

Water blame game can't shroud the truth



Thompson



Lumumba



Reeves

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer



One thing is for sure, the blame-game that we've been witnessing around the failure of the O.B. Curtis Water Treatment Plant is convenient for politicians, yet a faulty approach overall. No one looks like the good guy in all this. None of this addresses Jackson's decades long water/sewer dilemma. Yet the finger-pointing and divisions persist.

When state political leaders of the majority party respond this way, it throws new shade on their bedrock of indifference toward Jackson. You will never hear our governor say that he loves the people of Jackson, or that he is going to work arm-in-arm with Jackson until the issue is fixed once and for all. He would surely gag if he attempted to say he was thrilled to be working closely with the major of Jackson.

COMMENTARY

There's no denying this guilty truth.

It's a safe bet to conclude that many Jacksonians are silently grateful for the deluge of rains and flooding that brought the O.B. Curtis Plant to its knees. It has already served as a catalyst for a long overdue shift in the status quo. The impacts of the plant gasping for life ended up forcing the hand of the governor. We now have the attention and resources of the federal government — our saving grace — and they won't suffer fools on the basic facts.

Jackson Mayor Lumumba has been crying "we are in crisis" the whole time he has been in office, and not just about water and sewer, but about poverty, racism, declining tax base, and other realities inherent in being an 83% black city in a predominantly white republican state.

In the seven days since the O.B. Curtis Plant disaster we have seen boots on the ground from FEMA, EPA, Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi National Guard, technical experts from other states, plant operators from other states, millions upon millions of bottles of water from major corporations and disaster response groups — all descend upon Jackson.

President Biden has called Mayor Lumumba directly. He has also urged the governor to act. It's been a phenomenal response to a two-pronged disaster: restoring water service to the taps, and distributing drinking and non-potable water for 160,000 souls.

As majestic as it is, this latest round of pain and suffering, was 100% avoidable. The readers of *The Mississippi Link* newspaper know that all too well.

Second District Congressman Bennie Thompson has fielded

many questions over the past week and points out two major themes. The first is that with its majority republican representation in Congress, Mississippi has steered the largest federal funding to rural areas of the state for decades. Even today, four out of six of our federal legislative contingent voted against President Biden's \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill. To their credit, Thompson and Wicker voted for it. Rep. Michael Guest, whose district includes the O.B. Curtis Plant, voted against the bill.

The other issue highlighted by Thompson is that Jackson lacks a comprehensive plan to fix its water and sewer infrastructure. On September 2, he told *Mississippi Today*, "I have not seen a plan. If a verifiable plan is put forth I will be happy to promote it, and it will be received well in Washington." He also said, "Years

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Mississippi capital's black business owners decry water woes

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

When John Tierre launched his restaurant in Jackson's neglected Farish Street Historic District, he was drawn by the neighborhood's past as an economically independent cultural hub for black Mississippians, and the prospect of helping usher in an era of renewed prosperity.

This week he sat on the empty, sun-drenched patio of Johnny T's Bistro and Blues and lamented all the business he has lost as tainted water flows through his pipes — just like other users in the majority black city of 150,000, if they were lucky enough to have any pressure at all. The revival he and others envisioned seems very much in doubt.

"The numbers are very low for lunch," Tierre told The Associated Press. "They're probably taking their business to the outskirts where they don't have water woes."

Torrential rains and flooding of the Pearl River in late August exacerbated problems at one of Jackson's two treatment plants, leading to a drop in pressure throughout the city, where residents were already under a boil-water order due to poor quality.

Officials said Sunday that most of Jackson should have running water, though residents are still advised not to drink straight from the tap. The city remains under a boil water notice. Officials also said future repairs leave potential for fluctuations in water pressure.

The water crisis has compounded the financial strain caused by an ongoing labor shortage and high inflation. And the flow of consumer dollars from Jackson and its crumbling infrastructure to the city's outskirts hit black-owned businesses hardest, the owners say.

Another black entrepreneur who has taken a hit is Bobbie Fairley, 59, who has lived in Jackson her entire life and owns Magic Hands Hair Design on the city's south side.

She canceled five appointments Wednesday because she needs high water pressure to rinse her clients' hair of treatment chemicals. She also has had to purchase water to shampoo hair and fit in whatever appointments she can. When customers aren't coming in, she's losing money.

ey. "That's a big burden," she said. "I can't afford that. I can't afford that at all."

Jackson can't afford to fix its water problems. The tax base has eroded over the past few decades as the population decreased, the result of primarily white flight to suburbs that began about a decade after public schools integrated in 1970. Today the city is more than 80% black, and 25% of its residents live in poverty.

Some say the uncertainty facing black businesses fits into a pattern of adversity stemming from both natural disasters and policy decisions.

"It's punishment for Jackson because it was open to the idea that people should be able to attend public schools and that people should have access to public areas without abuse," said Maati Jones Primm, who owns Marshall's Music and Bookstore up the block from Johnny T's. "As a result of that, we have people who ran away to the suburbs."

Primm thinks Jackson's longstanding water woes — which some trace to the 1970s when federal spending on water utilities peaked, according to a 2018 Congressional Budget Office report — have been made worse by inaction from Mississippi's mostly white, conservative-dominated Legislature.

"For decades this has been a malignant attack, not benign. And it's been purposeful," Primm said.

Political leaders have not always been on the same page. Jackson's Democratic mayor, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, has blamed the water problems on decades of deferred maintenance, while Republican Gov. Tate Reeves has said they stem from mismanagement at the city level.

Last Monday the governor held a news conference about the crisis, and the mayor was not invited. Another was held later in the week where they both appeared, but Primm said it's clear that the two are not in concert.

"The lack of cooperation speaks to the continued punishment that Jackson must endure," she said.

Under normal circumstances, Labor Day weekend is a bustling time at Johnny

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60-plus business owners helped at MS-Community Navigator's first Lending Fair

3 owners excited to get state certificate; August is National Black Business Month

By Gail H.M. Brown, Ph.D.
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Cars were parked bumper-to-bumper and side-to-side near the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) at 333 Yazoo St., in Lexington, Miss., Saturday, Aug. 27. More than 60 small business owners had come to take advantage of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Mississippi-Community Navigator Pilot Program's (MS-CNPP) first Lending Fair. The lending fair also included free technical assistance and business advice.

"Although August is recognized as National Black Business Month, the SBA MS-CNPP is on the MOVE to help small businesses with outreach services year-round," said Beulah Greer, CSLC Executive Director and Administrative Officer of the CNPP.

As part of a national initiative introduced by President Biden and Vice President Harris, the CSLC MOVE (Missis-



Adrian Clark, Clark's Customs Paint and Body Works, LLC



Franquetta Langston, Queen of Things, LLC



Lolita Bailey, J-Lo's Occasions, LLC

issippi Opportunities for a Vital Economy) project was one of 51 grantees nationwide awarded the Small Business Administration's Community Navigator Pilot Program grant to do "targeted outreach for small businesses in underserved communities." (sba.gov).

"Together with our spokes, CSLC MS-Community Navigator strategically instituted the lending fair and on-the-spot technical assistance as an outreach in which we hope to partner with other entities to hold in

other underserved areas of the state as well," said Greer. "In fact, we are currently engaged in conversation with another non-profit to hold one in the Mississippi Delta."

The SBA designates spokes as "trusted, culturally knowledgeable local groups and individuals — who will connect to specific sectors of the entrepreneurial community to provide assistance during economic recovery, including: financial assistance and access to capital; contracting and procurement;

marketing, operations, business development, and exporting; industry-specific training."

Participating lenders in the Community Navigator's first lending fair were Bancorp-South/Cadence, BankPlus, Guaranty Bank, Holmes County Bank and Trustmark.

"Today was excellent; I was very excited to participate," said Debra McGee, Senior Vice President and Director of Minority Business Development

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JP Morgan Chase and United Way supporting Jackson area families and communities during crisis



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JP Morgan Chase and United Way of the Capital Area announce \$40k Emergency Water Distribution

Supporting Jackson area families and communities during crisis

Mississippi Link Newswire

United Way of the Capital Area and JP Morgan Chase announced last week their Water Crisis Relief Partnership of eighty-eight pallets of bottled water for arrival to Jackson on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

With a commitment of \$20,000 from JP Morgan Chase, United Way has matched the Water Crisis Relief Partnership with \$20,000 bolstering its package value to \$40,000.

The support from JP Morgan Chase came at a critical time as the city's main water treatment supply failed with limited supply to its fire stations to fight fires, leaving some community healthcare providers and centers having to secure water pumps for dialysis and other support services. At the time, there was little to no water in some households, notwithstanding any drinking water suitable for human consumption.

Nikki McCelleis, president and CEO, welcomed the timely gift and embraced it as a life-



United Way of the Capital Area received its first delivery of the eighty-eight pallets of bottled water through the support of JP Morgan Chase on Thursday, September 1. Pictured from left to right are: Cassio Batteast, Economic Mobility Director and Nikki McCelleis, President and CEO for United Way of the Capital Area along with Halima Olu-femi and Rukia Lumumba of the Peoples Advocate Institute. PHOTO: ROOSEVELT LITTLETON, JR., VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

line for families and communities.

"We are so grateful to JP Morgan Chase for this timely gift," said McCelleis. "The gravity of it will carry an exponential reach and support to our families and communities." Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our neighbors impacted by the flooding and to all of us who are suffering during this

crisis. We are establishing this fund to assist in the basic need that we all require and have in common – the need for water. You can be assured that one hundred percent of these funds will be used for this very purpose," added McCelleis.

Eleven 86 Water Company, a black-owned business based in Autaugaville, Alabama, is coordinating delivery of the wa-



United Way of the Capital Area along with members of Mississippi's National Guard and pictured prior to staging and securing water donated by JP Morgan Chase. Pictured from left to right are: Cassio Batteast, Economic Mobility Director along with member of the MS National Guard, Nikki McCelleis, President and CEO for United Way of the Capital Area along with her husband, Michael McCelleis, Captain of Fire Station #1 for the Jackson Fire Department. PHOTO: ROOSEVELT LITTLETON, JR., VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

ter to sites throughout the City of Jackson to include:

- Sykes Community Center at 520 Sykes Rd.
- Oak Forest Community Center at 2827 Oak Forest Dr.
- Westland Plaza
- IAJE Community Center, (Immigrant Alliance for Justice and Equity) Center at 406 W. Fortification Street
- Grove Park Community

Center

- MS Move Across from Tougaloo College
- Split Rebel Yoga Studio (Countyline Road).

"Everyone deserves access to clean water," said Jennifer De-Salvo, Chase Market Director for Mississippi and Alabama. "We are proud to stand with United Way of the Capital Area to deliver this critical resource

to our neighbors in Jackson."

"Our sense of community is important to us in reaching those who are on the fringes and cannot get to the sources for the water giveaways," said Cassio Batteast, Economic Mobility Director. "Carrying out the mission of this work is critical in reaching our seniors and children who are most vulnerable during this time."

This is the second time JP Morgan Chase and United Way have partnered to bring clean drinking water to Jackson. In March 2021, Chase partnered with United Way to distribute three truckloads of bottled water when the city's water treatment facility faced another challenge.

United Way of the Capital Area is also urging residents to contact the American Red Cross for immediate assistance. In addition, dial 211 to connect with a community resource specialist who can put you in touch with other local organizations that provide critical services.

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Brandi Greer (right) of the spoke, Fresh Start Enterprise, LLC, assists Lolita Bailey of J'lo's , LLC in securing her Mississippi Certificate of Formation.



The audience of business owners and potential business owners listened attentively to the lenders and technical-assistance professionals aka the Community Navigator's spokes.

at BankPlus. “It is very important that all business owners understand the need for technical assistance, a good CPA, attorney, insurance agency and banker.”

McGee also said that lending fairs and technical assistance programs are so important to small businesses.

Three of the small business owners can attest to how important technical assistance is. They were excited that Fresh Start Enterprises, LLC, one of the Community Navigator's spokes, helped them to acquire their Mississippi Certificate of Formation on-site.

Lolita Bailey, owner of J-Lo's Occasions, LLC (a gift-creating business) said she learned through the Community Navigator's outreach that she had to register her business with the state. She had her federal EIN already. “So, today, I

am not registered with the state; yah!” she said. Bailey said she also “learned a lot about business and what you're supposed to be doing to be considered business.”

Franquetta Langston, owner of Queen of Things in Pickens, Miss., shared similar comments. “Today has just been a blessing; all the way out, a blessing,” she said. “This is a much-needed activity because as black people we need to learn to invest in ourselves and move forward. We can't live in the past.”

“This lending fair has helped me tremendously,” said Adrian Clark. “It is helping me put my business in position to excel and increase.” Adrian Clark's Limited Liability Company is a collision repair business: Clark's Customs, Paint & Body Works, LLC in Durant, Miss.

Spoke Willie McGriggs of WEM

Consulting LLC said he thinks the first lending fair was “quite a success.” “Holmes County will never be the same. So much **valuable** [business] information was shared.

Other participating spokes of the project are North Central Planning and Development (NDPDD), Knowledge Info, LLC, The Institute for Evaluation and Research (TIER), Ad Astra Consulting, BOLO Works, LLC, Carson Consulting, Sydney Brown and Dwayne Perkins. “Our spokes are seasoned professionals who are highly qualified to provide an array of technical assistance services to help small businesses grow,” said CSLC SBA MS-CNPP MOVE Project Director Antwan Clark.

For more information on how the CSLC SBA MS-CNPP can help you start and/or grow your business, please call (662) 834-0905.



(L-R) Ralph Jackson and Debra McGee, Bank Plus



Aldaberto Meza, Trustmark Bank shown here with a business owner



Frank Bradford, Guaranty Bank



Shrinna Anderson, Holmes County Bank

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of neglect have contributed to what we have in Jackson. Jackson has been treated differently than other communities. So there has to be give and take on both sides. I encourage that. But I will resist with every fiber in my body for Jackson to be singled out just because it's Jackson and being treated differently than all other communities and all water systems.”

Recently Jackson Mayor Lumumba told WJTV that “We look forward to sharing our fully outlined plan, one that is supported by the expert advice of the U.S. Water Alliance and the Kellogg Foundation.” Let's hope he delivers that plan to Rep. Thompson soon.

On Sunday afternoon the city reported “that water pressure should (now) be restored to all Jackson residents,” per WLBT reporting. Nearly twenty-four hours later the governor held a press conference at 11 a.m. on Labor Day. No sign of the mayor of Jackson. Reeves hyped up the state's intervention and lambasted the operations of the Jackson city government in general, but particularly the operation of the water system. He detailed all the specific numbers of staff now on site from Florida, Louisiana, all the state and federal agencies, and at the end of his list he stated there were two workers from the City of Jack-

son at the plant. Instead of using any opportunity to embrace and work collaboratively, he doubled down on the blame game and showcased his lack of regard for our black capital city.

This week's Mississippi Insights program featured a segment with Lt. Governor Hosemann that was recorded previously. When Byron Brown asked about the rift between Jackson and the State and the national coverage its receiving, he responded, “I'm like everyone, I think [we have] been really saddened by the nation press....to see parts of our state reflected as they are being reflected on the national news and newspapers. I think that Mississippi is a big neighborhood. We've been through these kinds of things before....what you are going to see is us banding together for 200,000 of our fellow Mississippians who have issues with their water, and you're going to see us band together across all kinds of lines to come up with a solution, and that process has already started.”

Mississippi is dead last in so many national rankings, elected officials here stealing federal welfare funding from the poorest among us, and now claiming sadness over the national media coverage. Some things you hear from our elected officials is enough to make a grown man cry.

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T's. The college football season brings out devoted Jackson State fans who watch away games on the bistro's TVs or mosey over from the stadium after home games. But this weekend many regulars were busy stocking up on bottled water to drink or boiling tap water to cook.

Even as revenue plummeted, Tierre's expenses increased. He has been spending \$300 to \$500 per day on ice and bottled water, not to mention canned soft drinks, tonic water and everything else that would typically be served out of a soda gun. He brings staff in a few hours earlier than usual so they can get a head start on boiling water to wash dishes and stacking the extra soda cans. In total, Tierre estimated, he's fork-

ing over an added \$3,500 per week. Customers pay the price.

“You have to pass some of this off to the consumer,” Tierre said. “Now your Coke is \$3, and there are no refills.”

At a water distribution site in south Jackson this week, area resident Lisa Jones brought empty paint buckets to fill up so her family could bathe. In a city with crumbling infrastructure, Jones said she felt trapped.

“Everybody can't move right now. Everyone can't go to Madison, Flowood, Canton and all these other places,” she said, naming three more affluent suburbs. “If we could, trust me, it would be a dark sight: Houses would be boarded up street by street, neighborhood by neighborhood.”

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The Hinds County Career and Technical Center is located on the Raymond High School campus with an additional building housing a few programs on the Terry High School campus. The CTC is designed to provide students with real-world, hands-on experiences to prepare them for the next step after high school graduation. The CTC offers a variety of courses for students interested in Industrial Maintenance, Law and Public Safety, Digital Media Technology, Computer Science, Engineering, Biomedical Science Automotive Service Technology, Educator Preparation, Healthcare and Clinical Services, and Sports Medicine.

The programs at the CTC are also key elements of the Career Academies of Hinds County: STEM Academy, Arts and Business Academy, and Health and Human Services Academy. In the first official year of implementation, our 9th grade students are the first official class. At the end of the 8th grade year, students select an academy of interest and will be a part of the academy from 9th-12th grade.. Within each academy, there are multiple pathways. In the STEM Academy, the pathways are Automotive Service, Biomedical Science, Computer Science, Engineering, and Industrial Maintenance. In the Arts and Business Academy, the pathways are Digital Media Technology and Business, Marketing and Finance. In the Health and Human Services Academy, the pathways are Law and Public Safety, Educator Preparation, and Health Science: Sports Medicine and Healthcare and Clinical Services.

During the course of four years, students will have learning experiences where academic courses are connected through a career theme. In addition to the classroom, we will further provide career experiences through our 9th Grade Reality Fair, 9th Grade Career Fair and 8th grade STEM Career Fairs.

9th Grade Reality Fair – THS
October 20, 2022
9:30 am – NOON
Terry High School Gym

9th Grade Reality Fair – RHS
October 27, 2022
9:30 am – NOON
Raymond High School Gym

9th Grade Career Fair – RHS and THS
February 17, 2023
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
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February 24, 2023
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Mississippi billboard urges motorists to ‘Ditch Dairy’ to fight prostate cancer

Mississippi Link Newswire

A new billboard near Jackson, Miss., warns that dairy products increase prostate cancer risk and urges viewers to “ditch dairy.”

Mississippi ranks first for prostate cancer mortality in the United States. The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, a doctors group with more than 100 members in Mississippi, sponsored the billboard for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and is also urging Gov. Tate Reeves to enact a Prostate Cancer Awareness Month proclamation.

The billboard, which says, “Dairy Increases Prostate Cancer Risk. Mississippi ranks 1st for Prostate Cancer Deaths in the U.S. PCRM.org/Ditch-Dairy,” went up this week on Interstate 55 North, facing south, just north of Northside Drive.

“To help fight prostate cancer in Mississippi, which is the state with the highest prostate cancer mortality rate in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, I encourage you to warn Mississippi residents that dairy products increase prostate cancer risk and to recommend a plant-based diet, which can be protective against prostate cancer,” wrote Anna Herby, a registered dietitian with Physicians Committee,

in a letter to Reeves. She also wrote to the Mississippi State Department of Health.

There will be an estimated 2,970 new cases of prostate cancer in Mississippi in 2022 and 410 prostate cancer deaths, according to the American Cancer Society.

High intakes of dairy products, including whole and low-fat milk and cheese, increase the risk for prostate cancer, according to a meta-analysis that looked at 32 studies.

Whole milk consumption also increases risk for prostate cancer recurrence in overweight and obese men. In a 2018 study, those who consumed more than four servings of whole milk per week increased their risk for recurrence by 73%, compared to those who consumed fewer or no servings of milk.

Dairy products also increase the risk of death from prostate cancer. Men who consumed three or more servings of dairy products a day had a 141% higher risk for death due to prostate cancer compared to those who consumed less than one serving, in a study published in the International Journal of Cancer.

Avoiding dairy products and eating a more plant-based diet may help protect the prostate. A study published in

the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that men who followed a vegan diet had a 35% lower prostate cancer risk than those following a nonvegetarian, lacto-ovo-vegetarian, pesco-vegetarian, or semi-vegetarian diet.

Research in The Journal of Urology found that men who consume the most plant-based foods decrease their risk of dying from prostate cancer by 19%. A review of 31 articles presented at the American Urological Association Annual Meeting earlier this year and published in the Journal of Urology showed improved outcomes and overall health in prostate cancer patients who followed a plant-based diet as well as a lower risk for cancer in those with no cancer diagnosis.

Plant-based diets rich in fruits, vegetables, grains, and beans provide plentiful calcium, potassium and magnesium. The natural source of vitamin D is sunlight, and fortified cereals, grains, bread, orange juice and plant milks are dietary options.

Founded in 1985, the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine is a nonprofit organization that promotes preventive medicine, conducts clinical research, and encourages higher standards for ethics and effectiveness in education and research.

New church at prison will serve women of multiple faiths

By Wicker Perlis

The Associated Press

Incarcerated women of faith inside Central Mississippi Correctional Facility have struggled to find a reliable worship space for years, but that will soon change.

The prison in Pearl, the only state prison that holds females, hosted a groundbreaking ceremony recently for a new church that will primarily cater to those women.

Torri Sanders has been incarcerated at CMCF for about 21 years, and said she was struggling to contain her excitement. She said worship for groups of women usually takes place in a dining hall or another space where it is often interrupted.

“This is the best thing that this administration has brought,” Sanders said. “When they kicked down the doors and brought the church, they brought Christ in. I’m just grateful that it is something good because people are always reporting the negative from out here.”

Tara Lyle, an incarcerated person, led the group in prayer during the groundbreaking. Lyle said it is important for women to have their own space to worship.

“It involves more people, more women so that everyone has a place,” Lyle said.

The 6,400-square-foot building will serve people of multiple faiths, and will be able to hold up to 300 incarcerated people at a time. Ac-

cording to a Mississippi Department of Corrections news release, about half of the prisoners at CMCF practice a faith. There are incarcerated Jewish people, Muslims, Jehovah’s Witnesses and Christians, both protestant and Catholic, confined within the facility.

Nathan “Burl” Cain became commissioner of MDOC in 2020, and he has encouraged incarcerated people to become faith leaders through prison seminary programs. He said they can significantly decrease violence and gang activities within prisons.

“We replace the gangs with positive gangs,” Cain said. “If we get more and more preachers, we get less and less gangs because everyone wants to be a part of something.”

CMCF Superintendent Derrick Chambers said in addition to giving them a positive community to be a part of, faith has shown to change people’s morality.

“If you can take a person that’s been in a cell block for 20 years and take them to church, it can change their morality,” Chambers said.

Glenn Conley is an incarcerated person who also pastors to a group of fellow prisoners. Male field ministers, like Conley, will also perform their work at the new building, but it will primarily serve women as it is located in an area of the facility that is being transitioned into a predominantly female area. Conley agreed with Chambers on the power that

faith can have in morality.

“As rehabilitation, there’s a lot to it, but a big part is moral rehabilitation,” Conley said.

MDOC officials said construction on the church is expected to be completed by February 2023. It was funded through donations, and will not cost MDOC or taxpayers.

David McNair is president of the Mississippi Prison Chapel Foundation, one of the charities that put forward money to build the church.

“It’s from a combination of the Inmate Welfare Fund and the Mississippi Prison Chapel Foundation,” McNair said.

McNair and many of the other non-incarcerated people of faith who regularly participate in prison ministries at CMCF said they were excited for the church, but also to be getting back into their work. For some, the groundbreaking was the first time they had been to the facility since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kairos Prison Ministry has its first post-pandemic event at the facility planned for October.

Rowland Hall, a pastor at nearby Broadmoor Baptist Church, said he was excited to get “reengaged post-COVID.” He also thanked Cain for bringing faith leaders further into the prison system.

“The drive and the vision that Mr. Cain has brought has been catalytic,” Hall said.

Man who flew plane over Mississippi faces criminal charges

By Emily Wagster Pettus

Associated Press

A man who stole a plane and flew it over northern Mississippi after threatening to crash it into a Walmart faces charges of grand larceny and terroristic threats, authorities said Saturday.

Tupelo Police Chief John Quaka said at a press conference that Cory Wayne Patterson stole a Beechcraft King Air C90A from the Tupelo Regional Airport, took off early Saturday, called 911 and then threatened to crash the aircraft. Patterson didn’t have a pilot’s license but had some flight instruction and worked at Tupelo Aviation fueling aircraft, which gave him access to planes.

Negotiators spoke to Patterson and convinced him not to carry out the threat and to land at the airport. Patterson did not have the experience to land and another pilot attempted to coach him through it.

A negotiator re-established contact, and the plane landed safely.

Tupelo Mayor Todd Jordan said he hopes Patterson “will get the help he needs” and didn’t intend to hurt himself or others in the hours after the initial threat. Quaka said Patterson, on his Facebook page, posted what was in essence a goodbye message at about 9:30 a.m.

“Sorry everyone. Never wanted to actually hurt anyone. I love my parents and sister this isn’t your fault. Goodbye,” the message read.

Michael Canders, director of the Avi-

ation Center at Farmingdale State College in New York, called the incident “a wake-up call” for general aviation airports and their staff.

The Transportation Security Administration requires annual training emphasizing a “see something, say something” approach to try and prevent a scenario like what police believe occurred in Tupelo – an employee with access to aircraft, Canders said.

“This very thing is discussed in the course, the potential for somebody gaining access and intent on damage,” he said. “It’s dependent on all of those who work at an airport. If you see someone you don’t recognize or some unusual activity, you’re supposed to report that.”

An online flight tracking service showed the plane meandering in the sky early Saturday.

Leslie Criss, a magazine editor who lives in Tupelo, woke up early and was watching the situation on TV and social media. Several of her friends were outside watching the plane circle overhead.

“I’ve never seen anything like this in this town,” Criss told The Associated Press. “It’s a scary way to wake up on a Saturday morning.”

The airplane drama unfolded as tens of thousands of college football fans were headed to north Mississippi for Saturday football games at the University of Mississippi in Oxford and Mississippi State University in Starkville. Tupelo is between those two cities.



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UPDATE: WNBA players express reluctance to play overseas as Griner negotiations continue

By Stacy M. Brown
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While former NBA All-Star and Champion Dennis Rodman formally canceled plans to go to Russia to help gain the release of WNBA star Brittney Griner, members of the Washington Mystics said Griner's detainment has discouraged them from playing overseas.

"I don't know if being politically correct is right right now," Mystics forward Myisha Hines-Allen, who played in Italy last season, said at her end-of-season press conference. "So, I know I wouldn't want to play in Russia. I mean that's just that."

WNBA players usually earn more money playing overseas than in the United States. Hines-Allen's teammate, Elizabeth Williams, said Griner's situation opens conversations for players wanting to stay home.

"I think it won't be surprising to see that a lot of players are gonna go over there and just take the bigger checks because it's kind of is what it is," Williams told NBC News Washington.

Rodman had previously declared he would travel to Russia to seek Griner's release. However, Biden administration officials pushed back against such a visit.

"We believe that anything other than negotiating further through the established channel is likely to complicate and hinder those release efforts," State Department Spokesman Ned Price told reporters.



Griner, who is 6 foot 9, in tiny cage waiting for court appearance.

Confirmed reports said the United States government had offered to swap the so-called "Merchant of Death" Viktor Bout for Griner and another imprisoned American, Paul Whelan. Bout, who's serving a 25-year federal prison sentence and notorious for his desire to kill Americans, reportedly has been at the top of Russian President Vladimir Putin's wish list.

"We communicated a substantial offer that we believe could be successful based on a history of conversations with the Russians," a senior administration official told CNN. "We communicated that a number of weeks ago,

in June."

The unnamed sources told the network that the planned trade received the backing of President Joe Biden after being under discussion since earlier this year. CNN reported that Biden's support for the swap overrides opposition from the Department of Justice, which is generally against prisoner trades.

The families of Whelan, who Russia has held for alleged espionage since 2018, and WNBA star Griner, jailed in Moscow for drug possession since February, have urged the White House to secure their release, including via a

prisoner exchange, if necessary, the report stated.

During her testimony, Griner told the court that she's still unsure how cannabis oil ended up in her luggage. She said a doctor recommended cannabis oil for her injuries on the basketball court.

"I still don't understand to this day how they ended up in my bags," Griner said, adding that she was aware of the Russian law outlawing cannabis oil and that she had not intended to break it. "I didn't have any intent to use or keep in my possession any substance that is prohibited in Russia," Griner

said.

Detained in February, Griner said she had already been in Russia for several months before her arrest. "My career is my whole life," she reflected as she faces up to 10 years in a Russian prison.

"I dedicated everything. Time, my body, time away from my family. I spent six months out of the year away from everybody, and with a huge time difference."

U.S. officials are awaiting word from the Russian government on whether they will accept the swap.

"It takes two to tango. So, we start all negotiations to bring home Americans held hostage or wrongfully detained with a bad actor on the other side," an unnamed official told CNN.

"We start all of these with somebody who has taken a human being American and treated them as a bargaining chip. So, in some ways, it's not surprising, even if it's disheartening, when those same actors don't necessarily respond directly to our offers, don't engage constructively in negotiations."

The CNN report noted that Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced Wednesday that the United States presented a "substantial proposal" to Moscow "weeks ago" for Whelan and Griner, who are classified as wrongfully detained.

The top U.S. diplomat said he intended to discuss the matter on an expected call with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov this week.

Black women gymnasts make history at championships in Fla.



Jordan Chiles, Shilese Jones and Konnor McClain won the top three spots in the senior all-around competition.

By Stacy M. Brown
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Black girl magic reigned at the 2022 U.S. Gymnastics Championships in Florida as Jordan Chiles, Shilese Jones and Konnor McClain won the top three spots in the senior all-around competition.

The trio made history as the first three black female gymnasts to sweep the podium. "It's so unreal," said McClain in an interview with NBC Sports. "I'm still in shock a little bit."

This summer, the gymnast returned to competition following two stress fractures, a concussion, the flu, and her father's

death in December.

McClain, who lives in Las Vegas, captured the senior women's all-around title.

Her combined eight-rotation 112.750 beat out all competition for the night's biggest prize, and she added balance beam gold (28.900) along the way, USA Gymnastics reported.

Jones of Auburn, Washington, finished a close second with a 112.000, while Chiles of Spring, Texas, finished third (111.900).

"This is the legacy of Gabby Douglas, Simone Biles, Dominique Dawes and so many other trailblazers who trained and stood alone," Dr. Cathryn Stout

tweeted.

According to Essence, Douglas became the first African American gymnast to win gold in the individual all-around and team events at the same Olympics in 2012. She retired in 2016.

Biles has won 25 World Championship titles and seven all-around titles and is tied with Shannon Miller for the most Olympic medals won by an American.

The next time fans can see McClain, Jones, and Chiles compete will be at the 2022 World Gymnastics Championships, which begin on October 29 in Liverpool, England.

Ruby Bridges, desegregation trailblazer, writes kids book

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press

Ruby Bridges was a 6-year-old first-grader when she walked past jeering crowds of white people to become one of the first black students at racially segregated schools in New Orleans more than six decades ago. Now, with teaching about race in America more complicated than it's ever been, she's authored a picture book about her experience for the youngest of readers.

Bridges, along with three other black students at a different school, were the first to integrate what had been all-white schools in New Orleans in 1960.

"I Am Ruby Bridges," featuring illustrations by Nikkolas Smith, goes on sale Tuesday. Published by Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., it's aimed at readers as young as 4.

Complete with a glossary that includes the words "Supreme Court" and "law," the book is an uplifting story about opportunities and kids being able to make a difference, Bridges said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"It's a true reflection of what happened through my own eyes," she said.

But books by or about Bridges have been challenged by conservatives in several school districts amid complaints over race-related teaching. Bridges said she hopes the new book winds up in elementary school libraries.

"I've been very, very fortunate because of the way I tell my story that my babies come in all shapes and colors, and my books are bestsellers, and maybe banned in schools," she said. "But I think parents really want to get past our racial differences. They're going to seek



U.S. Deputy Marshals escort 6 year Old Ruby Bridges from William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, in this file photo Nov. 14, 1960. Bridges has authored a picture book to explain this long-ago experience to the youngest readers. AP PHOTO/FILE

out those books."

Bridges was born in 1954, the same year the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation of public schools was unconstitutional. Southern school districts, including New Orleans, continued resisting integration for years.

But on Nov. 14, 1960, Bridges — carrying a plaid book satchel and wearing a white sweater — was escorted by four federal marshals past a taunting white crowd into segregated William Frantz Elementary School. The scene was made famous in the Norman Rockwell painting "The Problem We All Live With," which hung in the White House near the Oval Office during the tenure of former President Barack Obama.

The book's theme plays off the author's name: "Ruby" is a precious stone, and "Bridges" are meant to bring people together. Told with a touch of humor from the vantage point of a first-grader, the book captures the wonder of Bridges' experience — rather than just the scariness of that raucous first day at the school.

"It really looks like Mardi Gras to me, but they aren't throwing any beads. What's Mardi Gras without beads?"

Bridges writes.

The only parade that day was out of the school. White parents immediately began withdrawing their children, so Bridges spent the entire year by herself with white teacher Barbara Henry, who is still alive and a "very best friend," Bridges said. Henry's acceptance and kindness during a fraught time taught her an important lesson, she said.

"That shaped me into a person that is not prejudiced at all. And I feel like that little girl is still inside of me and that it's my calling to make sure kids understand that you can't look at someone and judge them," Bridges said.

Elsewhere in New Orleans on the same day Bridges went to school, Gail Etienne, Leona Tate and Tessie Prevost entered the previously all-white McDonogh No. 19 elementary school.

Last year, New Orleans held a weekend of events to remember Bridges and other women.

Bridges, a Mississippi native, still lives in metro New Orleans and has authored or co-authored five books. Two years ago she published "This Is Your Time," which is more intended for older children than her new book.

A little help from a friend

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Most people are familiar with guide dogs that assist people who are blind or have partial vision loss. There a variety of service dogs that also help those impacted by hearing loss, spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, psychiatric illnesses, diabetes and many more medical conditions. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), “service dogs are specially trained to perform specific tasks for people with disabilities.”

Seizure alert/seizure response dogs respond to epileptic seizures. They can be trained to pull emergency cords, lick their owner’s face to arouse their owner or retrieve their phone or push the call button for 911. Dogs can be trained to help with other chronic medical conditions such as heart attacks, stroke and panic attacks. Some dogs have the ability to predict a medical event such as seizure and detect changes in blood sugar. These dogs will become restless or push against their partner to warn them.

Service dogs provide true companionship and an invaluable sense of security. Assistance dogs have a long history. It was Florence Nightingale that pioneered the idea of animal-assisted therapy. She started using dogs to relieve the anxiety of patients with psychiatric issues. Sigmund Freud also used dogs in his work to put patients at ease and help them open up.

Elaine Smith a registered nurse working in an English hospital noticed that visits from a chaplain’s Golden Retriever was lifting patients’ spirits. That memory stayed with her when she returned to New Jersey. In 1976, she founded Therapy Dogs International –the world’s first organization for testing and certifying dogs and their volunteer handlers to visit hospitals, nursing homes and disaster relief shelters.

If you have a medical conditioner think about a service dog.

The ADA mandates that service dogs must have full public access rights, which



means they are allowed to go places where other animals are not allowed. They can be brought into restaurants, stores, libraries and other public spaces. They must be permitted in housing, even if other pets are not allowed. Service dogs are also allowed on airplanes and other public transport. Each airline has its own rules regarding service dogs. Most require that the dog sit on the traveler’s lap or at their feet. Dogs cannot block the aisle or sit in the emergency exit row. Service dogs are exempt from the pet fees that airlines charge. Check with your airline.

There is no uniform state or national rules that regulate and certify service dogs. Every organization has different guidelines. As a general rule, service dogs should be trained, insured, and licensed by the non-profit that’s offering their services.

Emotional support dogs are not considered service dogs under the ADA. “They may be trained for a specific owner, but they are not trained for specific tasks or duties to aid a person with a disability, and this is the main difference between ESAs and service dogs.”

“Unlike service dogs owners, ESA owners have only limited legal rights and those typically require a letter of diagnosis from the owner’s doctor or psychiatrist. While they don’t have unlimited access to public spaces, the Fair Housing Act mandates “reasonable accommodations” for emotional support animals even in buildings that don’t allow pets. As of January 2021, airlines are no longer required to accommodate emotional support animals.”

The best breeds for Assistance Dogs:

- Labrador Retriever
- Golden Retriever
- Poodle
- Pomeranian
- French Bulldog
- Greyhound
- Pug
- Dachshund
- German Shepherd
- Border Collie
- Beagle
- Yorkshire Terrier
- Cavalier King Charles
- Corgi
- Maltese
- Boxers
- Great Danes
- Bernese Mountain Dogs
- Portuguese Water Dogs

Some types of Service Dogs

• Allergy Detection Dogs. These dogs are specially trained to detect and alert to the odor of allergens, such as peanuts, gluten, or eggs

- Autism Service Dogs
- Diabetic Alert Dogs
- Guide Dogs
- Hearing Dogs
- Mobility Assistance Dogs
- Psychiatric Service Dogs
- Seizure Alert Dogs

What to consider before you bring home a new dog:

- Will you own your dog or does the agency retain ownership?
- How much does it cost? Some agencies offer the dog for free and the others may charge you more than \$15,000.
- Can I train my own dog?
- Are there application fees?
- Do I need a note from my doctor explaining my condition?
- How long is the training? It can take weeks to months.

Owning any animal is a serious commitment. Remember there will be daily care and a financial responsibility. This may be pale in comparison to the new freedom, security and companionship you receive or experience with your new friend.

What you need to know about heel pain



StatePoint

Very common in adults and on the rise in children, heel pain continues to be the number one reason patients seek care from foot and ankle surgeons. While experts say there are many reasons for heel pain, including bursitis, Achilles tendonitis, bone bruises, fractures, growth spurts and nerve pain, the most common cause is plantar fasciitis, a condition that one in 10 people will suffer from in their lifetime.

According to the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS), plantar fasciitis can have serious repercussions if left untreated. Here’s what to know:

What is Plantar Fasciitis?

Plantar fasciitis is an inflammation of the band of tissue (the plantar fascia) that extends from the heel to the toes in which the fascia becomes irritated and then inflamed. Symptoms include pain on the bottom of the heel, pain in the arch of the foot, and swelling on the bottom of the heel. For many, the pain is worse upon arising and increases over a period of months.

A telltale sign of mechanical issues in the foot, those with overly flat feet or high-arched feet are more prone to developing plantar fasciitis. Lifestyle factors can also play a role. Wearing non-supportive footwear on hard, flat surfaces puts abnormal strain on the plantar fascia. This is particularly evident when one’s job requires long hours on the feet. Obesity and overuse may also contribute to plantar fasciitis.

How is it Treated?

“We typically treat plantar fasciitis conservatively, at first,” said Michael J. Cornelison, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon and president of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. “This can include a combination of remedies, including rest, exercises that stretch the calf muscles, orthotics, icing the heel, over-the-counter medications like ibuprofen, supportive footwear and physical therapy.”

Most patients respond well to conservative treatments. However, depending on the severity of the plantar fasciitis,

additional therapies may be required, including:

• Injection Therapy: Growth factor injections and platelet-rich plasma injections are used to boost the body’s healing response and help repair injured tissue.

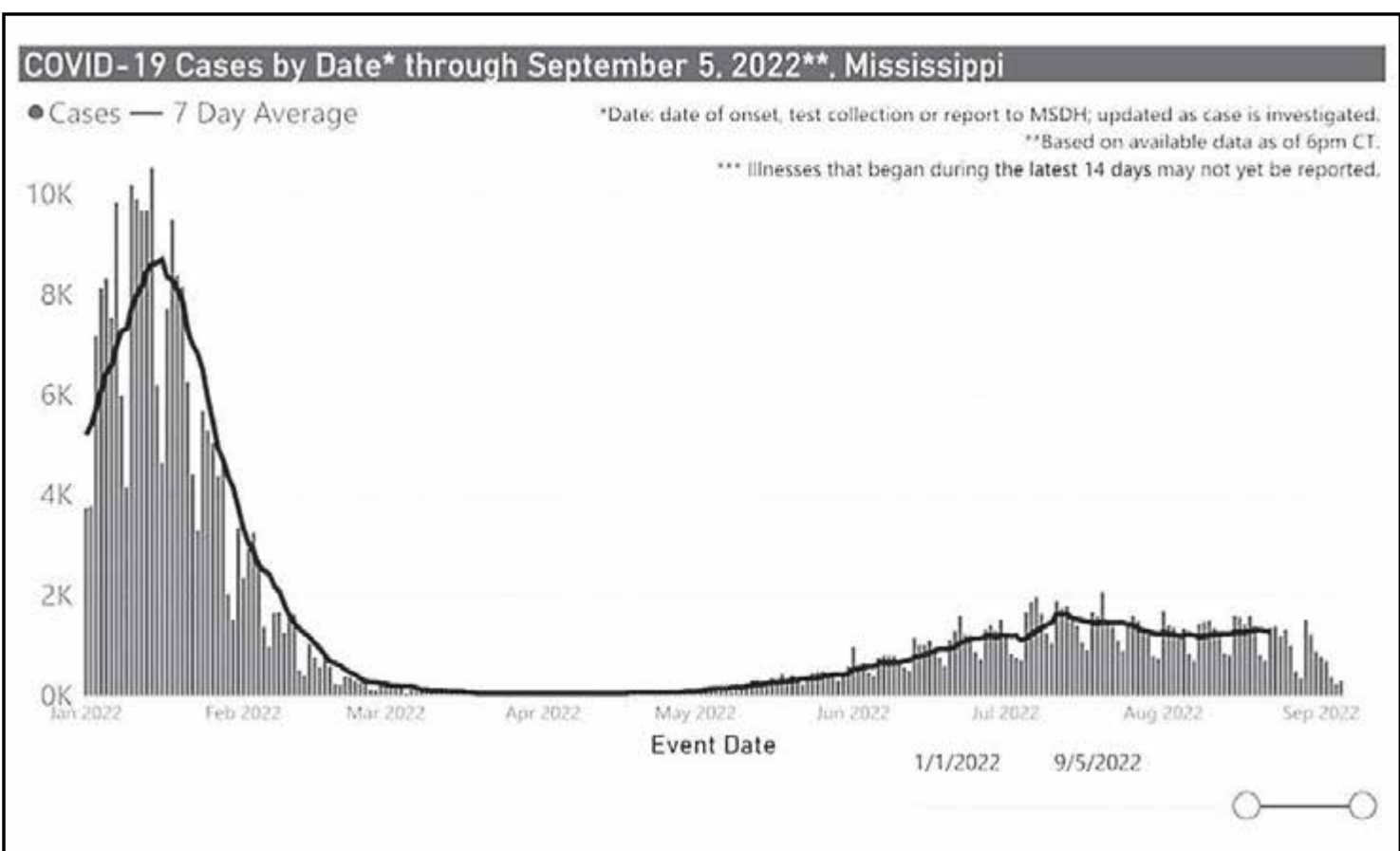
• Shockwave Therapy: This in-office treatment uses sound waves delivered over the skin to slightly damage the tissue and stimulate the body’s natural repair process. This helps the plantar fasciitis heal and relieves pain symptoms without making an incision. Patients can expect to be up and moving immediately after treatment, but it may take three to six months to see results.

• Ultrasonic Treatment: In this newer procedure, a small incision is made into the heel of the foot and a probe directs ultrasonic energy at the fascia to break down bad tissue and help the healing process. A diagnostic ultrasound tool is used to create an image of the inside of the foot and guide the probe. Patients may need to wear a boot immediately after the procedure for up to two weeks and they can expect to see improvements anywhere from three to six months after the procedure.

• Surgery: Also called a plantar fasciotomy, this minimally invasive, minimally traumatic surgical treatment involves making a small incision through the heel into the damaged tendon to try to lengthen it and relieve tension. Patients tend to recover in six to 10 weeks, but it may take up to three months to resume exercise and more vigorous activities.

No matter what kind of treatment a patient undergoes, the underlying causes that led to the condition may remain. Preventive measures, such as wearing supportive shoes, stretching and using custom orthotic devices, are the mainstay of long-term treatment for plantar fasciitis.

For more heel pain information and to find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the patient education website for the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.



P R E S E R V E D

Confessions of the “other” woman

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



I have a difficult confession to make. It’s difficult because I’ve been forced to look at a part of myself that for years I really didn’t like because I didn’t like what I thought it said about me. I’ve finally just had to accept that who I thought I was had nothing to do with who I really was. In reality, I was actually somewhere in between.

Here’s the confession: I’ve been the “other” woman for most of my adult life. Being the “other” woman has affected every area of my life: my career, my relationships and my spirituality. I haven’t always liked being the “other” woman because I thought it

made me less of a woman and meant that I had less value to others.

My embracing my status as the “other” woman came a few years ago when I reevaluated the last 25 years of my life. For the longest time, I blamed my lean dating years on my decision to be the “other” woman.

Now let me tell you what I mean by the “other” woman. I’m not talking about being a mistress in an illicit affair with a married man. Sorry to disappoint those looking for a juicy Lifetime movie plot. By the “other” woman, I mean the woman whose life is distinctly different. The dictionary defines “other” as being distinctly or disturbingly different. Leviticus 20:26 says, “You must be holy because I, the LORD, am holy. I have set you apart from all other people to be my very own.”

The other woman I’m talking about is the woman who makes decisions and choices that positively sets her apart and is rooted in her desire to live a sanctified life.

I like Chaka Khan’s song, “I’m Every Woman,” but in today’s world that means that being the kind of woman that men talk negatively about. Reality shows like the Real Housewives and The Bachelorette dating reality series have even glamorized the life of the “every” woman. How many times have you heard a man say, “Every woman I meet takes my money, uses me for sex or lies to me?”

One friend said that I needed to embrace the fact that I was the “other” woman. She also said that I shouldn’t be frustrated with men who were used to dating the “every” woman; I needed to be patient while they learned how to deal with being the “other” woman.

My definition of being the “other” woman also means not being afraid to embrace an uncommon standard of holiness. The question isn’t how long it’s been since you smoked a cigarette, had a drink, cursed someone out or had sex. The question is how have those choices positively affected your spirituality. The “other” woman I’m talking about sees holiness as a beginning and not just the final destination.

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What is truth?

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



We read in John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto Him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” Solomon tells us in Proverbs 23:23, “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.”

Let us notice what truth will do for us. “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, if ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples; indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” This is a wonderful promise. The truth shall make us free if we continue in it.

Christ and His Word cannot be separated. Christ said, “I Am the truth.” In John 1:14 we read, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.” The 17th verse of this same chapter says, “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth

came by Jesus Christ.” Peter tells us we purify our souls by obeying the truth. We read in 1 Peter 1:22, “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.”

We must not only “know” the truth, but we must “walk” in the truth. Certainly, to walk in the truth would mean to obey the word, as Jesus said, “Thy Word is truth.” The Word, which is truth, gives life. Jesus said in John 6:63 “The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” To understand truth, it must be “rightly divided.” Paul said to Timothy, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (II Timothy 2:15).

Friends, let us study the Word of God with an open heart and mind, and trust and believe that God will lead us into all truth!

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OP-ED: “God Did”

By Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.
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Hip-hop culture continues to transcend the divisions that prevent a universal acknowledgment of the sacred affirmation of the oneness of all humanity. As soon as DJ Khaled dropped his latest album with that transformational featured production entitled, “God Did,” I knew that as an elder OG supporter of the culture I needed to publicly respond.

DJ Khaled, Rick Ross, Lil Wayne, Jay-Z, John Legend and Fridayy were all masterful in their contributory segments. At a time when world communities are experiencing increasing devastations from climate change, poverty and human oppression, what are the enduring lessons that are being articulated and portrayed in our music, poetry and art forms?

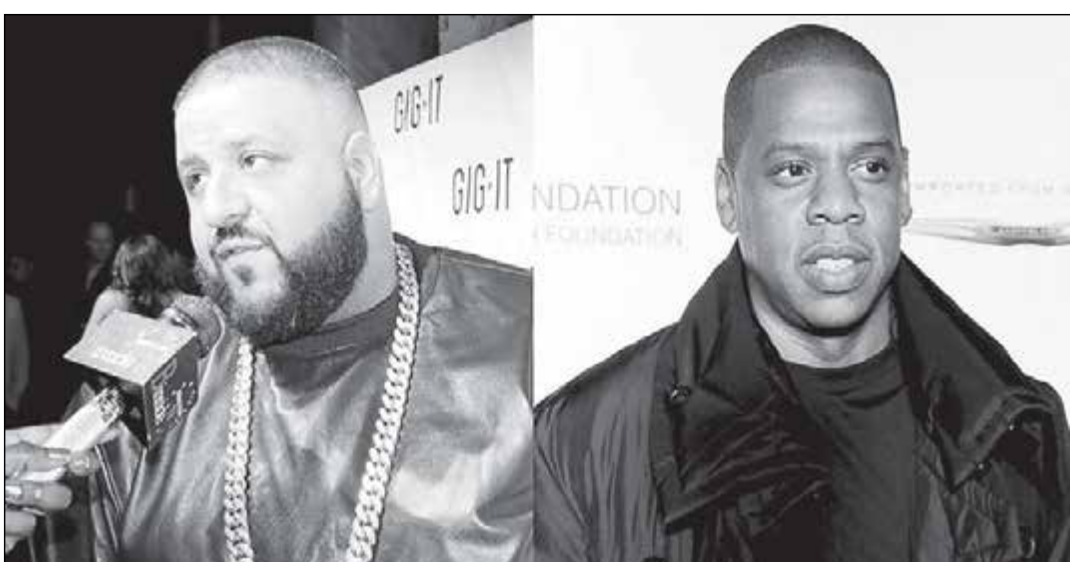
First, I was pleased and inspired by the lyrical summons from “God Did” that called all of us out of the graveyards of despair and hopelessness to stand erect and upright before the divine God of all creation and liberation.

When the player haters of the culture refused to hear and listen to the truth about how hip-hop continues to shed a radiant light on systemic oppression, racism, addictions and economic inequities, God did not permit those profound spitters of truth to be silenced and unappreciated. Those of us who love and respect hip-hop know what time it is.

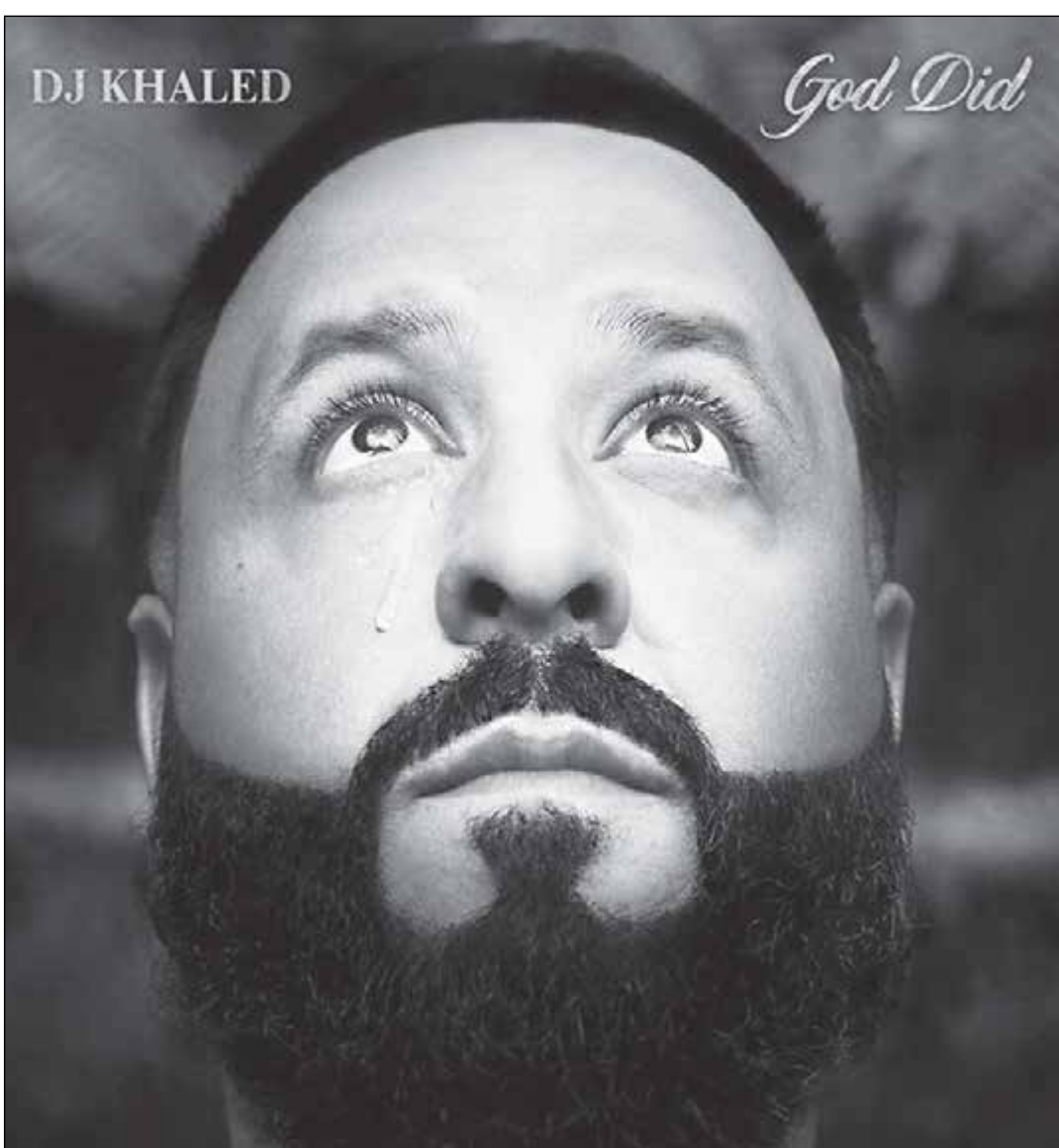
What emerged out of the South Bronx, NY with youthful creative power, authenticity, raw vibes and artistic genius over 50 years ago is today an unstoppable global cultural phenomenon that is contributing to a positive and irrevocable transformation of the world’s consciousness and demands for freedom, justice, equality and equity.

In the pre-chorus to “God Did,” Fridayy and Rick Ross set the dramatic curtain riser with the verse:

“They wanted us down
But look at us now
They counted us out
They didn’t think that we would make it
They didn’t believe in us.”
Then in a forceful staccato affirmation by Rick Ross and Fridayy the chorus begins: “But I know God did, God did (Oh, yes, He did).” DJ Khaled in his street-powerful voice shouts out in refrain:
“God did
Oh, yes, God did
Oh, God did (God is great)
But I know God did.”
Yes, God did. And, yes, consequently DJ Khaled did.
Young people, especially Generation Z and millennials across America and throughout the world will connect, resonate and engage



DJ Khaled at the launch of Gig-It / Jay-Z at the Shawn ‘Jay-Z’ Carter Foundation Carnival 2011.
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with these lyrics and musical symphony because of how this hymn exposes the prevailing misperceptions about the so-called irredeemable, downtrodden-ness of youth consciousness and lifestyles today in impoverished communities in urban and rural areas.

While the status quo wants to keep young people down and disillusioned, God via hip-hop has reawakened the masses of millions of youth to speak out, stand up and to become empowered with truth, resilience, vitality and a transformed vision to strive to make the world a better place for all people.

In verse 1 Rick Ross hints at the importance of stopping any form of disunity and self-destruction, and to begin the God-inspired journey to acquire enough money to buy and own a bank.

In verse 2 Lil Wayne testifies about how God made him to be creative:

“God did His thing when he made me
With the odds stacked

against me, I could crack Da Vinci

I know only God can judge us.”

Verse 3 was the longest verse. It was another hip-hop classic with Hov, i.e.: Jay-Z, who upfront eloquently acknowledges that because God did, Hov did. Jay-Z reminds the world that, “Hov did”

“Please, Lord forgive me for what the stove did

Nobody touched the billi’ until Hov did

How many billionaires can come from Hov crib?

I count three, me, Ye, and Rih.”

Jay-Z, Kanye West and Rihanna all shattered previous recording industry achievement records that propelled each of them into the billionaire stratosphere on earth and in the heavens. Yes, God did. Yes, Hov did. God did and God is still doing!

Mass incarceration is not the answer. Voter suppression is not the answer. Poverty and economic inequities are not the answer. “God Did” is the answer that requires activ-

ism, struggle, compassion, creativity, and empowerment.

Jay-Z said it best:

“I pray none of your people die over jailphones again

All this pain from the outside, inspired all the growth within

So new planes getting’ broken in

Highest elevation of the self.”

No one album alone will give all the answers to all the perplexing questions of society. Yet, I salute “God Did” as a welcomed and timely give back and cultural blessing to all of humanity. Hip-hop is a global antidote to the poison of racial oppression and economic inequalities. Thank you, DJ Khaled, for “God Did.”

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Your vote affects the quality of everyday living

By Dr. Stephanie Myers
and Dr. Georgia Dunston



During recent informal discussions with GenZs (ages 18-24), we have been distressed to learn that many of them and their friends, do not understand the purpose of voting and are not sure if they are going to vote in the 2022

Midterm elections.

While there are excellent GenZ leaders who are pro-voting, other GenZs say that they and their friends are frustrated with confusion about how the political system works, and they are reaching the conclusion that voting is a waste of time. We disagree. It is our belief that all eligible citizens in America must vote because voting is a fundamental responsibility that affects the quality of everyday living for citizens, in America.

We wonder whether the anti-voting attitudes among some GenZs are the result of the civics classes being eliminated from K-12 schools, or whether parents, churches and the workplace are failing to educate youth that democracy works, only if citizens vote.

Some of the GenZs we talked to did not seem to understand that individual voting is at the core of democracy, and that the people who are elected to political offices make critical decisions about everyday life in America – and many of those decisions affect them personally.

In today’s fractured world many people do not understand how the election of certain individuals to public office gives them power over important decisions. For example, elected officials decide daily whether or not violence is prevented or promoted by police, and law enforcement. They also decide if, how, and where affordable housing is provided, the quality of education and access to affordable health services.

Clearly much more is needed in civic education to help citizens understand the role of elected officials, and how to hold them accountable for their decisions.

Black Women for Positive Change is a multi-cultural, interfaith, intergenerational organization of predominately African-American women and Good Brothers, and we believe individuals must understand their vote is important in the 2022 Midterm Elections, and in all elections.

We must find ways to help people understand that voting is personal – it is like paying taxes – you don’t have a choice.

All eligible voters need to understand that the candidates they vote for will affect their lives in various ways.

Below are listed four examples of how elected officials use everyone’s tax dollars to either help to stop violence, or to promote violence:

- **Governors:** Control billion-dollar budgets from tax dollars that fund prisons, police departments, court systems and foster-care homes. Governors appoint judges who will be fair, or who will employ systemic racism.

- **Mayors:** Using local tax dollars mayors hire or fire police chiefs, and city attorneys who handle the criminal justice system. Mayors also fund local non-profit programs that can be either helpful or detrimental to black communities that suffer from violence. Racist mayors elected to office can appoint racist police chiefs who allow police officers to kill black men with no consequences.

- **District Attorneys:** Voters elect district attorneys who oversee court systems and prosecutors who bring charges against individuals arrested by police and determine what crimes they will be charged with and how long they will spend in prison.

- **Judges:** People elect judges who make decisions in the courts regarding who is innocent or guilty, and the punishment they will receive or if they get sent to rehabilitation programs.

All of the people listed above are put into office by the vote, and that is why Black Women for Positive Change urges everyone to vote. We ask all readers to support the “John Lewis Good Trouble Voting Rights Pledge,” and to vote in the 2022 Midterm Elections.

Please help GenZs, Millennials and all voters to become leaders in getting One Million+ individuals to sign the pledge and promise to vote. Everyone can sign the pledge to vote at www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org

Dr. Georgia Dunston is chair of the Science Committee and co-chair of Voting Rights for Black Women for Positive Change. She is Professor Emerita, Howard University College of Medicine; and founding and former director of the National Human Genome Center, Howard University.

Dr. Stephanie Myers, is National co-chair of Black Women for Positive Change, and co-chair of the Voting Rights Committee. Dr. Myers is vice president of R.J. Myers Publishing Company and author of the book, “Invisible Queen: Mixed Ancestry Revealed.”



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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSAL FOR
HKS NEW AIRCRAFT HANGAR
BY THE
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PROJECT NO. 006-22B

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking electronic proposals ("Proposal") for a New Aircraft Hangar at Hawkins (HKS) Field.

Sealed Proposals to perform the services will be accepted at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Monday, October 03, 2022(the "Proposal Deadline"). Proposal shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

Email: bids@jmaa.com

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

The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) Attention: Marvin Buckhalter, Director of Procurement; (ii) the wording: "HKS New Aircraft Hangar, Project No. 006-22B." If the submission is submitted via email, the identification information must be provided in the email subject line. If the submission is submitted by hand delivery or mail, the identification information must be marked on the outside or exterior of the bid envelope or container.

JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Marvin Buckhalter, as follows: Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Marvin Buckhalter
Telephone: (601) 664-3516
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713
Email: mbuckhalter@jmaa.com
or from JMAA's website at <https://j111aa.com/par111cr-with-us/procureme111/>. Based on the Proposals received and the scoring of each proposal, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. (CST) using the following login information:

<https://jmaa.zoom.us/j/95968020095>
Meeting ID: 959 6802 0095
Passcode: 520966

JMAA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

JMAA has chosen to not establish a DBE participation goal for this RFP. However, twenty (20) points are potentially available to Respondents submitting an acceptable minority participation proposal for the Services.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Date: August 31, 2022

John Means, (Acting) Chief Executive Officer

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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 62-12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI TO ADOPT FEDERAL FLOOD MAPS FOR RANKIN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, establishes areas of special flood hazard and regulations for the prevention of flood damage; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ"), in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), is revising flood insurance rate maps for various watersheds in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2022, FEMA issued a Letter of Final Determination, which finalized the new flood insurance rate maps for Rankin County, which includes the City of Jackson, and set an effective date of August 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in order for property owners to receive flood insurance through FEMA, the City must adopt the new flood maps as part of its floodplain ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in order to adopt the new flood maps as part of the floodplain ordinance, the ordinance should be revised as follows:

Sec. 62-12. - Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard. The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as followed: The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Hinds County Flood Insurance Study, dated July 20, 2021, with the accompanying flood insurance rate maps (FIRMs) panel numbers:

28049C0145H	28049C0163H	28049C0164H	28049C0166H
28049C0167H	28049C0168H	28049C0169H	28049C0169H
28049C0188H	28049C0189H	28049C0279H	28049C0282H
28049C0283H	28049C0284H	28049C0287H	28049C0289H
28049C0291H	28049C0292J	28049C0293H	28049C0294J
28049C0301J	28049C0302J	28049C0303J	28049C0304J
28049C0306J	28049C0307H	28049C0308J	28049C0309J
28049C0311J	28049C0312J	28049C0313J	28049C0314J
28049C0316J	28049C0317H	28049C0318H	28049C0326H
28049C0328H	28049C0430H	28049C0435H	28049C0455J
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and other supporting data are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this article.

The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Rankin County Flood Insurance Study, dated August 16, 2022, with the accompanying flood insurance rate map(s) (FIRM) panel(s) number(s) 28121C0179G, 28121C0183G, 28121C0187G and 28121C0191F and other supporting data are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this article.

The flood insurance study and maps are on file at the Department of Planning and Development and the Department of Public Works, 200 S. President Street, Jackson, MS.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 62-12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 62-12. BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4186

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 Isaac Byrd, III has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit within a C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for a liquor store in a neighborhood shopping center and not in combination with a convenience type grocery store or service station for the property located at 5020 North State St. (Parcel: 517-800), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Being situated in Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Jackson, Hinds County, First Judicial District, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows :

Beginning at a concrete monument marking the NW corner of North Broadmoor, Part 4, as recorded in Plat Book 11 at Page 32 of the Chancery records of Hinds County, Mississippi, and run Southwesterly, along the West boundary of North Broadmoor, Part 4 , 432.21 feet to an iron pin found; turn thence through an interior angle of 116 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds and run westerly, 145.56 feet; turn thence through an interior angle of 63 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds and run Northeasterly, parallel with the West boundary of North Broadmoor Part 4, 432.95 feet to the South R. O. W. line of Sheppard Road; turn thence through an interior angle of 116 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds and run Easterly, along the South R. O. W. line of Sheppard Road, 145.23 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.29 acres, more or less.

Being situated in section 14, Township 6 North, Range East, Jackson, Hinds County First Judicial District, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete monument marking the NW corner of North Broadmoor, Part 4, as recorded in Plat Book 11 at Page 32 of the Chancery records of Hinds County, Mississippi, and run Westerly along the South R. O. W. line of Sheppard Road feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue to run Westerly along the South R. O. W. line of Sheppard Road 133.34 feet to a point on the East R. O. W. of North State Street; thence through an interior angle of 116 degrees 03 minutes, run Southwesterly along the East R. O. W. line of North State Street 432.03 feet; thence turn through an interior angle of 63 degrees 41 minutes and run Northeasterly 130. 07 feet; thence turn through an interior angle of 115 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds and run Northeasterly 432.95 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, September 28, 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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2022.

WITNESS my signature this 1st day of September 2022.

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

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The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as followed:

The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Hinds County Flood Insurance Study, dated July 20, 2021 with the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) panel numbers:

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and other supporting data are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance.

The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Rankin County Flood Insurance Study, dated August 16, 2022, with the accompanying flood insurance rate map(s) (FIRM) panel(s) number(s) 28121C0179G, 28121C0183G, 28121C0187G and 28121C0191F and other supporting data are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this article.

The Flood Insurance Study and maps are on file at the Department of Planning and Development and the Department of Public Works, 200 S. President Street, Jackson, MS.

SECTION 2. The preceding revision to Section 62-12 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be published and shall be effective on and after August 16, 2022.

Council Member Banks moved adoption; Council Member Hartley seconded.

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

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting August 2, 2022 and recorded in Minute Book "6V, Pgs. 496-497".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 1st day of September, 2022.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING
ZONING CASE NO. 4185

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 Molly West & Cody Cox has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to NMU–1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District to allow for consistency with the zoning in the immediate vicinity of the property and to create more opportunities for neighborhood retail land uses for the property located at 833 N. Jefferson St. (Parcel 23-18), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land situated in Five Acre Lot 7 North, in the City of Jackson, Mississippi and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point in the West line of North Jefferson Street which is 412.9 feet measured Southerly along the West line of North Jefferson Street from its intersection with the South line of Boyd Street as both street are now laid out and improved; thence Northerly along the West line of North Jefferson Street 59.5 feet; thence turn to the left through and angle of 89 degrees 40 minutes and run Westerly along a brick retaining wall and a fence line for a distance of 160 feet; thence Southerly and parallel with the West line of North Jefferson Street for a distance of 59.5 feet to a point in the Hedge Row; thence Easterly along said Hedge Row and a projection thereof for a distance of 160 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being further described as a strip of land off the South end of that parcel of land conveyed by David Shelton to Emma P. Stockton by Deed dated October 27, 1880, of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Deed Book 1 1 at Page 482, and being the same property conveyed to D.P. Ruff by A.S. Applewhite on May 24, 1924, of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk in Deed Book 154 at Page 192. Subsequently conveyed by D.P. Ruff to Mrs. Jessie Stanley Ruff of record in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 201 at Page 120, reference to all of which is made in aid 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, September 28, 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 1st day of September 2022.

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

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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 27, 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:

98846-092722 24-Month Landfill Services for Chipping, Grinding, Hauling, and Disposal of Vegetative Debris

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV

"Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids and/or reverse auction bids can be submitted www.centralbidding.com. For any question relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814."

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

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a 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)960-1851. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, and Jackson, Mississippi.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all Bids. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any Bid submitted. Bid awards will be made to the lowest and best company submitting 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.

Monica Oliver, Acting Purchasing Manager
moliver@city.jackson.ms.us
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1028

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4187

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 Osama Nasser has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a smoke shop/vape(tobacco paraphernalia retail business) within a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 1039 E County Line Rd. – Suite 102, (Parcel: 738-9), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land containing 13, 754 acres, more or less, lying and being situated in Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, of Block 49, all in Virden Hatch Place (Highland Colony), according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Surveyor's Recorded Book, A, Page 283, in the Office of Chancery Clerk, First Judicial District, of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin marking the Northwest corner of Wildwood North Subdivision, Part 1, according to the plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 23 at Page 13, run thence North 04 degrees 34 minutes 09 seconds East along the East boundary of Jamestown Subdivision, according to the plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 29 at Page 1 for a distance of 449.19 feet to an iron pin; run thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds West for a distance of 626.03 feet to an iron pin on the Eastern right of way of Ridgewood Road as it is now laid out and exists; run thence North 04 degrees 39 minutes 18 seconds East along said Eastern right of way for a distance of 52.55 feet to the centerline of Ridgewood Court rive; thence following the aforesaid centerline through a curve to the left described by Delta — 40 degree 24 minutes 20 seconds, radius = 745.33 feet, Length 525.61 feet and whose chord bears North 74 degrees 19 minutes 35 seconds East a distance of 514.79 feet to a point; thence leaving the aforesaid center line Ridgewood Court Drive, run North 57 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 43.16 feet to an iron rod and the Point of Beginning of the herein described parcel of land; run thence Southwesterly, clockwise along the arc of a curve on the Northern right of way of Ridgewood Court drive for a distance of 141.60 feet, said curve having a central angle of 11 degrees 30 minutes 09 seconds, a radius of 705.33 feet and a chord being of South 61 degrees 11 minutes 43 seconds West for a distance of 141.36 feet; leaving said Northern right of way line, run thence North 27 degrees 21 minutes 32 seconds West for a distance of 88.33 feet; thence North 36 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds West for a distance of 190.29 feet; thence North 88 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of 154.03 feet to aforesaid Eastern right of way line of Ridgewood Road; thence North 04 degrees 39 minutes 18 seconds East along said Eastern right of way line for a distance of 253.08 feet; leaving said Eastern right of way line, run thence South 85 degrees 32 minutes 45 seconds East for a distance of 29.45 feet; thence North for a distance of 14.19 feet; thence North 53 degrees 34 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 101.29 feet; thence South 36 degrees 25 minutes 13 seconds East for a distance of 263.77 feet; thence North 53 degrees 34 minutes 01 seconds East for a distance of 31.12 feet; thence South 36 degrees 25 minutes 59 seconds East for a distance of 237.98 feet; thence South 53 degrees 33 minutes 15 seconds West for a distance of 80.98 feet; thence South 36 degrees 20 minutes 07 seconds East for a distance of 72.54 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 2:

A certain parcel of land containing 2,713 acres lying and being situated in Lots 4 and 5, of Block 49, all in Virden Hatch Place (Highland Colony), according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Surveyor's Record Book A, Page 283, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, First Judicial District, of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin marking the Northwest corner of Wildwood North Subdivision, Part I, according to the plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Plate Book 23 at Page 13, run thence North 04 degrees 34 minutes 09 seconds East along the East boundary of Jamestown Subdivision, according to the plat on file in the Office of Chancery Clerk of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 29 at Page 1 for a distance of 449.19 feet to an iron pin; run thence North

04 degrees 34 minutes 17 seconds East for a distance of 214.13 feet to an iron pin; run thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds West for a distance of 626.03 feet to an iron pin on the Eastern right of way of Ridgewood Road as it is now laid and exists; run thence North 04 degrees 39 minutes 18 seconds East along said Easter right of way for a distance of 52.55 feet to the centerline of Ridgewood Court Drive; thence following the aforesaid centerline through a curve to the left described by Delta = 40 degrees 24 minutes 20 seconds, radius = 745.33 feet, Length — 525.61 feet and whose chord bears North 74 degrees 19 minutes 35 seconds East for a distance of 514.79 feet to a point; thence leaving the aforesaid center line of Ridgewood Court Drive, run North 57 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 43.16 feet to an iron rod and the Point of Beginning of the herein described parcel of land; run thence Southwesterly, clockwise along the arc of a curve on the Northern right of way of Ridgewood Court drive for a distance of 141.60 feet, said curve having a central angle of 11 degrees 30 minutes 09 seconds, a radius of 705.33 feet and a chord being of South 61 degrees 11 minutes 43 seconds West for a distance of 141.36 feet; leaving said Northern right of way line, run thence North 27 degrees 21 minutes 32 seconds West for a distance of 88.33 feet; thence North 36 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds West for a distance of 190.29 feet; thence North 88 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of 154.03 feet to aforesaid Eastern right of way line of Ridgewood Road; thence North 04 degrees 39 minutes 18 seconds East along said Eastern right of way line for a distance of 253.08 feet; leaving said Eastern right of way line, run thence South 85 degrees 32 minutes 45 seconds East for a distance of 29.45 feet; thence North for a distance of 14.19 feet; thence North 53 degrees 34 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 101.29 feet; thence South 36 degrees 25 minutes 13 seconds East for a distance of 263.77 feet; thence North 53 degrees 34 minutes 01 seconds East for a distance of 31.12 feet; thence South 36 degrees 25 minutes 59 seconds East for a distance of 237.98 feet; thence South 53 degrees 33 minutes 15 seconds West for a distance of 80.98 feet; thence South 36 degrees 20 minutes 07 seconds East for a distance of 72.54 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH those certain rights appurtenant to the property contain in:

Reciprocal Easement Agreement executed by and between County Line Plaza, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, and Chick-Fil-A, Inc., a Georgia corporation, dated 5/29/96, filed on 8/29/96 at 10:29 A.M., recorded in Book 4648, Page 125.

Reciprocal Easement Agreement executed by and between County Line Plaza, Ltd., and Copeland's of New Orleans, Inc., dated 6/19/97, filed on 6/23/97 at 12:26 P.M., recorded in Book 4796, Page 538.

Reciprocal Easement and Operation Agreement executed by and between County Line Plaza, Ltd., and Circuit City Stores, Inc. a Virginia Corporation, dated 6/25/97, filed on 6/25/97 at 3:11 P.M., recorded in Book 4800, Page 53.

Amendment to Reciprocal Easement and Operation Agreement executed by and between County Line Plaza, Ltd. And Circuit City Stores, Inc., a Virginia Corporation, dated 4/28/98, filed on 4/30/98 at 8:31 A.M. recorded in Book 4931, page 846.

Reciprocal Easement Agreement executed by and between County Line Plaza, Ltd., and Ridgewood Development, LLC, dated 4/18/98, filed on 4/30/98 at 8:31 A.M., recorded in Book 4931, Page 858, as to Walgreen's Parcel.

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, September 28, 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 1st day of September 2022.

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

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ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 82 MANUFACTURED HOMES AND TRAILERS OF THE JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ITS ENTIRETY.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson recently revised its Zoning Ordinance to update language regarding manufactured and modular buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance now sufficiently regulates manufactured and modular structures; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances is now in conflict with the Zoning Ordinance and contains out of date language; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning recommends the Chapter 82 be repealed it its entirety as follows:

Secs. 82-1—82-40: Reserved:
ARTICLE II. USE, OCCUPANCY, LOCATION AND PLACEMENT
DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 82-41: Definitions:

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Accessory use: A structure on the same lot with, but incidental and subordinate to, the principal use or structure.

Existing mobile/manufactured dwelling means a mobile/manufactured dwelling that was used as permanent residence on a parcel of land prior to the effective date of this chapter. All such, unless in compliance with the provisions of this article, shall be considered as a non-conforming use.

Manufactured home/manufactured dwelling: A dwelling unit, designed and built in a factory, which bears a seal certifying that it was built in compliance with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act and is a movable residential dwelling designed for year-round occupancy with no foundation other than wheels, jacks, or skirting, and capable of being moved, towed, or transported by another vehicle (i.e. built on a chassis). Removal of its wheels and placement upon permanent foundation shall not warrant re-classification to a conventional single-family dwelling.

Manufactured home park means an area in which spaces are provided on a rental basis or lease basis only for owner-occupied manufactured homes, or in which both the space and the manufactured home are offered to the public on a rental or lease basis only.

Manufactured home subdivision means a tract of land in which spaces or lots for manufactured homes are offered for sale and in which the purchaser receives fee simple title to the space or lot.

Mobile/manufactured commercial building: A single commercial unit, designed and built in a factory and is a movable commercial unit designed for year-round occupancy with no foundation other than wheels, jacks, or skirtings, and capable of being moved, towed, or transported by another vehicle. Removal of its wheels and placement upon a permanent foundation shall not warrant re-classification to a conventional commercial building.

Modular commercial building: A combination of two or more buildings manufactured in whole or in part in an off-site manufacturing facility designed to be transported to a building site on their own wheels, attached to a chassis, or by a trailer, or other similar carrier. Modular commercial buildings may or may not be constructed with an integral chassis; permanent hitch; wheels, axles, or other device allowing transportation. Modular commercial buildings must meet current building codes.

Modular home dwelling: A residential dwelling manufactured in whole or in part in an off-site manufacturing facility designed to be transported to a building site by a trailer or other similar carrier which is not designed to be permanently attached to the dwelling or remain with it after the structure is placed on its permanent foundation. Modular homes are not constructed with an integral chassis, permanent hitch, wheels, axles, or other device allowing transportation. Modular homes must meet the Official Building Code of the City of Jackson and be approved by the building official.

Non-conforming structure: For the purposes of this chapter, any non-conforming structure which was lawful before the adoption of this chapter may continue to be used as long as it is adequately maintained and does not constitute a public hazard or nuisance;

and provided that it is not expanded, extended, enlarged in floor area, or changed in basic structural design and integrity. Ownership and occupancy is nontransferable.

Retail stand or concession trailer: An accessory use which may be a structure or concession trailer, with or without wheels which offers merchandise, food, snacks, beverages, or food preparation out of the structure or trailer no greater than 300 square feet.

Temporary: A time limit not to exceed one (1) year under the terms of this chapter.

Trailer: See manufactured home.

Transient trailer park means a commercial operation where space and service accommodations for transient manufactured homes, trailers or portable buildings are provided for a fee or charge on an overnight and/or daily basis.

Sec. 82-42: Exceptions:
Existing mobile/manufactured dwellings will be grandfathered in and considered a legal non-conforming structure.
Mobile/manufactured dwellings located in R-6 Mobile Home Subdivision Residential Districts or R-7 Mobile Home Park Residential Districts, as defined by the City of Jackson Zoning Ordinance.
Modular commercial buildings, as defined herein.

As temporary sales office for the sale of mobile/manufactured dwellings or commercial buildings on land, which is zoned for, said purpose, as defined by the City of Jackson Zoning Ordinance.
Temporary use, as needed for the day-to-day operation of federal, state, county, or city government, including public school systems, such uses could include, police precincts and substations, and public health services.
Temporary classroom space in conjunction with a church or private or parochial school.
Temporary construction offices on construction sites.
Temporary use, as an accessory use, which offers merchandise, food, snacks, beverages, or food preparation.

Sec. 82-43: Administration of article.

The provisions of this article shall be administered by the city zoning administrator, with review and approval by the city council.

Sec. 82-44: Penalty for violation of article:
Any person who violates, neglects, or refuses to comply with, or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this article, shall, on conviction, be fined not more than \$300.00 for each offense, or imprisonment. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to such penalty, the city may obtain an injunction for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this article.

Sec. 82-45: Location of mobile/manufactured dwellings, mobile/manufactured commercial buildings, retail stands, and concession trailers, except for those provided exceptions in article II.

It shall be unlawful to place mobile/manufactured dwellings, mobile/manufactured commercial buildings, retail stands, and concession trailers on any property in the city except for those provided exceptions in article II and for temporary use in the following instances with a permit:
(1) — For temporary housing associated with redevelopment projects as determined by the city council, such as in times of natural disaster.
(2) — For temporary use by hospitals.
(3) — For temporary housing associated with the provision of security in conjunction with commercial, industrial, and institutional uses.
(4) — For temporary sales office in conjunction with a new or used automobile or truck dealership.

Sec. 82-46: Placement on city streets:
Manufactured homes or trailers shall not be allowed on any city street or right-of-way for a period of more than 48 hours.

Secs. 82-47—82-105: Reserved.

DIVISION 2. PERMITS

Sec. 82-106: Permit requirements:

(a) — Applications. Permits shall be required for all mobile/manufactured dwellings, mobile/manufactured commercial buildings, retail stands, and concession trailers as pro-

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RFP Pool of Partners to Provide Professional Development and Coaching Support for Advanced Courses, Special Programs, STEAM, Computer Science, Health and Physical Education

Electronic RFP proposals for the above RFP will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), September 28, 2022 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all RFP to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any RFP if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date RFP are opened.

There are two (2) options in which RFP proposals may be obtained. Download from Central Bidding website at HYPERLINK "http://www.centralbidding.com" www.centralbidding.com for a small fee of \$49.99 or visit JPSD website at HYPERLINK "http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us" www.jackson.k12.ms.us and download. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to electronically upload RFP proposals at no cost. For any questions concerning the process, or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Special Notice

Until further notice, all hand delivery proposals delivered between 9:00 a.m. until 9:59 a.m. (local prevailing time) the date the bid is scheduled to open, must be delivered to JPSD Board Room, 621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF JACKSON ZONING ORDINANCE

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 anywise affected thereby, that the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, will be conducting a public hearing on proposed text amendments to the City of Jackson Official Zoning Ordinance as adopted on May 29, 1974 and subsequently amended.

Amendments to the text of the Zoning ordinance are intended to provide for a more efficient Zoning Ordinance and establish more effective zoning regulations for each of the zoning districts. Copies of the proposed text amendments will be available for review at the Office of City Planning 200 S President Street, Suite 204, Jackson, MS 39201. For additional information please submit an email to eainsworth@city.jackson.ms.us.

The said proposed text amendments 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, September 28, 2022 at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard 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 the 1ST day of September 1, 2022.

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

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vided for in article V. Permit applications shall be obtained from the department of planning and development, and a recommendation based on staff findings shall be forwarded to the city council for action:

(b) — Signs on proposed lots. A sign shall be erected on any lot, which is the subject of an application filed pursuant to this section. This sign shall be erected facing the street and visible and readable from the street for a period of at least 15 days prior to the city council considering the application.

(c) — [Notification.] Applicants shall notify, by certified mail, all property owners within 160 feet of the subject property and all neighborhood organizations within 1,000 feet, exclusive of streets and rights-of-way, informing them of the date, time, and place when the application will be considered by the city council. The notice shall be mailed at least 15 days prior to the city council considering the application.

(d) — Validity. Permits issued under this section shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance to the specific name and approved location only.

(e) — Renewal. The city council may, at its discretion, after having determined where there is a need and in the best interest of the city and where such renewal will not have an adverse effect on surrounding land uses, renew such permit for an additional one year.

Application procedure. All applications submitted under this section shall be accompanied by a detailed site plan drawn at a scale to allow adequate review. Site plans shall include the following:

• Property boundary lines and dimensions, available utilities, and location of easements; underground petroleum storage tanks and aboveground dispensing facilities, where applicable, roadways, rail lines, and public rights-of-way crossing adjacent to the subject property.
• The location of any existing buildings or structures on the site.
• Mobile/manufactured dwellings or mobile/manufactured commercial buildings placed under this section must have proper utilities and sewage connections before the unit is occupied. Upon failure to actually make such connections within 24 hours of the placement, the building inspector is authorized to cancel the permit and institute proceedings for the removal of such unit.

Sec. 82-107: Fees:
All applications under this division shall be accompanied by certified check or money order in the amount of \$210.00. Fee charged are applicable to manufactured homes, trailer, or portable buildings for domestic, commercial or industrial projects except in connection with construction projects which have a valid building permit from the city, a six-month renewal fee for manufactured homes, trailers, or portable buildings shall be \$110.00.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 82 – Manufactured Homes and Trailers is repealed it its entirety and shall read as follows:

Chapter 82 – Reserved

Secs. 82-1-107. - Reserved

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective thirty days after enactment and following publication.
Council Member Banks moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.
Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee and Lindsay.
Nays – Stokes.
Absent – None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting August 2, 2022 and recorded in Minute Book "6V, Pgs. 493-496".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 1st day of September, 2022.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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Gray Television, Inc., WLBT welcomes three Alcorn students into inaugural Media Training Center class

Alcorn State University newswire

Gray Television, Inc. and WLBT selected three students from Alcorn State University's Department of Mass Communications to participate in its new media training program.

Seniors Delesha Banks, Mekiya Brown, and Dejana Sims are three of 10 Mississippi HBCU students chosen as part of the inaugural Gray Media Training Center internship. Gray selected WLBT as the site for the 14-week program.

This opportunity will give students exceptional knowledge with a concentration in each department. The internship focuses on editing and increasing success in their respective fields. In addition, they will receive hands-on instruction in production, sales, promotions, information technology, engineering, coding and marketing.

"This is a great opportunity for students that enhances the training we provide in the mass communications curriculum. I believe this inspires other students to follow in their footsteps," said Toni Terrett, assistant professor of Mass Communications.



(L-R) Curtis Aaron, Director ASU – TV13, Delesha Banks, Mekiya Brown, Dejana Sims and Toni Terrett, assistant professor of Mass Communications.

The students feel this internship will be a huge stepping stool that will get them one step closer to their career goals.

"I look forward to continuing to grow and learning many aspects of the news industry that I don't already know. I also want to use this internship to catapult my eventual career," said Banks.

The opportunity also allows the

students to use modern journalism resources that newsrooms offer professionals.

"Interning at the center will increase my journalism skills by allowing me to be creative and free with different projects. In addition, gaining the confidence to explore other topics and platforms is an opportunity I am ready to take on," said Brown.

The future journalists are determined to make Alcorn proud during these next few months of training.

"It feels amazing to be a part of the first media center class. I feel like I will be making Alcorn State University very proud being one of the first students from the mass communications department to represent Alcorn," said Sims.

Student debt relief means freedom for millions

By Ben Jealous

People For the American Way

Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." I love that sentiment. I also know that when student loan debt is tying you down, changing the world can feel out of reach.

That's why the White House's new plan for student loan debt relief is good news, especially for black and brown students who make up a large percentage of borrowers.

Here are the basics: the government will cancel up to \$20,000 in debt for students who went to school on Pell Grants, and up to \$10,000 for other federal loan recipients. You can get the benefit if your personal income is under \$125,000. To find out how to sign up, you can go to studentaid.gov/debt/relief.

Up to 43 million borrowers will benefit. Black students, in particular, will benefit because we are more likely to borrow for school, more likely to take out bigger loans and twice as likely to get Pell Grants.

You can qualify for the relief if you went to a vocational school, not just an academic institution – and whether or not you finished your degree. And in addition to past borrowers, current and future students will benefit, too. The new plan will put a cap on monthly payments for student loans, lowering payments by more than \$1,000 a year. This will allow more people to consider going on to higher education in the first place.

Civil rights advocates have been calling for and organizing for this kind of relief for years. Which is not to say it's perfect; it isn't.

Many civil rights leaders, along with Senate allies, Elizabeth Warren and Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, wanted debts wiped out up to \$50,000. And there are questions about whether the \$125,000 income cap is racially equitable. Brookings Institution analyst Andre Perry told The Grio that a \$125,000 income is not the same for black graduates as it is for white grads. He points out that because systemic inequities allowed white families to build more wealth, black graduates have fewer resources for paying back loans even if they make the same salaries as their white counterparts today.

I agree that we have a long way to go to repair wealth inequality in our country. We need to keep pushing for systemic solutions that go far beyond the scope of this relief program. At the same time, it's a good thing that 90 percent of debt reduction under the program will go to borrowers who earn under \$75,000.

And most Americans agree. Polls show that this is a highly popular program, with the majority of people polled supporting debt relief. Americans understand that most students enter higher education in a good faith effort to reach a firmer footing in the middle class and a chance at the American dream.

The bottom line is that millions of students – and their families – can breathe easier now because student loan relief went from a "fringe" idea to a reality. This is a lesson for all of us not to lose faith in the ideas that make this country stronger, even if they take time to be understood and implemented.

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts notes that one in four black borrowers will see their balance canceled completely because of this plan. That gives millions of black graduates the freedom to dream. It means they can finally think about buying a home or starting a family. They can start a business or pursue a passion. And yes, they can get moving on changing the world.

That benefits all of us, and I can't wait to see what this generation of graduates will accomplish.

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.

Hinds Utica Campus students part of new WLBT internship

Mississippi Link Newswire

Two Hinds Community College Utica Campus students are among 10 selected for the inaugural Gray Media Training Center internship program for Fall 2022.

Women's soccer player Harmony Porter of Ridgeland and Miss Hinds Community College Tiara Jackson of Terry have been selected for the training program.

This 14-week training, which takes place at WLBT News, helps educate and train the next generation of Mississippi media professionals with an emphasis on students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). This internship will let the students rotate to different departments at the station and give them a chance to complete a student-led newscast upon completion of the program.

Both Porter and Jackson are participants in the Radio and Television Production and Broadcasting Technology program on the



Harmony Porter

Utica Campus. The program, led by instructor Tim Crisler, helps students prepare for a variety of careers in broadcast media.

"I believe this is a great opportunity for me to go ahead and get my name out there to help me start my career," Porter said. "I knew my interview went well, and I am excited to get started."

Upon completion of her degree, Porter plans to pursue a career in marketing with an emphasis on video content creation.



Tiara Jackson

"I am so blessed for the opportunity," Jackson said. "It shows that my hard work in Mr. Crisler's class has paid off, and I can show young girls that they can be anything they want to be no matter who they are and where they come from."

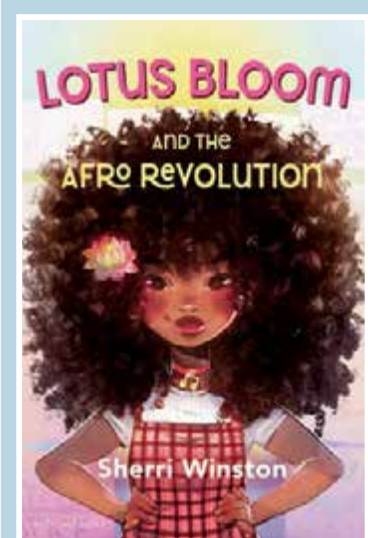
Jackson plans to major in journalism with a minor in music education at an HBCU.

"I am so proud of Tiara and Harmony being selected to participate in this one of a kind and

very unique internship opportunity," Crisler said. "WLBT is and has been one of Hinds Radio and Television Production and Broadcast Technology industry partners for years and now to have their parent company Gray Media coming along side working with students at HBCU schools is an added bonus," Crisler said.

"Being a former employee of WLBT, I am extremely pleased to have my students taking what they've learned in our hands-on campus television station and building on it in the actual everyday media industry with top notch professionals," Crisler said.

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



By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You know this truth: The curl’s the thing. Short and close to your head, wound around your finger, standing tall in a pineapple, you love how your hair curls around your face, over your shoulders, and down your back. The curl’s the thing – it might even be something you’re known for – but in “Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution” by Sherri Winston, it’s a thing to get someone in trouble.

Everything was fine before the paper airplane. Well, maybe it was more like fine-ish. On her first day at a new magnet school near Miami Beach, Lotus Bloom had to walk past her old school with her BFF, Rebel, who’d be staying at MacArthur.

Rebel wasn’t happy that the two girls would be in different schools for the first time ever. She hated that MacArthur’s building was falling apart. Rebel couldn’t be happy that Lotus was over-the-moon happy. And oh, Lotus was happy. Her big dream was to play violin in a major concert hall with a full orchestra in front of a big audience.

She’d been playing violin since she was four years old and music “was life” – and so

BOOK REVIEW: LOTUS BLOOM AND THE AFRO REVOLUTION

BY SHERRI WINSTON
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\$16.99• 263 PAGES

when she was singled out by a celebrity teacher at her new school in the first week and she was chosen as first chair in the school orchestra, she was so excited.

But the boy she replaced as first chair...? Not so excited.

In fact, ninth-grader Adolpho Cortez was angry that a twelve-year-old seventh-grader could land a position that he’d worked so hard for, an orchestra position that his parents promised him was his. And so Adolpho and his friends started hassling Lotus with paper airplanes and paper-wad bombs during orchestra class.

And this wouldn’t have been a big deal, except Lotus was rocking a monster Afro that she was proud of, and that took a lot of work – and when she complained about the harassment, the school said she had to cut her hair.

How was this fair? How was this right? How was Lotus going to stand up for herself?

Who remembers a time when young ladies were told to go

along and be demure? Who wants that for their own daughter? Who wants “Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution”?

Probably you, because today’s girls are strong, and so is author Sherri Winston’s main character. Lotus Bloom is also a modern girl, a good kid, smart and proud, and her inner-world is rich with observation and the kind of wisdom that comes from being almost thirteen.

This lends a nice bit of humor to the story but mostly, it’s a sort of been-there, done-that for young teens, within a road map to respectful disagreement.

Bonus: the kids in this book aren’t fools, and there’s no big boy-drama inside this story.

Parents may enjoy reading “Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution,” perhaps even along with their eleven-to-fourteen-year-old, who will love a character with guts.

For any girl (or boy) who needs a dose of bravery, it’s a book to curl up with.



ZACK WALLACE
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September 24
WellsFest 2022
Jamie Fowler Boyll Park
Lakeland Drive, Jackson
Pet Parade 9:30 AM
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Preview Party 5:30-7 PM
Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres from Table 100
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Live Music

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Cool And Current

Water give-away stations throughout the city

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

As news regarding the water crisis in Jackson reached the ears of folks nationally, businesses, churches, government municipalities and individuals from all over the nation have either sent clean drinking water or brought clean drinking water to water distribution stations in the capital city so that people can pick up clean and reliable water for drinking, cooking and even brushing their teeth. The city has been under a boil water notice for over a month now and volunteers have come to help distribute water to those in need.

The Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition has been distributing water daily at multiple sites in North Jackson, South Jackson and West Jackson with the help of volunteer workers and volunteer donations.

The Metro Center Mall, located on Highway 80 in Jackson, has been a popular site for water distribution and so has the Smith-Wills Stadium/Hank Aaron Sports Academy located on Lakeland Drive.

Individuals were also able to pick up water at several churches throughout the city Saturday, September 1, where many volunteers gave up their time to assist with distribution.

Churches such as New Hope Baptist Church on Beasley Road, College Hill Baptist Church on Florence Avenue, New Horizon Church on Ellis Avenue are just a few places of worship where families were able to receive water donated by various entities.

A family of six drove from DeSoto County, MS and decided to stop and distribute water at one of the parking lots at College Hill Church where a water-give-away was already taking place. Tharren and Kesha Hayes said they wanted to teach their children how important it is to share with those in need.

Tharren Hayes said, "We want to teach our children about community service and that's why we are here." His wife Kesha echoed similar thoughts. "It's very important to teach our children the importance of helping others. We want them to develop a heart of giving so instead



Thornton Township Mayor Tiffany Henyard



Kimberly Funchess of Humana
PHOTOS BY JACKIE HAMPTON



(L to R) College Hill Pastor Jordan with Hayes family – Tharren, Mason, Kesha, Jada, Janiya and Jala – who brought water from DeSoto County, MS

of taking a trip for ourselves this weekend, we came to Hinds County to pass out as much water as our vehicle could hold so that we could be a blessing to someone."

Pastor Chauncy Jordan Sr. of College Hill Church, welcomed the family and thanked them for their giving.

The Mississippi Alpha Network of areas 1 and 3 were in collaboration with College Hill in distributing water to the community. Pastor C. J. Rhodes of Mt. Helm Baptist Church was on hand along with Howard Young from The Greater Pearly Grove Baptist Church in Jackson where Rev. Arthur Bridges serves as pastor. Preston Brownlow, director of Area 1 from Greenwood, MS was there to help serve as well as several other members of The Mississippi Alpha network.

Water give-away stations were also at New Hope Baptist Church on Watkins Drive where Thornton Township Mayor Tiffany A. Henyard drove all the way from Illinois to participate. Henyard and her team brought over 20 pallets of water to distribute.

Several volunteers including Angelique Lee, Jackson City Council Representative of Ward 2 and Kimberly Funchess, sales agent for Humana of Jackson, participated in the distribution.

Funchess stated, "The water give-away was absolutely phenomenal. I was so glad to help and especially happy to meet Mayor Henyard.

Humana sponsored lunch for the team from Illinois, which was also hosted by Councilwoman Lee.

New Hope Water Give-Away Station



College Hill Water Give-Away Station



Jackson State impressive in season opening win

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Miami, South Beach, not known for its tiger population, had an ambush of tigers this past weekend when Jackson State University and supporters touched down in Miami for Labor Day weekend.

Hard Rock Stadium, home of the Miami Dolphins, was the site for the SWAC battle. Smiles could be seen everywhere. Bands playing. Electric atmosphere. Great way to start football season.

What a start it was for Shedeur Sanders. The sophomore quarterback, started the game on fire, completing his first 17 passes. Sanders was poised, focused and decisive with the football.

Sanders finished the game with 29 of 33 for 323 yards with 5 touchdowns.

Picking up where he left off, Sanders received the following awards: SWAC Offensive Player of the Week, the Stats Perform FedEx Ground FCS National Offensive Player of the Week, and the BOX-TOROW National Player of The Week.

Wide Receiver, Shane Hooks, led the team with 6 receptions for 55 along with 2 touchdowns. Dallas Daniels added 6 receptions for 59 yards and a touchdown. QB Sanders was able to complete passes to at least 10 different receivers for the game. Santee Marshall ran for 65 yards on 12 attempts, Sy'veion Wilkerson chipped in 51 yards on 9 carries.

They lead the way for JSU's rushing attack. Offensively, JSU was able to tally 471 yards. Sanders downplayed didn't know about the 17 straight completions, he was just in the zone. He credited his offensive line and receivers. Because of the blowout, he was taken out of the game in the 4th quarter.

The Darkside Defense traveled to Miami with the intentions of sending a message to the rest of the SWAC. Relentless, tenacious, attacking, stifling are all words that can be used to describe their performance. Travis Hunter, the number 1 recruit in the nation, debuted shutting down the top receiver for FAMU.

Despite being able to play receiver and defensive back, Travis Hunter only played defensive this game. Hunter almost collected his first collegiate interception. Although Hunter didn't get his, the defense managed to snag two of FAMU QB Jeremy Moussa's passes.

Kev'ric Wiggins caught an interception and raced 35 yards to the endzone for a touchdown. Tayvion Beasley collected the second errant pass from Moussa. 155 yards of total offense was all FAMU would gain.

Tiger Nation travels well. Labor Day weekend in Miami showcased a sea of blue and red everywhere. Families and friends from across the country were able to met up this past weekend.

Next week, Tiger Nation will invade Memphis for what appears to be the last time for a while. Jackson State is coming out of the agreement that would have made them play till 2024. Coach Sanders said he doesn't know if this is the last time or not. He doesn't make that call. Any coach with the home crowd that JSU generates would love to play as many games at home as possible. But for many involved in the decision making, it's about profit for playing in the classic.

JSU fans seem torn about it. Many of the students go to the Memphis game because it's relatively inexpensive. But time and money will tell what happens from here on.

So gas up that vehicle and hit the road for Saturday, September 10, in Memphis.



Darkside Defense sacks FAMU QB

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Shedeur Sanders drops back to pass



Mister JSU Joshua Edwards and Miss JSU Naomi Harris



JSU fans in Miami



Sophomore QB Shedeur Sanders completed 17 straight passes



Travis Hunter

