	363,116	310,300	310,300	363,116
5214 GROUP INSURANCE - CITY MATCH	13,875,444	14,238,538	14,238,538	13,875,444
5215 GROUP INSURANCE - FORMER EMPLOYEES	6,006	6,674	6,674	6,006
5416 INSURANCE REFUND	-	-	67,603	-
5706 SETTLEMENT OF INSURANCE CLAIM CITY	1,452,884	36,801	36,801	615,445
Total Revenues	\$ 17,739,811	\$ 16,986,579	\$ 17,214,136	\$ 16,946,579
Expenditures				
Other Services and Charges	\$ 17,130,889	\$ 16,946,579	\$ 17,214,136	\$ 16,946,579
Total Expenditures	\$ 17,130,889	\$ 16,946,579	\$ 17,214,136	\$ 16,946,579
EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND (R01)				
Revenues				
4440 USDA FOOD REVENUE (DAYCARE)	\$ 75,881	\$ 155,817	\$ 155,817	\$ -
5711 MARY JONES DAYCARE	141,580	155,000	155,000	-
5712 W.C.SCHOOL DAYCARE	185,551	155,000	155,000	-
5717 DAYCARE PRIVATE CLIENT	3,306	4,000	4,000	-
5899 APPLIED FUND BALANCE FLE	-	787,379	787,379	-
5911 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND	158,265	381,276	350,227	-
Total Revenues	\$ 345,077	\$ 1,531,272	\$ 1,546,223	\$ -
Expenditures				
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$ 1,040,579	\$ 1,517,383	\$ 1,540,304	\$ -
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	37,444	138,626	138,626	-
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	26,640	64,671	64,671	-
CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	399	399	-
Total Expenses	\$ 1,104,664	\$ 1,531,272	\$ 1,566,223	\$ -
CDRG FUND (R09)				
Revenues				
4401 CONGRESSIONAL FUND & COMMUNITY DEV'OPMENT	\$ 884,364	\$ 4,710,304	\$ 7,036,014	\$ 6,095,141
4402 CITY MATCHING FUNDS	496,314	429,809	429,809	-
4403 LEAD-BASED HAZARDOUS WASTE	20,663,729	1,892,503	882,554	882,554
4913 INTEREST EARNED ON REPOS	18,429	8,808	8,808	-
5157 PROGRAM INCOME - MINCAP	6,324	1,242.00	1,242.00	1,242.00
5899 APPLIED FUND BALANCE FLE	-	887,891.00	484,445.00	-
5911 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND	44,809	45,194	45,194	45,194
Total Revenues	\$ 1,403,014	\$ 7,194,291	\$ 9,405,186	\$ 7,457,889
Expenditures				
Personal Services	\$ 485,146	\$ 843,417	\$ 429,027	\$ 434,343
Supplies	3,317	71,141	360,289	360,131
Other Services and Charges	54,880	2,514,514	2,325,973	1,675,149
Capital Outlay	913,343	2,683,759	2,427,818	795,530
Grants, Contributions	-	1,565,440	4,212,081	3,940,310
Total Expenses	\$ 1,321,696	\$ 7,194,291	\$ 9,405,186	\$ 7,457,889
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (R08)				
Revenues				
4408 Emergency Shelter Grant	\$ 11,677	\$ 348,367	\$ 348,367	\$ 276,275
Total Revenues	\$ 11,677	\$ 348,367	\$ 348,367	\$ 276,275
Expenditures				
Personal Services	\$ 11,677	\$ 46,431	\$ 46,431	\$ 46,431
Grants, Contributions	148,020	302,116	302,116	229,824
Total Expenses	\$ 159,697	\$ 348,367	\$ 348,367	\$ 276,275
STATE GRANTS FUNDS (076,123,140,340,374,396,401,402,403,404)				
Revenues				
4588 Public Traffic Services	\$ 187,403	\$ 365,382	\$ 265,382	\$ 187,403
4540 Department of Public Safety	36,447	43,213	43,213	-
4600 Jones Center DRB APPA	-	-	335,000	-
4601 Wicahita Center DRB APPA	-	-	325,000	-
4610 Small Business (VOC)	87,606	-	267,189	-
4564 DPA Jackson Zoo	-	-	46,367	46,367
4721 DPA (R0917)	-	-	3,000,000	-
4600 DPA (R0917) LYNNSTON PARK	-	-	100,000	100,000
4601 DPA (R0917) HED AND MORTGAGE	-	-	150,000	150,000
4602 DPA (R0917) BROWN GOOF	-	-	500,000	478,486
4610 MISSISSIPPI STATE MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT	15,500	-	15,500	15,500
4602 DPA (R0917) TONKALOO	-	-	150,000	150,000
4594 COJ SMALL BUSINESS DEV CENTER	3,194	-	-	-
4913 Interest Earned	13,347	16,812	16,812	-
5899 Applied Fund Balance	-	386,016	284,936	3,518,630
Total Revenues	\$ 275,116	\$ 1,105,423	\$ 6,261,419	\$ 4,710,673
Expenditures				
Personal Services	\$ 131,773	\$ 284,867	\$ 234,867	\$ 188,384
Supplies & Materials	36,129	27,880	480,413	309,304
Other Services and Charges	484,105	749,664	4,430,946	4,141,386
Capital Outlay	-0	44,000	290,173	173,940
Total Expenses	\$ 772,007	\$ 1,105,423	\$ 6,261,419	\$ 4,710,673

METRO MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (R00)				
Revenues				
4401 METRO Grand Medical Response	\$ -	\$ 25,136	\$ 25,136	\$ 25,136
4913 Interest Earned on Depos	245	250	250	250
Total Revenues	\$ 245	\$ 25,386	\$ 25,386	\$ 25,386
Expenditures				
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 305	\$ 305	\$ 305
Grants, Contributions & Costing	-	24,445	24,445	24,445
Capital Outlay	-	640	640	640
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 25,390	\$ 25,390	\$ 25,390
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND (155)				
Revenues				
4913 Interest Earned on Depos	\$ -0	\$ -	\$ 380	\$ 380
5899 Applied Fund Balance	-	148,633	148,633	148,633
Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ 148,633	\$ 148,633	\$ 148,633
Expenditures				
Other Services and Charges	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Grants, Contributions	139,633	140,633	140,633	140,633
Total Expenditures	\$ 148,633	\$ 148,633	\$ 148,633	\$ 148,633
HOME PROGRAM (120)				
Revenues				
4401 HOME PROGRAM	\$ 528,503	\$ 4,021,443	\$ 3,188,675	\$ 3,188,675
5778 HOME - PROGRAM INCOME	6,150	2,000	2,000	2,000
5899 APPLIED FUND BALANCE FLE	-0	1,284,199	387,549	-
Total Revenues	\$ 534,653	\$ 5,307,642	\$ 3,578,175	\$ 3,190,675
Expenditures				
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$ 69,309	\$ 120,265	\$ 96,479	\$ 96,479
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	338	11,432	7,851	7,851
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	181	26,418	16,132	16,132
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT	475,647	5,149,937	3,365,713	3,029,213
Total Expenditures	\$ 546,075	\$ 5,307,642	\$ 3,578,175	\$ 3,129,675
HOPKIN GRANT FUND (123)				
Revenues				
5899 Applied Fund Balance	\$ -0	\$ 1,438,181	\$ 875,308	\$ 875,308
4408 HOPKIN Grant Dept. of HHS	\$ 489,327	\$ 2,256,236	\$ 2,256,236	\$ 2,256,236
Total Revenues	\$ 489,327	\$ 3,694,417	\$ 3,131,144	\$ 3,131,144
Expenditures				
Personnel Services	\$ 26,534	\$ 197,432	\$ 197,432	\$ 197,432
Supplies	1,500	4,000	7,000	7,000
Other Services and charges	526	39,460	16,360	16,360
Grants, Contributions	441,517	3,525,525	3,006,444	3,006,444
Total Expenditures	\$ 469,137	\$ 3,694,417	\$ 3,131,144	\$ 3,131,144
ED BYRNE MEMORIAL GRANT FUND (067,078,080)				
Revenues				
0001 2019 JAG	\$ -	\$ 23,271	\$ 344,071	\$ 344,071
4015 2020 JAG	\$ -	\$ 213,552	\$ 213,552	\$ 36,251
4038 Edward Byrne Mem. Justice Grant	268,638	71,691	71,691	-
Total Revenues	\$ 268,638	\$ 268,515	\$ 268,515	\$ 344,322
Expenditures				
Other Services and charges	\$ -	\$ 26,856	\$ 26,856	\$ 13,245
Grants, Contributions	-	19,524	19,524	41,495
Capital Outlay	268,638	267,467	499,287	267,172
Total Expenditures	\$ 268,638	\$ 268,515	\$ 268,515	\$ 344,322
TITLE II AGING (125)				
Revenues				
4401 TITLE II-B OUTREACH	\$ 31,167	\$ 31,379	\$ 31,379	\$ 31,379
4402 TITLE II-B TRANSPORTATION	87,344	152,365	152,365	152,365
4405 TITLE II-B CONGREGATE MEALS	121,443	160,441	160,441	160,441
4402 2008 TITLE II-B HOME DELIVERY	369,269	354,706	354,706	354,706
4913 INTEREST EARNED ON REPOS	11,194	9,370	9,370	11,194
5017 GRANTS & DONATIONS	-	16,808	16,808	-
5090 Other Departments	-	3,000	3,000	750
5607 TITLE II-B CONGREGATE DONATION	148	1,000	1,000	-
5600 TITLE II-B TRANSPORTATION DONATION	-	1,000	1,000	-
5899 APPLIED FUND BALANCE FLE	-	811,366	481,366	387,287
5911 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND	21,688	22,200	22,200	-
Total Revenues	\$ 569,308	\$ 1,077,632	\$ 1,282,630	\$ 1,077,632
Expenditures				
Personnel Services	\$ 176,952	\$ 163,105	\$ 174,100	\$ 173,653
Supplies	490,517	580,632	590,632	576,179
Other Services and charges	313,614	305,205	305,205	305,205
Capital Outlay	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 981,183	\$ 1,077,632	\$ 1,282,630	\$ 1,077,632
G.O.PUB IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION BOND (140)				
Revenues				
4540 Intergovernmental State (MOOT-COINCH)	\$ -	\$ 3,507,357	\$ 3,507,445	\$ 3,296,819
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 3,507,357	\$ 3,507,445	\$ 3,296,819
Expenditures				
Other Services and Charges	\$ 30,638	\$ 3,782,881	\$ 3,310,838	\$ 3,782,881
Grants, Contributions, & Costing	-	204,676	7,708	7,708
Capital Outlay	328,385	-	188,677	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 359,023	\$ 3,507,357	\$ 3,507,445	\$ 3,296,819
G.O. BONDS 1996 CONSTRUCTION FUND (156)				
Revenues				
5899 Applied Fund Balance	-	10,790	10,790	10,790
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 10,790	\$ 10,790	\$ 10,790
Expenditures				
Other Services and Charges	\$ -	\$ 10,790	\$ 10,790	\$ 10,790
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 10,790	\$ 10,790	\$ 10,790
INFRASTRUCTURE BOND 2006 (157)				
Revenues				
4913 Interest Earned On Depos	17,495	-	180,859	-
5899 Applied Fund Balance	-	34,363,814	43,326,629	35,311,541
Total Revenues	\$ 17,495	\$ 34,363,814	\$ 43,326,629	\$ 35,311,541
Expenditures				
Other Services and Charges	\$ -	\$ 9,872	\$ 9,872	\$ 9,872
Capital Outlay	4,269,119	80,800	25,886,176	808,300
Grants, Contributions, & Costing	-	26,250,677	22,823,586	22,842,726
Debt Service	-	5,215,600	-	-

Expenditures					
Other Services and Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Grants, Contributions			38,151	38,151	38,151
Total Expenditures	\$	-	\$	38,151	\$
SIEMEN SETTLEMENT (376)					
Revenues					
SIEMEN Settlement	\$	-	\$	9,458,588	\$
Total Revenues	\$	-	\$	9,458,588	\$
Expenditures					
Grants, Contributions & Other	\$	-	\$	4,968,764	\$
Operating Transfer			9,458,588	1,849,835	1,849,835
Total Expenditures	\$	-	\$	9,458,588	\$
TIGER GRANT (357)					
Revenues					
TIGER Grant	\$	2,765,754	\$	5,738,434	\$
Total Revenues	\$	2,765,754	\$	5,738,434	\$
Expenditures					
Other Services and Charges	\$	-	\$	5,738,434	\$
Capital Outlay		-		884,189	-
Total Expenditures	\$	-	\$	5,738,434	\$
BRIGHT ELIMINATION GRANT (360)					
Revenues					
Intergovernmental - Federal	\$	-	\$	1,149,060	\$
Applied Fund Balance		-	1,613,477	811,628	-
Total Revenues	\$	-	\$	3,762,537	\$
Expenditures					
Other Services and Charges	\$	305	\$	792	\$
Grants, Contributions		963,164	2,761,740	1,960,583	330,648
Total Expenditures	\$	363,576	\$	3,762,537	\$
GRAND GULF EMERGENCY PLANNING (396)					
Revenues					
Interest	\$	-	\$	31	\$
Applied Fund Balance		-	2,076,862	2,076,862	2,076,862
Total Revenues	\$	-	\$	2,076,893	\$
Expenditures					
Other Services & Charges	\$	-	\$	31	\$
Grants, Contributions & Cont.		-	2,076,862	2,076,862	496,862
Capital Outlay		-	-	-	1,500,000
Total Expenditures	\$	-	\$	2,076,893	\$
MODERNIZATION TAX (372)					
Revenues					
Modern Tax	\$	4,295,418	\$	1,964,344	\$
Applied Fund Balance		-	586,476	586,476	-
Total Revenues	\$	4,295,418	\$	2,550,820	\$
Expenditures					
Other Services and Charges	\$	-	\$	224,546	\$
Grants, Contributions & Cont.		-	186,476	508,672	8,797,438
Capital Outlay		3,775,039	1,964,344	7,426,080	1,755,533
Total Expenditures	\$	3,775,039	\$	2,550,820	\$
CAO GRANTS (373)					
Revenues					
1961 FUNDATION	\$	158,318	\$	-	\$
1780 - FUND		-	-	10,000	10,000
1800 - APPLIED FUND BALANCE (11)		-	153,317	730,642	130,842
Total Revenues	\$	158,318	\$	153,317	\$
Expenditures					
Supplies & Materials	\$	5,788	\$	20,562	\$
Other Services and Charges		68,227	150,765	344,248	344,248
Total Expenditures	\$	74,015	\$	171,317	\$
DFA JACKSON ZOO BOND (374,481,482,484)					
Revenues					
DFA JACKSON ZOO BOND	\$	-	\$	-	\$
DFA LIVINGSTON PARK		-	-	100,000	-
DFA ALBINO AND NORTHSHORE		-	-	150,000	-
DFA PETE BROWN		-	-	500,000	-
Total Revenues	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Expenditures					
Supplies & Materials	\$	-	\$	-	\$

OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		75,332	-	637,367	637,367
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$	-	\$	-	9,000
Total Expenditures	\$	75,332	\$	-	9,000
ARPA (381)					
Revenues					
Continuing Recovery Funds	\$	570,000	\$	21,049,165	\$
Total Revenues	\$	570,000	\$	21,049,165	\$
Expenditures					
Personal Services	\$	-	\$	3,875,000	\$
Other Services & Charges		-	2,841,490	3,141,490	266,110
Grants, Contributions	\$	570,000	5,339,000	5,029,000	27,243,600
Travelers and Other Functions		-	2,700,000	2,380,000	-
Capital Outlay		-	2,796,500	2,796,500	-
Total Expenditures	\$	570,000	\$	21,049,165	\$
BAKI GRANT (388)					
Revenues					
BAKI GRANT DOJ		-	710,211	421,697	547,896
Total Revenues	\$	-	\$	710,211	\$
Expenditures					
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	211,264	\$
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		-	141,711	88,690	5,000
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		-	9,730	977,297	279,296
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$	-	\$	324,154	\$
Total Expenditures	\$	-	\$	710,211	\$
DFA JACKSON FIRE BOND (389)					
Revenues					
Fire Bond	\$	225,000	\$	-	\$
Total Revenues	\$	225,000	\$	-	\$
Expenditures					
Capital Outlay	\$	-	\$	-	225,000
Total Expenditures	\$	-	\$	-	225,000
NLC MUNICIPAL REMAGINING COMM GRANT (419)					
Revenues					
NLC Municipal Remagining Comm Grant		-	-	475,000	475,000
Total Revenues	\$	-	\$	-	475,000
Expenditures					
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	-	201,867
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		-	-	5,000	-
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		-	-	73,113	73,113
Grants, Contributions & Cont.	\$	-	\$	-	175,000
Total Expenditures	\$	-	\$	-	475,000
LIBRARY FUND (399)					
Revenues					
Current Ready Tax	\$	1,217,112	\$	1,282,716	\$
Current Personal		581,818	559,860	559,860	589,758
Delinquent Ready		28,301	-	10,496	-
Delinquent Personal		3,425	-	2,658	-
Ad Valorem Tax on Automobile		256,116	258,542	258,542	258,542
Accout		379	-	379	-
Homestead Exemption		37,873	-	37,035	29,240
Homestead Exemption Chargeback		582	-	582	-
Total Revenue	\$	2,114,366	\$	2,094,113	\$
Expenditures					
Other Services and Charges	\$	134,679	\$	116,262	\$
Grants, Contributions & Cont.		1,947,028	1,933,848	1,914,521	1,947,028
Total Expenditures	\$	2,081,707	\$	2,050,110	\$
METRO JACKSON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (AGENCY FUND 230 - BUDGET NOT REQUIRED)					
CAPITAL CITY CONVENTION CENTER (FUND 0124 - BUDGET NOT REQUIRED)					

9/22/2022 9/29/2022

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Notice of Sale Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.

1994 Mazda Truck
Vin # 4F4CR16X2RTM4965
Registered to Antoine Catherine
Lien Holder Southern Import Specialists
Date of Sale: October 7, 2022

Place of Sale: Rapid Body Shop 429 US Hwy 80 – Jackson, MS 39201– Rapid Body Shop
Time of Sale: 8:00 a.m.

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

9/22/22, 9/29/22, 10/6/22

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Rental of Golf Carts & Recreation Equipment City of Jackson Jackson, Mississippi RFP NO. 98141-101822

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, October 18th, 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:

65 Golf Carts Model with GPS Cart Control
2 Utility Carts with GPS Cart Control

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

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

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

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JPS Principals of the Month for September 2022



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Guyneisha Johnson



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Dr. Shemeka Sutton-McClung

JPS Newswire

Jackson Public Schools (JPS) identified four principals that were chosen as Principals of the Month for September 2022. They were identified as leaders that have gone above and beyond to provide an excellent educational experience for scholars while creating safe and inclusive spaces for their scholars and staff. They are:

Elementary Division I John Johnson, Obama Magnet Elementary

Johnson is described as a student-focused instructional leader dedicated to creating positive learning environments and making a positive difference in scholars' lives. He previously served as an assistant principal at Marshall Elementary in Jackson Public Schools. For more than a decade, he worked as a building administrator serving public school systems in central Mississippi, including the Canton Public School District, Scott County School District and Vicksburg-Warren School District. He started his career as a 6th-grade English teacher at Bettye Mae Jack Middle School in Morton, Mississippi. Johnson has adapted his leadership and administrative abilities to a range of roles throughout his 20-year educational career. He has assumed responsibility for everything from directing athletics programs to creating and promoting a schoolwide vision as an elementary school principal. He has experience in coordinating safety programs, textbook adoptions, and professional development training,

and working with parents as a representative of several schools' parent-teacher organizations.

Johnson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Tougaloo College, a Master of Arts degree in educational administration and supervision from Jackson State University, and an education specialist degree in instructional leadership from William Carey University.

Elementary Division II Guyneisha Johnson, Johnson Elementary

Johnson has been the principal of Johnson Elementary since July 2019. She has led Johnson Elementary School from an underperforming school to a successful school. She previously served as an assistant principal at Quitman County Elementary in the Quitman County School District. She began her career in 2008 as a 3rd-grade teacher at James C. Rosser Elementary School in Moorehead, Mississippi. As she moved up from math coach to assistant principal, she gained experience implementing the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Program for Quitman County Elementary. Over the course of her career, she has elevated the profession through her involvement in Teach for America.

Johnson has a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and African American studies from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, a Master of Arts in organizational leadership from Teachers College at Columbia University in New York, and a Specialist in education

for curriculum and instruction from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

Middle School Division Paula Epps, Whitten Middle

Epps is the head administrator for Whitten Middle School. She has served in the field of public education for over fifteen years. In 2002, she began her teaching career as a middle school math teacher in Jackson Public Schools. For seven years, she served the students at Hinds County School District as a teacher support team coordinator and assistant principal. In 2016, she returned to the Jackson Public School District and served as assistant principal at Cardozo Middle School. Currently, she serves as principal at Whitten Preparatory Middle School.

Epps received her formal educational training at Jackson Public Schools. She completed undergraduate studies at Jackson State University and later obtained master's and specialist's degrees from Belhaven University and Mississippi College, respectively. Presently, she is pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership at Mississippi College.

High School Division Dr. Shemeka Sutton-McClung, Callaway High

Shemeka Sutton-McClung is the academic leader of Callaway High School. She most recently worked for Pearson Virtual Schools, where she led a team of analysts devoted to providing services in both academic and socialization areas for student academic growth

and personal development. Prior to joining the Pearson family, she served as the director of institutional research, planning, and assessment at Jackson State University. While at JSU, she served in various leadership roles and capacities, including university accreditation and strategic planning. Her previous tenure in the district includes serving as director of student support, principal and assistant principal of Lanier High School and classroom teacher at Callaway, Lanier and Wingfield High Schools. As a district and school leader, she led various projects and initiatives, including administration and supervision of personnel, curriculum and instruction, professional development, school finance, student development, and testing and assessment. As a special note, her career began in the Jackson Public School District, where she taught various science subjects, including biology, botany, chemistry, genetics, human anatomy & physiology and physics, just to name a few.

Dr. McClung's specialties lie in the areas of data analysis, instructional leadership, professional development, school management and student growth.

Dr. McClung holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Jackson State University. She completed her Master of Science in teaching, Specialist in educational leadership & supervision, and Doctorate of philosophy in educational leadership & supervision degrees at Jackson State University.

Approximately 466,000 Mississippi children to receive P-EBT benefits this fall

JPS Newswire

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) and the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) have received federal approval to distribute Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits to approximately 466,000 Mississippi children who participated in the National School Lunch Program or were under six (6) and received SNAP benefits during the 2021-22 school year or summer 2022 months.

In addition to the K-12 P-EBT benefit distributed in prior years, children under age six (6) who received SNAP benefits during the 2021-22 school year or summer of 2022 have been approved to receive P-EBT benefits. An estimated 90,000 additional Mississippi children will receive benefits this year with the addition of SNAP under age six (6) children.

Children under six (6) who were members of an active SNAP case between August 2021 and July 2022 in Mississippi will receive one-time P-EBT benefits based on how many months they received SNAP benefits. To view a table of benefit amounts, please visit the MDHS P-EBT webpage (<https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/pandemic-ebt-p-ebt/>). Federal rules set these benefit amounts.

Families of students in K-12 who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program during the 2021-22 school year will receive a \$391 one-time benefit for each child enrolled in the program. Eligibility for students enrolled in a Mississippi school is determined solely by their eligibility for Free or Reduced Priced Lunch under the National School Lunch Program at their school during the 2021-22 school year. Virtual or in-person learning modes will not be considered in determining eligibility or benefit amount.

P-EBT benefits can be used to purchase SNAP-eligible food items at stores that accept Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards. All eligible children

will be issued a new P-EBT card. For K-12 students, the P-EBT card will be mailed to the address provided by the child's 2021-22 school district. For SNAP Under 6 children, the P-EBT card will be mailed to the family's most updated address on file with the SNAP program.

Although all public-school children could access free meals during the 2021-22 school year, P-EBT benefits are limited to those deemed eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch under the National School Lunch Program by application or through either a school with Community Eligibility Provision status or a Provision 2 school.

Completing an application for free or reduced-price lunch during the 2022-23 school year will NOT make a child eligible for 2022 P-EBT benefits.

Before distribution of benefits to Mississippi children and families, MDHS and MDE must undertake administrative processes to ensure accurate distribution of funds:

MDHS and MDE will work with school districts to gather student information. Therefore, it is extremely important that all JPS parents register their children for school for this benefit.

MDHS anticipates the distribution of these one-time P-EBT benefits in October 2022.

Eligible families are encouraged to monitor www.mdhs.ms.gov/pandemic-ebt-p-ebt/ for additional updates, including information about a timeframe for the arrival of benefits, address updates, and call center operations.

For more information, please call the Mississippi Department of Human Services at 601.359.4500.

MDE and MDHS oversee the distribution of P-EBT benefits in Mississippi. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service administers the program at the federal level.

By URCE: Mississippi Department of Human Services

Hinds CC names 2022 Homecoming queen

Special to the Mississippi Link

Sophomore Shanya Butler of New Hebron was crowned 2022 Homecoming queen at Hinds Community College September 22.

Crowning her was last year's Homecoming queen Erianna

Gibbs of Vicksburg. Her escort was Michael Johnson.

Butler, who takes classes online, is the daughter of Teresa and Lonnie Butler. She is a graduate of Mendenhall High School.

At Hinds she is studying elementary education. She serves

as a senator for the Raymond Campus Student Government Association. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a member of Collegiate and Harmony Choirs. She is a resident assistant in Davis Hall.

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



Shanya Butler being crowned Homecoming Queen by Erianna Gibbs

Mississippi Valley State strikes first but not often as JSU cruises

By Timothy Ward
Sports Writer

Hosting their second home game of the season, the Jackson State Tigers rolled to an easy victory over Mississippi Valley State University, 49 to 7.

Valley came out confident, going 75 yards and scoring in 3 plays, giving the Delta Devil fans hope and bragging rights. Well at least for about two minutes. Stunned by the Delta Devils scoring, let alone so quickly, Jackson State's offense came out firing back at Valley. Quarterback Shedeur Sanders connected with wide receiver Willie Gaines for a 42 yard touchdown.

Sanders had 3 more touchdown passes in his record setting day. He completed 40 of 51 passes for 438 yards with 4 touchdowns and 1 interception. The pass attempts and competitions were a career high for Sanders.

Dallas Daniels was the recipient of 10 passes from Sanders totalling 142 yards. His longest catch of the game went for 36 yards. Shane Hooks hauled in 7 passes for 57 yards. Hooks' one handed catch was shown on ESPN last week. The success of the passing game meant limited touches for the running backs.

Despite few touches this week, the running game still managed to gain 200 yards. Santee Marshall ran 6 times for 118 yards and Sy'veon Wilkerson rushed 9 times for 55 yards and 1 touchdown.

For Mississippi Valley, quarter-

back Jamari Jones did not have a good game passing. Jones would only complete 3 of 12 passes for 36 yards with 1 touchdown and 1 interception. Hurried plenty of times, but only sacked twice, Jones did his damage on the ground. Jones would run with the ball, 9 times for 71 yards. His longest run of the day was for 42 yards. Caleb Johnson ran the ball 11 times for 65 yards.

The Darkside Defense put their stamp on the game holding the Delta Devils to only 217 yards of total offense. After that initial shock on the first drive, the defense buckled down frustrating the Devils the entire game. Late in the 3rd quarter, John Huggins intercepted a Jamari Jones pass and returned it for a touchdown.

Jackson State rolled to a 49-7 victory, but it wasn't as dominant as some of their other wins.

Jackson State reeled off 49 points after Valley scored their lone touchdown. Just as the Grambling game, JSU started the game slowly but finished with dominance. This week is a BYE week for Jackson State giving players like Shilo Sanders and Travis Hunter more time to heal.

Shedeur Sanders continues to rack up SWAC Offensive Player of the Week awards, capturing another for his game Saturday. Through 4 games, Sanders is completing 75% of his passes for 1394 yards and 14 touchdowns. He threw his first interception of the



JSU Running Back Santee Marshall gained 118 yards on 6 carries
PHOTOS BY TIM WARD

season against Mississippi Valley State. Heisman trophy worthy numbers to some.

Jackson State will play again October 8 against Alabama State in Montgomery, Alabama. It's Alabama State's homecoming. Cleary they picked the wrong school for homecoming.

Coach Deion Sanders said, "I love the fact that we're going to play Alabama State for their homecoming, I love it. Quote me." Should be interesting...



JSU Ad Ashley Robinson and coach Deion Sanders



JSU wide receiver Willie Gaines



Valley quarterback Jamari Jones looks for a receiver



JSU quarterback Shedeur Sanders looking for a receiver



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JSU Head Coach Deion Sanders speaks to his defense



Shedeur Sanders



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PRESS ROOM: ‘Hear Her’ campaign addresses health inequities among pregnant and postpartum people

By **Wanda Barfield, MD, MPH**
Director of the Division of Reproductive Health, CDC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s Hear Her campaign raises awareness of potentially life-threatening warning signs during and after pregnancy and encourages the people supporting pregnant and postpartum people to really listen when they express concerns.

Valencia, one of the women featured in the campaign, talked about her experience with a pregnancy-related complication. During her first pregnancy, Valencia struggled with headaches and dizziness. When she reported worsening symptoms, she felt like no one took her seriously. “I didn’t know who to talk to and wasn’t sure how to speak up for myself,” she recalled. It was her primary care provider who finally helped her get the care she needed.

Valencia is among the many people who face serious health complications during and after pregnancy. CDC launched Hear Her to raise awareness of the potentially life-threatening warning signs during and in the year after pregnancy.

Too many people die from pregnancy-related complications each year. Tragically, four in five of these deaths could be prevented. There are considerable racial disparities when it comes to pregnancy-related deaths. Black and American Indian/Alaska Native women are two to three times more likely to die of pregnancy-related causes than



Barfield

white women.

A number of factors contribute to the maternal mortality rate among black and American Indian/Alaska Native women. Structural racism and implicit bias can play a role in the disparity. For example, delayed prenatal care initiation is associated with personal experiences of bias and racism.

Protective factors also do not seem to convey the same risk reduction for some minority populations. For example, we see persistent disparities in maternal mortality, regardless of educational attainment. In addition, access to quality care can be an issue. For example, it has been found that hospitals that disproportionately cared for black women at delivery had increased poor outcomes for both black and white women in those hospitals.

To address racial and ethnic disparities in maternal mortality, CDC supports the work of Maternal Mortality Review Committees around the country to get quality data about the circumstances surrounding a pregnancy-related death, including the documentation of


bias, discrimination and racism. These data are used by committees to make recommendations to prevent future pregnancy-related deaths and are also used by CDC to better understand maternal mortality across the nation.

A better understanding of pregnancy-related deaths can lead to identifying the initiatives that will have the most impact. Standardized quality care can ensure the right care in the right places at the right time for women. And high-quality care doesn’t end at delivery. It should extend into the postpartum period up to a year after delivery, when about a third of pregnancy-related deaths occur.

Many pregnant and postpartum people may feel ignored or dismissed when sharing their concerns, which may make them hesitant to ask questions or speak up. Not fully listening may cause healthcare providers to miss warning signs that require urgent care. Hear Her encourages partners, friends, family, and healthcare professionals to really listen when a person says something doesn’t feel right. Acting quickly could save their life.

For more information, visit cdc.gov/HearHer.

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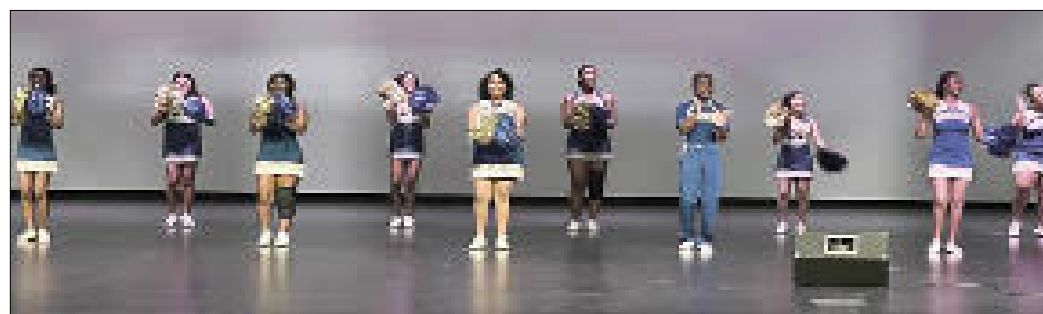
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