



SWAC Homecoming Weekend for Jackson State, Alcorn State and Mississippi Valley State

By Tim Ward
Sports Writer

This Saturday, October 22, 2022, all 3 of the SWAC schools from Mississippi will be celebrating homecoming. This should be a financial boom for the state as alumni nationwide come home to reminisce with classmates, family and friends from their days back in college.

Greeks break out their jackets, hats, shirts, etc. Alumni band members usually get a chance to talk with the current band members and directors.

The weather shouldn't be an issue for any of the games. Temperatures dropped early in the week, but most of the game temperatures are expected to be around 82 degrees by their respective kickoffs.

Mississippi Valley State kicks off homecoming at 3 p.m. against Bethune-Cookman University in Itta Bena, MS at Rice-Totten Stadium. Led by head coach Vincent Danzy, the Delta Devils are having a rough time this year. Currently winless with a record of 0-7.

Rebuilding is tough for a program in the beginning. Despite not winning, the Devils have competed in all their games even if the score looks lopsided by the end of the 4th quarter.

Their opponent Bethune-Cookman is only one win better than Valley. Their lone win came against Grambling State

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JSU quarterback Shedeur Sanders



Alcorn State and Southern University



Mississippi Valley State

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Judge says no to \$10M for private schools

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During the 2022 legislative session, State Senator William Briggs Hopson III, a republican lawyer representing Warren, Yazoo, and Issaquena counties, sponsored a new bill. The bill became known as Senate Bill 2780 and was titled: Budget; provide for various transfers, create several special funds, and create Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program. On February 3, 2022, this grant program creation legislation was passed in the Senate 51-0 and on March 8, 2022 it passed in the House, as amended, 118-4, and was signed by the Governor on April 19.

The Hinds County delegation, both in the Senate and the House voted to pass the legislation – 100% of our representa-



Hinds County Chancery Court Judge Crystal Wise Martin during Oct 13, 2022 Hearing. PHOTO: AP ROGELIO V. SOLIS

tives and senators.

A second related bill, SB 3064, titled: Appropriation; to DFA for the MAICU (Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities) and Ind (Independent) K-12 Grant Program, – ARPA funds, was added yet this one had five

additional republican sponsors, and two democrats from Hinds County; Senators Hillman Frazier and David Blount. Ultimately, the Hinds County delegation voted against the bill, with the exception of J. Walter Michel, yet it passed. On the House side, the measure passed

90-13, on April 5, with Representatives Gunn, Yates, Christopher Bell and Banks voting Yay, Alyce Griffin Clarke voting Nay, and all other members of the Hinds County delegation: Stamps, Summers, Bo Brown, Crudup Jr., Debra Gibbs and Holloway Sr. Abstaining. This bill was also signed by the Governor April 19. All data noted above was found at www.legiscan.com.

The legislation was challenged by Parents for Public Schools in June of this year, and they were represented by the ACLU of Mississippi, Democracy Forward, and the Mississippi Center for Justice. Parents for Public Schools is a non-profit based in Mississippi, yet with a national reach that currently

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Bombshell disclosures in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Hearing



Mississippi Sen. Derrick T. Simmons speaking at press conference following TANF hearing. STAFF FILE PHOTO

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On Tuesday, the House and Senate Democratic Caucuses held a hearing at the Capitol relating to Mississippi's TANF program. The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program provides states and territories with flexibility in operating programs designed to help low-income families with children achieve economic self-sufficiency.

According to the Office of Administration for Children and Families, states use TANF to fund monthly cash assistance payments to low-income families with children, as well as a wide range of services. But here in Mississippi, the white power structure has taken "wide range of services" to a whole new level. To them, this federal funding intended for the poorest among us, is their personal slush fund.

The sinful level of contempt for poor people in Mississippi is not breaking news. A minimum of 34% of African American, 31% American Indian, 27% Hispanic, 13% Asian, and 13% white live below the poverty threshold in Mississippi, according to www.welfareinfo.org. Resistance to any form of African-American advancement in this state has always been the norm and continues today for

the world to see, yet it's not exclusively black disenfranchisement in The Hospitality State.

The TANF hearing was led by state Senator Derrick T. Simmons, Senate Minority Leader; and Robert L. Johnson III, House Minority Leader. Speakers included Robert Anderson; executive director of Mississippi Department of Human Services, Elizabeth Lower-Basch; deputy director of Policy at the Center for Law and Social Policy, Carol Burnett; executive director of Mississippi Low-Income Initiative, Brandy Nichols; Springboard to Opportunities; mother, Deloris Suel, Child-care Center owner and president of the Child Care Directors Network Alliance; and Reverend Reginald Buckley; president of General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi Inc.

Carol Burnett choked back tears as she told lawmakers that "Mississippi has received \$100 million in TANF funds twenty-six years in a row and the fact that the state still had the highest poverty rate in the nation is downright sinful."

Robert Anderson admitted to lawmakers the agency does not track outcomes for millions in funds given to subgrantees for workforce devel-

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Puzzling trash predicament in Jackson

By Christopher Young
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On April 1, 2022 Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, his back against the wall with Waste Management’s six-month extension set to expire, put Richard’s Disposal to work under an emergency order to collect solid waste in Jackson. The decision was controversial in that there was no approved contract for Richard’s by the Jackson City Council, as is normally the case.

A block of council members; Foote, Stokes, Hartley and Banks voted down the mayor’s selection of Richard’s on more than one occasion. Initially, Lindsay voted to approve the contract with Richard’s, but over time she reversed her vote, leaving only Angelique Lee and Dr. Brian Grizzell voting for Richard’s.

The mayor knew, and obviously councilmembers Lee and Grizzell knew, that Waste Management had been overcharging our black city for a long time. Waste Management is a white owned multi-national corporation, with quarterly earnings over \$4 billion. They had held the contract in Jackson for well over thirty years.

When Mayor Lumumba was re-elected in 2021, with just under 70% of the vote, he vowed to make changes in Jackson, to further his vision of making Jackson the most radical city on the



planet. His strategic plan is centered on a dignity economy, i.e. our people and our communities are not disposable. His strategic plan: “Goal 1: Healthy Citizens – This goal focuses on the physical and mental health of citizens and communities through providing clean air, clean water, availability of healthy food and recreation.” Does anyone who truly care about this capital city really want to argue with that goal?

Yet while trying to address the realities of governing with an eroded tax base and decades-long disinvestment by the state in the capital city’s infrastructure, when he attempts to save the city

\$1.2 million per year through changing the trash vendor, he is met with staunch resistance by a majority of the seven-member city council. Puzzling to say the least. Why does it matter so much to five of the seven council members? Has their trash been getting picked up? There must be a reason, right? Publicly, there is no rationale that holds water for these public officials, but one can’t help but wonder if there are reasons outside of the public view. Additionally, it seems interesting that the two of the three council members far less steeped in city council experience, are the ones voting for Richard’s.

With Richard’s now on the job for over half a year – halfway through their seventh month – the city council decides now is the time to proclaim that the third RFP process was not followed through to completion. Puzzling indeed.

For months the only comments heard from various council members were things like, “if it ain’t broke don’t fix it,” and “cheaper does not always mean better,” and “we’re gonna have rats big as cats over there at Hawkins Field.” When asked about mounting legal expenses of lawsuits, we even heard council member Lindsay infer it was not a big deal because the city had budgeted \$400,000 for legal this year.

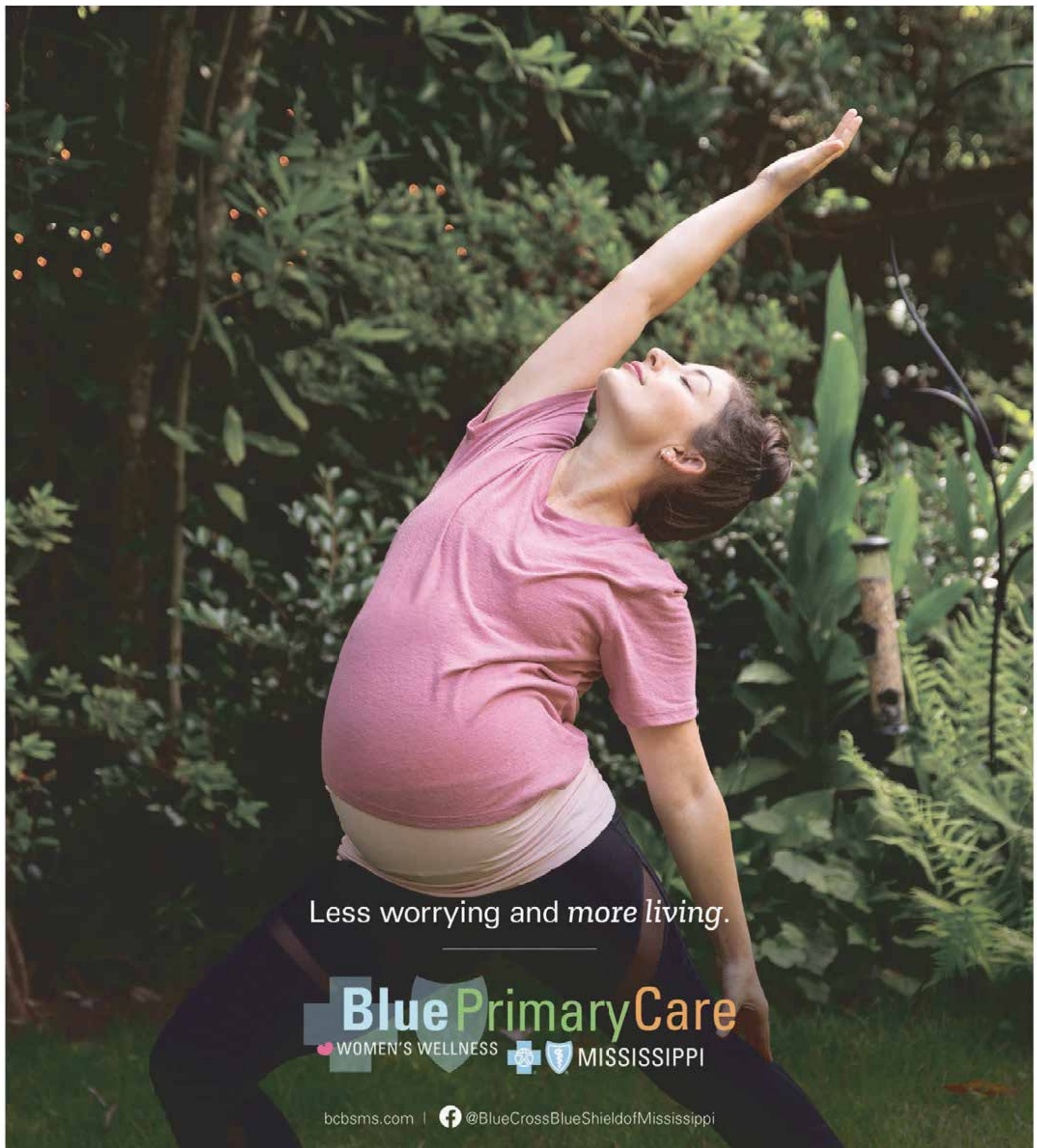
But now, seven months in they have taken up the mantra that the RFP process was not completed. If that is true, then it would have been true the day after the mayor ordered Richard’s to work. The author of the agenda item to complete the RFP process was councilman Stokes (Ward 3). As smart as he is, it makes no sense that he would watch Richard’s picking up our trash for half a year before deciding that the RFP process ought to be completed now. Or maybe he and what certainly appears to be his pro-Waste Management colleagues thought that by refusing to pay an honest man for honest work done for our capital city would cripple the company, and that they

would just ease on back to New Orleans.


What exactly is this majority of city council accomplishing? If their chief concern is that the residents of Jackson get a decent trash collection service and at a lower price, then they would be highly satisfied, wouldn’t they? From the taxpayer’s perspective, who could ask for more? But that is not what we have in our city council. The majority of the council members are not satisfied, and they are fighting back, and spending hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars to do so. It reminds me of the old adage – do you want to be right, or do you want to be happy? The answer is clear for this group of folks who were elected to serve the citizens, not themselves.

The dust seems a long way from settled in this puzzling trash predicament. Who knows how it will turn out? Only one thing seems certain – this group of a majority of city council members will not be able to escape responsibility for dragging our capital city through the muck.


Two things make it even worse though: 1) the trash impasse is completely unnecessary, and, 2) the costly infighting provides even more grist for the mill at the Capitol where the powers that be just love to blame Jackson’s leadership for their lack of support for the capital city.




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opment, per WAPT.

Having supervised training programs for the City of Norfolk Virginia for many years, Anderson’s assertion defies logic. We worked closely with workforce development, specialized treatment providers, daycare providers and others to comprehensively serve the needs of TANF and Medicaid recipients. The accountability required was intense. Monthly reporting in significant detail – the agency culture was infused with the need to assure accountability because these were federal TANF dollars. When a department of a city agency operates in that manner routinely, it’s hard to grasp what Anderson is saying about a large state agency like MDHS.

Many people have said that the federal government has lax accountability requirements for these funds. Perhaps if your intent is to deceive, you find the loopholes, but reporting requirements do exist. Administration for Children and Families Form 196R Financial Report includes 30 different line items of annual reporting for all state recipients of TANF Funds and can be viewed at the following website: [acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ofa/ACF_196R_form_TANF_FINAL_May_2022.pdf](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ofa/ACF_196R_form_TANF_FINAL_May_2022.pdf).

This is just one of at least four reports that are required either quarterly or annually. In the interest of transparency, now is the time for Anderson to publish all of Mississippi’s TANF reporting to the federal government for the last twenty-five years.

At a press conference following the TANF Hearing, placards displayed data relating to the TANF scandal and a bit of a timeline starting in 2016. The flowing items jumped out: in 2016 there were 11,700 Mississippians who applied for TANF cash assistance from MDHS and of those, 167 were approved, or 1.5%. In 2019, for every 100 families in poverty, 4 received cash assistance or 4%. In 2021, 9 out of 10 who applied for cash assistance were rejected. Cash assistance in Mississippi is capped at \$260 for a family of three.

This hearing was the very first despite the TANF scandal breaking over two and a half years ago. We can only hope that hearings continue, and that Republican legislators can reach deep within themselves and actively engage in the process to improve transparency and accountability of all funding, especially federal funding which gives Mississippi 44% of its annual revenue.

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includes chapters in seven states. Their mission is to advance the role of families and communities in securing a high-quality public education for every child.

On October 13, Hinds County Chancery Court Judge Crystal Wise Martin ruled that these grant programs are unconstitutional. The lawsuit cites Section 208 of the Mississippi Constitution, which prohibits the use of public money for any school that is not “a free school.” “Any appropriation of public funds to be received by private schools adversely affects schools and their students,” Martin wrote. “Taxpayer funding for education is finite.” “When public schools have been chronically underfunded, the prescribed unavailability of these public infrastructure funds adversely affects Mississippi public schools, their em-

ployees, their students, and the parents of those students differently from the general public,” she wrote in her ruling, per Emily Wagster Pettus of the Associated Press.

Representative Christopher Bell (D-65) shared that he was torn in his decision-making on the measure, but ultimately, “I voted for it because it could help Rust College and Tougaloo College, both private, because they need all the resources they can get – and that their alumni base is not enough by itself.”

We can surely expect to hear more on Judge Martin’s ruling. Attorney General Lynn Fitch’s staff is reviewing the judge’s order and “evaluating next steps” of whether to appeal, chief of staff Michelle Williams told WLBT on the day of the ruling.

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last month. This past weekend, BCU was blasted 48-8 by JSU in Jacksonville.

Alcorn State will be looking to rebound from their loss last Saturday to Southern University in Baton Rouge. The Jaguars took down the Braves 21-17. That win propelled them to a first place tie with Prairie View University. Alcorn is currently in third place. Head coach Fred McNair knows his team is still alive and will preach that point all season. At this point in the season, Alcorn has a record of 3 wins and 3 losses. In the SWAC they are 2-1. Expect the Reservation to be full of excitement this weekend for homecoming.

Texas Southern University will be the homecoming opponent. Texas Southern comes in with a 2-4 overall with at 2-2 SWAC record. Ironically, TSU defeated Southern early this season. Could spell trouble for Alcorn if they aren’t careful.

Jackson State enters homecoming unblemished. Perfect 6-0 with most of their wins coming in dominating fashion. Winning with by an average of 34 points per game, the Blue Bengals aren’t to be taken lightly. True sophomore quarterback, Shedeur Sanders, a Heisman Trophy candidate, threw for 5 touchdowns last week in the 48-8 victory over Bethune Cookman. So far on the season, Sanders has passed for 1998 yards,

22 touchdowns and 4 interceptions.

Last week in Jacksonville, JSU dominated in their victory. Domination is one of the major goals for coach Deion Sanders this year. He doesn’t just want to win, he wants to dominate.

Shedeur Sanders threw for 272 yards with 5 touchdowns and 2 interceptions. Sanders rarely throws 1 interception in a game, let alone two. Running backs Santee Marshall and Sy’veon Wilkerson combined for 135 rushing yards. Dallas Daniels and Shane Hooks continued their stellar seasons, each wide receiver catching 2 touchdown passes.

Defensively, the Darkside continued their reign of terror on opposing offenses. They tied a NCAA FCS record with 3 safeties in the game. They sacked Bethune Cookman quarterbacks Jalon Jones and Walter Simmons III a combined 7 times.

For homecoming, Jackson State will be battling the Campbell Camels. Campbell comes in with a 4-2 record.

Quick facts about the university. Campbell University is in Buies Creek, North Carolina, about 30 minutes outside of Raleigh/Durham. They play in the Big South Conference (FCS). It is a private institution with about 3300 students.



MVSU head coach Vincent Dancy



JSU Sonic Boom drum major Marvin Garcia Meda

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Congress probes Jackson water crisis as city and state spar

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

Congress is investigating the crisis that left 150,000 people in Mississippi’s capital city without running water for several days in late summer, according to a letter sent to Gov. Tate Reeves by two Democratic officials.

Reps. Bennie Thompson, of Mississippi, and Carolyn Maloney, of New York, sent the letter Monday requesting information on how Mississippi plans to spend \$10 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act and from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and \$429 million “specifically allotted to enhance the state’s water infrastructure.”

The letter indicates “the start of a joint investigation” by the House Homeland Security and the Oversight and Reform committees into a crisis that deprived Jackson’s 150,000 residents of running water for several days in late August and early September, Adam Comis, a staffer for the committee, told The Associated Press.

Thompson’s district includes most of Jackson, and he chairs the Homeland Security Committee. Maloney chairs the Oversight and Reform Committee.

Jackson has had water problems for years, and the latest troubles began in late August after heavy rainfall exacerbated problems in the city’s main treatment plant, leaving many customers without running water. Jackson had already been under a boil-water notice since late July because the state health department found

cloudy water that could make people ill.

Running water was restored within days, and a boil-water notice was lifted in mid-September, but the letter to Reeves says “water plant infrastructure in the city remains precarious, and risks to Jackson’s residents persist.”

The pair of congressional Democrats requested a breakdown of where the state sent funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including “the racial demographics and population sizes of each” community that received aid. They also requested information on whether Jackson has faced “burdensome hurdles” to receive additional federal funds. The letter asked Reeves to provide the requested information by Oct. 31.

Mississippi has not yet announced how it will spend American Rescue Plan Act money for water projects. Cities and counties had a Sept. 30 deadline to apply for funding.

According to the letter, which was first reported on by NBC News, Oversight Committee staff learned in a briefing with Jackson officials that the state attempted to limit funding to Jackson for its water system. The state allegedly planned to “bar communities of more than 4,000 people from competing for additional funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,” the letter says.

In their letter, Thompson and Maloney also referenced reporting by the AP that Reeves had a hand in delaying funds for water system repairs in

Jackson and claimed to have blocked funds. Reeves’ office did not immediately respond to AP’s request for comment on the letter.

The Environmental Protection Agency issued a notice in January that Jackson’s water system violates the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. In September, federal attorneys threatened legal action against the city if it did not agree to negotiations related to its water system. Jackson Mayor Lumumba said the city was working with the federal government on a plan to fix the water system.

Failure by city and state officials to provide Jackson residents with a reliable water system reflects decades of government dysfunction, population change and decaying infrastructure. It has also fueled a political battle between GOP state lawmakers and Democratic city officials.

That acrimony continued after the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency announced Friday that it is seeking a private contractor to run the Jackson water system for one year. The agreement would be funded by the city of Jackson, according to the proposal released by MEMA.

In a news release Monday, Reeves said his office was told by city officials that Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba is planning to “functionally end the city’s cooperation” by “refusing to participate in the process of selecting a water operator.”

“Although politics is clearly his priority, we are simply try-

ing to ensure that Jackson water does not fail again,” Reeves said. “Ultimately, it may fall to the city council to rein in this radical gambit.”

The rancor ensued even though MEMA wrote that it requested a private contractor “in unified command with the City of Jackson.”

Reeves threatened to pull state assistance if the city didn’t change course. City officials were communicating they “no longer desire state assistance and insist on going it alone,” Reeves said.

In a statement, Lumumba retorted that the city had been “going it alone” after years of asking for state support” and that Jackson “has made no mention of ending the City’s cooperation” with state and federal officials. The mayor said the city would not agree to the request for a private contractor until it had an opportunity to revise the language in the proposal.

“The City, with support from those who truly are invested in the repair and maintenance of the water treatment facilities, will have the final say,” Lumumba said. “We look forward to productive conversations that lead to an actual agreement instead of a headline.”

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Low water disrupts industry along lower Mississippi River

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

Plummeting water levels in the lower Mississippi River are projected to drop even further in the weeks ahead, a projection shows, dampening the region’s economic activity and potentially threatening jobs in one of the country’s poorest states.

In Vicksburg, on the Mississippi river’s east bank near the Louisiana line, the water is approaching its lowest level since 2012. The river’s level near that Mississippi city on Thursday was 4.3 feet (1.3 meters), and it is projected to drop to 3 feet (0.9 meters) by Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service.

Falling water levels have disrupted industrial shipping and tourism in the area and are on pace to keep dropping.

“Right now, the latest forecast is going to take us down on Nov. 8 down to 2 feet (0.61 meters) at Vicksburg and it could drop a lower than that,” Marty Pope, a hydrologist at the National Weather Service Office in Jackson, told the Vicksburg Post.

A dearth of rainfall in recent weeks has left the Mississippi River approaching record low levels in some areas across several states. Nearly all of the Mississippi River basin, from Minnesota through Louisiana, has seen below-normal rainfall since late August. The low levels have caused barges to get stuck in mud and sand, disrupting river travel for shippers, recreational boaters and passengers on a cruise line.

The lower portion of a Vicksburg bridge, normally submerged in the river, has been

exposed to sunlight in recent days. The American Heritage, a paddlewheeler cruise ship, navigated the river with caution.

Companies that transport industrial products along the river in barges offer a window into the regionwide economic impacts of the low water levels. Companies are loading their barges with less cargo to traverse the river safely.

Pablo Diaz, president of the Vicksburg Chamber of Commerce, said the Port of Vicksburg has already seen a steep decline in tonnage shipped through the port.

“It’s definitely lower, and by a long way,” Diaz said. “It’s a cascade effect. Everybody that is having issues north of here who might be sending products through Vicksburg, that (traffic) has slowed down a lot.”

North of Vicksburg, agricultural products remained stalled in the ports along the river, Diaz said. At least 19 companies rely on the Port of Vicksburg and together they support about 4,000 jobs in the region.

“Things were going really well on the industrial side before the water problem,” Diaz said. “This is going to be a really big problem if it doesn’t turn around soon. Many jobs depend on our industrial users in this region.”

The Mississippi River has seen water levels fluctuate year to year in the past. In 2011, the river flooded and caused \$2.8 billion in damage. A drought brought the water levels to dangerous lows in 2012.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been dredging the Mississippi at several spots to keep river traffic flowing.

SBA extends business recovery center operations in Mississippi through Oct. 31; Assists businesses applying for working capital loans due to Jackson water crisis

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The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced Tuesday that its Business Recovery Center located in Jackson, Miss., will continue operating through 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, an extension of more than three weeks.

SBA opened the center to help Mississippi small businesses and nonprofit organizations affected by the Jackson Water Crisis that began Aug.

30.

“I encourage anyone who has not completed their disaster loan application to visit the center before the closing to meet with an SBA customer service representative for one-on-one assistance,” said Kem Fleming, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East.

The Business Recovery Center (BRC) is located at the Hinds County Old Chamber of Commerce Building, 201 South

President Street in Jackson.

Customer Service Representatives will be available at the BRC to answer questions about the disaster loan program and help business owners complete their applications.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the SBA has established protocols to help protect the health and safety of the public. All visitors to the BRC are encouraged to wear a face mask.

“For eligible applicants, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster,” said SBA’s Mississippi District Director Janita R. Stewart. Interest rates are 3.04 percent for businesses and 1.875 percent for nonprofit organizations, with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at *DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov/ela/s* and should apply under SBA declaration # 17621. Disaster loan information and application forms can also be obtained by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (if you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access tele-

communications relay services) or sending an email to *DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov*.

Loan applications can also be downloaded from *sba.gov/disaster*. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return economic injury applications is June 14, 2023.

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LA's Black-Latino tensions bared in City Council scandal



People hold signs and shout slogans before the starting of the Oct. 11 Los Angeles City Council meeting

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By Anita Snow
Associated Press

Cross-cultural coalitions have ruled Los Angeles politics for decades, helping elect both black and Latino politicians to top leadership roles in the huge racially and ethnically diverse city.

But a shocking recording of racist comments by the City Council president has laid bare the tensions over political power that have been quietly simmering between the Latino and black communities.

Nury Martinez, the first Latina elected president of the Los Angeles City Council, resigned from her leadership role last week, then from the council altogether, after a leaked recording surfaced of her making racist remarks and other coarse comments in discussion with other Hispanic leaders.

Martinez said in the recorded conversation, first reported by the *Los Angeles Times*, that white Councilmember Mike Bonin handled his young black son as if he were an “accessory,” and described the son as behaving “parece changuito,” or like a monkey. She also made denigrating comments about other groups, including Indigenous Mexicans from the southern state of Oaxaca, who she termed “feos,” or ugly.

The recording, released anonymously a year after it was made, stunned and hurt many in the black community, which makes up a little less than 9% of the city’s roughly four million residents. Concerns inside that group, which has long counted on council seats and other city posts in heavily African-American neighborhoods, have been growing in recent years as the Latino share of the population has swollen to nearly half and Hispanic politicians have started assuming more high-ranking roles.

Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., the executive publisher of the *Los Angeles Sentinel*, a black-run newspaper, wrote afterward of “the cancerous divisiveness

that has been secretly harming our progress.”

“To discover that these conversations are a part of the dialogue of the very people entrusted to lead the city of Los Angeles and to realize that there is a plot amongst them to minimize the voice and political power of the black community makes it even more reprehensible,” Bakewell added.

Los Angeles is no stranger to racial and ethnic tension.

The Watts riots left 34 dead in 1965 after violence broke out following the arrest of an African-American man pulled over for drunken driving.

The videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King by white Los Angeles police officers in 1991 following a high-speed chase sparked an international furor.

Riots erupted across the city the following year when three of the officers were acquitted on excessive force charges and the jury failed to reach a verdict on the fourth. The rioting lasted six days and killed 63 people, underscoring racial tensions in the city, especially between the black community and Korean Americans, whose businesses were often targeted.

But Los Angeles also has a history of cooperation among racial and ethnic groups going back to the 1930s, said Manuel Pastor, a professor of sociology and American studies and ethnicity at the University of Southern California.

He said diverse groups, by working together, helped elect black Mayor Tom Bradley, who served two decades ending in 1993, and Hispanic Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in 2005.

“The kind of sentiments expressed in that conversation do exist in the Latino community more broadly,” Pastor said of the racist comments on the recording. But he said most Hispanics in the city reject that way of thinking.

Pastor called for a moment of reflection, saying “there’s an interesting opportunity

here for the Latino community to examine anti-blackness and colorism, in the Latino community.”

The now-infamous conversation about frustrations over redistricting maps produced by a city commission was recorded in October 2021. The others present were Councilmembers Gil Cedillo and Kevin de Leon and Los Angeles County Federation of Labor President Ron Herrera.

Martinez referred to Bonin, who is gay, as a “little bitch” and De Leon called Bonin the council’s “fourth black member.”

“Mike Bonin won’t f-ing ever say peep about Latinos. He’ll never say a f-ing word about us,” said De Leon.

It is unclear who recorded the exchange.

For the Rev. Eddie Anderson, the black senior pastor of the McCarty Memorial Christian Church in Los Angeles, the “horrific statements by the highest officials in local government” were just part of “a plan to dilute the black vote and power in our community.”

“There was a real plan of black erasure, of people who have been here a long time building this city,” Anderson said.

The pastor, among those who sat last year on the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission that helped draw the map, noted the recorded conversation was just weeks before final approval.

He said much of the quibbling over redistricting centered on a district that includes parts of south Los Angeles, Koreatown and Baldwin Hills and which elected Tom Bradley, the grandson of a slave, to the council before he was mayor.

Latino leaders around the U.S. denounced the recorded remarks and called for Martinez and the others to resign.

“At a time when our nation is grappling with a recent rise in hate speech and hate crimes, these comments have

deepened the pain that our communities have endured,” said Sen. Alex Padilla, who earlier served as the council’s youngest president.

Clarissa Martinez, vice president of the Latino Vote Initiative for UnidosUS, a leading national civil rights organization, said: “our community was deeply offended by the racist and dehumanizing comments made by those four Los Angeles elected and appointed officials.”

“Their being Latino is particularly painful because our community understands what it’s like to be subjected to mistreatment and attempts to diminish our voice,” she added. But she insisted, “We know we are building on something much stronger than the backward behavior of these four people because our communities have a strong trajectory of working together.”

Tanya Kateri Hernandez, professor at Fordham University School of Law, said the idea that people of color are always united ignores colonialism and racial baggage from many different places and generations.

The issue of anti-blackness in Latino communities in the U.S. and globally is much broader than this one instance, extending to Afro Latinos, Africans and West Indians, said Hernandez, who wrote the book “Racial Innocence: Unmasking Latino Anti-Black Bias and the Struggle for Equality.”

The Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission alluded to squabbling among various groups when it submitted its final map a year ago.

“It wasn’t our job to protect elected officials, their jobs, or their political futures,” commission chairman Fred Ali said in a statement. “We hope the Council conducts its deliberations with the same amount of transparency and commitment to equity that this Commission did.”

Vernice Miller-Travis, a crusader who continues the struggle to weed out environmental racism



By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Vernice Miller-Travis has consistently recognized racism, including how race has played a significant role in environmental policy. She’s the vice chair of Clean Water Action’s board of directors, executive vice president for environmental and social justice at Metropolitan Group, and co-founder of We Act for Environmental Justice.

Miller-Travis said it’s her job to analyze data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s list of national priorities. In that way, she’s able to keep abreast of hazardous waste sites in the United States, including the ones that pose an immediate health and environmental threat.

“You get to see the pattern,” Miller-Travis told National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. “The pattern around the racial composition of who lives in a particular place in proximity to a hazardous waste site is not random,” she said during a riveting conversation inside NNPA’s state-of-the-art television studios in Washington.

And when there’s any pushback, Miller-Travis stands at the ready.

“When they ask whether they’re being accused of being racist, I tell them that what I’m saying is that your policies you utilize have an unequal impact that people of color are always adversely affected, not white people.”

Born in 1959 at New York’s Harlem Hospital, where both her parents worked, Miller-Travis said she spent a lot of time at the famed health center. She attended Barnard College before earning a political science degree from Columbia University’s School of General Studies.

“I started as a researcher working for the civil rights division of a small Protestant Church known as United Church of Christ – the remnants of the church established by the pilgrims,” Miller-Travis said.

As she spoke with Chavis, Miller-Travis shared stories about the 40th anniversary the Warren County, North Carolina, protest that officially birthed the movement.

“One of the people leading that struggle was a minister in the United Church of Christ, and he called up to the headquarters in New York City and said, look, we need help. Nobody has talked to us, and the state has not reached out. There have been no briefings, no hearings, no nothing,” Miller-Travis recalled.

“And so, the national church did all they could to help and

bring attention to it, but they thought, this is kind of curious.” She continued: “We need to see if what’s happening in Warren County is endemic to what’s happening in rural North Carolina – is it the southeast? Is it bigger than that? And they hired me as a research assistant to help identify what we would then call environmental injustice and environmental racism, which Dr. Chavis coined the term.” “And we found that race was the most statistically significant indicator of where hazardous waste sites were located across these United States, not just North Carolina,” Miller-Travis said her grandmother encouraged her to use her “practical knowledge” as a scientist to understand the circumstances affecting predominately black communities.

“Nobody was researching the lived experience in terms of environmental impacts on communities of color, on low-income communities, on tribal communities,” Miller-Travis recalled. “People were focused on endangered species, endangered water bodies – that was where the environmental community’s head was. They were working on hazardous waste issues, but no one was connecting race and environmental threats’ location. So, we were the first folks to do this.” She continued:

“We published a report in 1987 called Toxic Waste and Race in the United States, published by the United Church of Christ’s Commission for Racial Justice, which set the whole conversation aloft in this country.

Miller-Travis later traveled to Washington, where the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit took place. She said she realized then that environmental racism existed throughout the United States.

Miller-Travis helped to adopt the 17 Principles of Environmental Justice, which remains relevant as the world wrestles with climate change, global warming, and a woeful environment. However, she said she’s optimistic because the Biden-Harris administration has proven aggressive in its approach to these issues.

“This has been the most aggressive White House administration to address environmental injustice and environmental inequities in the history of the United States of America,” Miller-Travis asserted. “They have policies, objectives, staff, executive orders specifically about environmental injustice in the climate space, and an executive order on addressing systemic racism across the breadth of the federal government.”

Don't let your food trick you into eating more

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Don't let your food trick you into eating more. I want you to take a moment and think of a food that is irresistible to you. When you think about that food you can probably see it in your mind and you may even start salivating. I know the food you are imagining is not a vegetable or a fruit. It's probably a processed food made with a precise combination of ingredients to trigger repeat cravings. The same cravings of a drug addict who can't resist a drug or alcohol. Are your taste buds that easy for a food to trick? Food manufacturers do it everyday. They have done a lot of research on the eating habits of the American.

One third of American adults weigh too much. Why has this happen in the U.S.?

There should be a balance between the food we consume and the energy we expend. All the evidence points to the fact that the amount of food we eat has gotten out of hand. In 1960 the average 40-49 American woman weighed 142 lbs. In 2000 the average weight for 40-49 American woman jumped to 169 lbs. Studies also show that American adults were getting heavier from ages 20 to 40. Instead of just a few pounds the average Ameri-



can gained more than 12 lbs doing those ages.

Why are Americans now eating too much? In the past we ate most of our meals at a mealtime. Now we have highly processed foods that are palatable. This means that they stimulate your appetite and prompt us to eat more. They're also available 24/7. With this access it has become socially acceptable to eat these foods at any hour of the day. For some of us these foods are impossible to resist.

Sugar, fat and salt are the main ingredients use to hijack our brain. Food manufacturers have done a lot of animal and human research on what makes us eat. They found the sugar, fat and salt connection. Food manufacturers try to get the proportions right for sugar, fat and salt. When they do that right, they hit what's called "The Bliss Point." Candy bars, Buffalo wings, big Macs and cheese fries all combined with fat, sugar and salt. The white chocolate mocha Frappuccino

served at your coffee shop is coffee, made with a mix of sugar, fat and salt.

It can take only a single taste of a "hyperpalatable" food to sit this process emotion. After you've eaten a "hyperpalatable" food several times you become more sensitive to cues surrounding the experience. The sight of the wrapper and the name of the food arouse your memory of how it felt to eat the food and focus your attention on getting it. Every time you repeat the ex-

perience by eating the food you strengthen the neural circuits involved, making yourself more sensitive to anticipating cutes. This process rewires your brain's circuits.

The basic business models for food manufacturer is to sell you something you will eat every time you see it, smell it or think about it. Those Buffalo wings you love are the fattest part of the chicken. The wings are fried and refried and covered with red sauce that's full of salt and sugar. That's fat or fat on sugar and salt. You can find that combination in your mini appetizer snacks and fast foods such as chocolate, covered pretzels and cinnamon rolls.

Food manufacturers make foods indulgent. They make it for us to eat more. Can we tell when food has a lot of sugar, fat and salt mixed in? Food manufacturers have learned how to hide it while keeping the food's "craveability." They have learn how to combine ingredients, including chemical enhancers, like artificial sweeteners, hickory smoke and cheese flavoring to create a complex series of flavors and textures that magnify your sensory appeal.

They have spent considerable efforts making their creations easier to swallow. The average bite of food in the Ameri-

can diet at one time required 22 chews before swallowing now it only takes two or three. After you swallow your food in two chews the taste and oral stimulation fades and you will reach for more. The design is to get you to eat quickly enough to override your body's ability to tell you "you've had enough."

We also have to look at advertising. The advertising adds a pleasurable association to our sensory experience. It builds an association of having a good time. You see your food at parties, barbecues and with friends having fun.

Can we defend ourselves against a highly sophisticated industry? You can with planning. If you want to avoid unhealthy, processed food I suggest you establish some guidelines and enforce them. Identify the foods that you know are uncontrollable and appealing. You should make them "off-limit."

Plan all your meals. Decide what you need to eat. Know when you're going to eat. Plan at least three meals a day. Plan a few healthy snacks.

If you feel yourself slipping you should have a response. You can respond with something as simple as "You'll feel better about yourself if you don't eat the "off limit food."

Pain management options for youth sports injuries



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Youth sports are an important part of a child's social and emotional development and fuel a healthy and active lifestyle. However, sports can result in injuries that may leave players sidelined. As parents, it's important to be prepared before an injury happens –and that includes being informed about opioid risks.

A child might be prescribed opioids – oxycodone, hydrocodone, morphine, etc. – to manage pain after an injury, or following surgery or another procedure to treat their injury. In fact, sports-related injuries are often one of the first times children and teens are exposed to opioids.

Opioids have side effects like nausea and dizziness, and can also lead to addiction and dependence. As millions of children face sports-related injuries each year, the risk of opioid exposure increases – underscoring the need for education and awareness of non-opioid options and a plan for how to talk to providers. Treating an injury with opioids can

lead to misuse. Opioid misuse is 50% higher in kids who participate in high-injury sports than those who don't. The National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that 9.7 million people ages 12 and older misused prescription opioids in 2019.

Improper disposal of opioids is another factor that can lead to misuse. Almost 90% of patients with leftover opioid pills didn't dispose of them properly, with many keeping them in their homes and some sharing them with family or friends.

Fortunately, there are safe and effective non-opioid options available for children that can help reduce, or eliminate the need for opioids after surgery. In fact, 94% of surgeons agree non-opioid options can positively impact recovery and the ability to return to normal function following surgery.

Conversations about pain management should happen long before injury or surgery, and families should have plans in place around injuries and how to navigate opioids and alternative options. Re-

cently, the National Safety Council and Pacira BioSciences, Inc., which sponsored this article, partnered to launch Connect2Prevent, a program that aims to educate employees and their family members on the importance of preventing opioid misuse. Launching publicly following a pilot program, enrolled participants will receive weekly lessons that provide information, action steps and ways to connect and communicate with teens, including evidence-based motivational interviewing strategies. The curriculum is focused on identifying opioid misuse, safe storage and disposal, stigma, talking to providers, refusal skills, harm reduction and more.

With fall sports season in full swing, the risk of injury increases. Understanding safe pain management can keep young athletes recover and stay healthy for years to come.

Programs like Connect2Prevent and informative discussion guides can help prepare families for these important conversations.

To learn more, visit nsc.org.

The Beat Goes On – CPR saves lives



American Heart Association
Heart Walk

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Metro Jackson Heart Walk, in its 28th year, is a fun and meaningful way to celebrate heart and stroke survivors, raise lifesaving funds, and encourage physical activity. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2022, at the Mississippi Museum of Art in downtown Jackson. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and the start time is 9:15 a.m.

The Heart Walk is a family-friendly event and features a 5K walk or run, a 1-mile survivor route, a kid's zone with games, a top dog contest, all set to disco-theme music provided by a DJ. Registration is at www.metrojacksonheartwalk.org.

Robert Gibbs, senior partner at Gibbs Travis, PLLC is the chair of the Heart Walk, and said, "I hope to assist the AHA (American Heart Association) in generating much needed funds to continue its work in local communities to address social determinants of health; while creating access to healthy foods, healthcare and education."

His volunteer team of Metro Jackson business leaders work together to meet this year's fundraising goal of \$200,000. The Executive Leadership Team is Ben Walker, Bank of England; Bryan Nesbit, First Commercial Bank; Carla Kirkland, The Kirkland Group; Hibbett Neel, Neel-Shaffer; Leanne Stamper, First Commercial Bank; Pearl Wicks, Hope Credit Union/Hope Enterprise Corp.; past event chair Phil Buffington, Adams & Reese LLP; Richard Cothorn, Gulf Guaranty; Robby Gathings, Forman Watkins & Krutz; and Scott Kashman, St. Dominic's Hospital., the title sponsor of the event.

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Local businesses and community members and encouraged to participate in the 2022 Metro Jackson Heart Walk by forming teams with their colleagues, families and friends. The funds raised from the Metro Jackson Heart Walk go towards research, advocacy, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training and to promote better health in support of the Association's 2024 Health Equity Impact Goal, reducing barriers to health care access and quality.

To register for the Heart Walk or for more information visit our website at www.metrojacksonheartwalk.org.

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P R E S E R V E D

Follow the right arrow

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A number of years ago, I had a conversation with fellow author Michelle Stimpson about how we Christians fail to respond when we see others struggling with character issues. We agreed that so many Christians see friends, co-workers and loved ones struggling with “sins” but choose not to do anything to get the person back on the right path. We both agreed that it was hard to believe but some people would rather watch others struggle with God’s truth than help them accept it.

In a strange way, some of us like seeing others struggle even when we could offer encouragement words or words of correction to help them go in the right direction.

As we continued talking about it, she shared how an experience she had at the gym illustrated an intriguing aspect of human nature. At her gym, the walking track changes signs every so often. This means that even though you may go on Monday and the arrow is pointing left, if you return on Friday, the arrow is now facing the opposite direction. Because some people are so used to the arrow being in one direction, they follow that same path out of habit...and without realizing that it is wrong.

She stated that some people are clearly on the wrong path. “The arrow on the wall always tells which way to go but, inevitably, the new members never know which way to go. People just let them keep on going the wrong way even though it might mean they’ll collide with runners on the track as they round the corners with limited visibility.”

Stimpson added, “I think that it’s my responsibility to let them know where to look for the direction while many others simply let them keep going the wrong way for several times around the track (looking like oddballs and endangering us all) instead of stepping in to help.”

I thought her story was so powerful because we often let others continue with unhealthy behaviors and attitudes knowing that they are headed in the wrong direction. We know that they aren’t thinking and acting right...and can potentially hurt themselves and others through their actions. Sometimes it’s out of jealousy that we say nothing because we secretly want them to fail. In other instances, we choose not to say anything because we may be struggling with the same issue ourselves. We might also be secretly hoping that our “stuff” doesn’t come

out to embarrass us.

It’s not about judging anyone for their wrongdoing. However, God’s word does ask us to gently correct and at the same time show kindness to others. It’s about putting the words of Galatians 6:1 into action: “Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.” How do you that? Ephesians 4:15-16 says to speak the truth in love. First, you have to recognize then choose to walk in God’s truth in order to speak it.

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Accountability

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



First Corinthians 10:12 states, “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.” An attitude of

over-confidence is dangerous. It is good to have a shroud of godly fear over us continually. If we are saved, we need to realize that we can fall into sin. We must be careful to watch our thoughts and our affections. Let us stay cautious as God’s people.

A father has the greatest responsibility in the home; however, there is someone over him. Fathers need to be in subjection to and accountable to the pastor.

Accountability is good for us. Men and women must be accountable to God and to one another. God wants us to be in every service so our pastor can talk to us. When we go to the house of worship, the Word of God exposes the needs and helps us to see those needs. We want to be our best for God, don’t we? Those needs will be supplied if the leadership addresses the needs. Too many people who are in leadership are either afraid of the people or after a paycheck. Needs can be supplied


if the leadership addresses the needs, and the people willingly respond. John said their works were not perfect. God requires perfection among His people. Jesus said in Matthew 5:48, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Christians are to be perfect in their obedience to God. As far as man is concerned, I am not perfect, but in God’s sight I am perfect.

God has His ministry in His hands, and through them He sends His message. Revelation 1:16 says, “And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength.”

Revelation 1:20 reads, “The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.” We are a blessed people. We are a candlestick, and we want to shine very brightly. The ministry has a tremendous responsibility.

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Former President Trump has been issued subpoena by the January 6th Committee. What’s next?

By James B. Ewers Jr.
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If you play word association games, the words crime and guilt go together. Indictment and charges go together too.

Additionally, procrastination and delay are words used when people want to put off bad news. If you are bogged down in the criminal justice system, these words have meaning.

The former president is drowning in a sea of criminal allegations, and he knows these words quite well. Over time, this mischievous pattern of behavior has been his calling card.

He won the White House because America was blindfolded and didn’t see him for what he was. Trouble found him before, and it continues to track him relentlessly. It appears with each passing day, there is a new allegation against him.

If you are a supporter of his and an un-paid minion of the former president, then brace yourself for more chaos.

I have found it suspicious as to why people continue to support him. The question at the probation desk is why do people support him given his track record? Wake up! This man is borderline on many fronts.

The January 6th Committee met last week and dropped this news on America. The Committee voted 9-0 to subpoena him. If you didn’t watch it, hit the rewind button because it’s a history lesson.

Representative Liz Cheney, R-WYO said, “We are obligated to seek answers directly from the man who set this all in motion and every American is entitled to those answers so we can act now to protect our republic.”

The former president in a written 14-page response has called the subpoena a witch hunt. Is Trump suggesting that he should not be subjected to traditional rules and regulations? Taking classified documents to your house is not illegal?

Now Trump’s lawyers are scrambling to put together a plausible defense. I think for his lawyers that it’s like the nightmare on Elm Street. Do his attorneys believe he can beat these allegations? Their public answer is yes, and their behind closed doors answer is no. That is what I think.

The House Select Committee met for the 9th time, and this could be their final meeting. New footage and new testimony made the January 6th attack on the Capitol look darker and more destructive.

The mid-term elections in my opinion will loom large if the truth is to take its rightful place. I suspect if the Democrats keep the House, the January 6th Committee will continue its work. If not, the evidence they have gathered and the long hours of researching the facts will simply go away. Memories will become shorter, and evidence will disappear.

The former president wanted the Supreme Court to intervene in the classified documents fiasco. They rejected his plea, so he is left without them being a safeguard.

Bradley P. Moss, a lawyer specializing in national security issues said, “Mr. Trump just lost his last shot at keeping the classified documents away from the government. And he will never see them again unless he is indicted and maybe then, maybe not.”

As the days of fall come upon us, it may also signal the fall of Donald Trump.

Like a multiple-choice test, he kept choosing the wrong answer. Had the former president chosen truth and honesty, he would not be in this tumultuous state. He, along with his followers sidestepped right and tried to justify wrong. To borrow a widely used phrase, that is not the American way.

So now as the end is approaching, he is grasping for air. Trump is beyond embarrassment as he is trying to hold on to whoever and to whatever.

Run, run, run but you sure can’t hide. Maybe Mr. Trump should listen to these Temptations lyrics? There could be a message in there for him.

This November, unite to defend the Black Vote

By Ben Jealous
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Right before our last national elections in 2020, thousands of black voters in Detroit got a call from someone posing as a woman named “Tamika Taylor.” She warned them that if they voted, the government would collect their personal information and come after them for credit card debt, outstanding warrants, even forced vaccinations. The calls were a voter suppression scam, and the two white guys behind it were prosecuted. But we’ll never know how many people were nervous enough to avoid voting that year.

Dirty tricks like this make me sick. And as we get closer to this year’s midterms, civil rights leaders are warning that we’re likely to see more of them. The Far Right is waging a war on black voters, and disinformation is among its favorite weapons. Another one is passing laws to make it harder for black citizens to vote. The Brennan Center at NYU keeps track of these efforts. The legal scholars there report that

since 2020, lawmakers in 49 states have introduced more than 400 bills that would make it harder to vote. This midterm election is the first nationwide election since that massive voter suppression campaign started, and we have one way to fight it: massive voter mobilization.

Getting our friends and neighbors to vote so we can have a say in issues that affect our daily lives is a calling for all of us. I am fortunate to lead an organization that will make black male voters the focus of our Get Out the Vote efforts this year.

Our initiative, Defend the Black Vote, will reach out to black men in 15 states who are registered but skipped two out of three of the last elections. Our focus will be men because they still don’t vote in the high percentages black women do. Our message will be simple: Vote this November. Vote because your vote is your voice and your power. Vote because of everything that is on the line in these elections: jobs, reproductive rights, mass incarceration, who sits on our courts, education for our kids, health care, pollution in the

environment where our families live.

Vote because we need to Ban the Box. Vote because Black Lives Matter. Vote because you have a dream of entrepreneurship. Vote because your mental health, and your family’s mental health, matters. Vote because the white supremacists don’t want you to, and are doing everything they can to stop you, and that tells you how important it is.

I know that some folks don’t vote because they believe their vote doesn’t matter. History shows that it does. The best example I can think of is what happened in Georgia in 2020, the first year we ran our Defend the Black Vote campaign. We motivated over 200,000 additional black men in Georgia to vote that year – a year when the presidential election in the state was decided by 12,000 votes. The black men who voted in Georgia made a historic difference, and the numbers prove it.

We know there’s one more way today’s Far Right and their predecessors – the Klan, the White League, and all the other terrorists like them – have tried to suppress black

votes, and it’s the ugliest: intimidation and threats of violence. Our ancestors faced a real risk of being attacked or murdered for registering to vote or voting. Today the intimidation might be more high-tech: is your name in the system, will you be accused of an illegal vote? Florida’s arrests of returning citizens who voted – after being issued new voter registration cards by the state itself – are especially cruel. They were meant to scare people, and they probably did.

So, vote because we refuse to be intimidated. Because those who went before us put their lives on the line to cast a ballot. And if you are a man who doesn’t have a plan to vote, or you have a father, brother, uncle or son who doesn’t have a plan, it’s not too late to make one now. We need you.

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Herschel Walker, Draymond Green – When star athletes act like losers

By Emil Guillermo
Journalist/Commentator



In communities of color, athletes in the U.S. are practically royalty. They don’t call Lebron “King James” for nothing. Star athletes can do no wrong. Until they do. Just ask O.J.

But when athletes steer clear of any of that, generally they are treated like gods who live above the rim. After all, they are our heroes because they’re winners. They may have started out regular, like the rest of us, but their God-given talents have made them rise above it all.

And that makes it difficult when they start to behave like mere mortals who do some pretty regrettable things.

Just look at Herschel Walker or Draymond Green.

Let’s take Walker first. If you’re a Bay Area guy like me, Georgia’s Walker is not the greatest running back ever. Give me Marcus Allen. Or even Texas’ Earl Campbell. Both of them would rather run over linebackers, not Democrats.

Walker is different. We know that Walker denies giving money to pay for a former partner’s abortion. But now the same female partner claims Walker wanted her to have a second abortion, though she declined and had the child.

Mind you, I’m choosing to skip all the accusations about

Walker’s general hypocrisy from his son, Christian. It’s important, but I’ll give Walker the benefit of the doubt considering his grandstanding son.

But the woman who claims Walker has consulted her on abortion isn’t grandstanding. She’s provided proof to the news site, the Daily Beast, and appears credible. All this shouldn’t even be political talk, but Walker is running as an anti-abortion, pro-life fundamentalist.

The truth is relevant if it makes Walker out to be a liar. But maybe that’s good for a politician?

Coming to Walker’s defense is no less than Donald Trump, who told the *NY Times’* Maggie Haberman about Walker’s abundant qualities.

“He was the best football player in the nation by far,” Trump said of Walker. When asked about his “complicated personal history,” Trump was quick to dismiss any criticism.

“Ten years ago would be a problem, twenty years ago a bigger problem. I don’t think it’s a problem today,” Trump said. Haberman asked “why?” Because the world is changing.

In other words, outright liars are rewarded in today’s corrupt Republican politics led by Godfather Trump. Anything goes, as long as you win.

Trump’s blessing has opened the way for millions in political contributions and support from conservatives

who shamelessly back the unqualified and truth-compromised Walker.

But this is the kind of black man Republicans want. Controllable. Who will do what they want. Run over Democrats with political athleticism.

Doesn’t seem to stack up against the incumbent Senator, Rev. Raphael Warnock, a Democrat and the current pastor of MLK’s Ebenezer Baptist church.

If Walker wins, we will feel the impact in California. Democrats can rely on Kamala Harris to break a tie on upcoming legislation on key issues like gun control, immigration, voting rights, LG-BTQ rights. Oh, and there’s abortion. But there will be no heroics from Harris if Republicans gain the majority and have Herschel Walker in their pocket. He will do anything they say. He’s their star athlete. He can do no wrong.

At Least Draymond Green doesn’t want to be senator.

Green says he’s going to take some time away from the Golden State Warriors. He’s already taken some of their credibility.

Of course, you’ve seen the video of Green punching his teammate Jordan Poole at a recent Warriors practice. The Warriors are mostly upset that video of the punch found its way to the public.

But at least we got the truth. The punch was a clear battery, and chargeable. The Warriors preferred to keep it in house.

Keep it in house? That sounds like Jeffrey Dahmer.

The video shows undeniable workplace violence. Green, who is 6-ft-6-inches, 230 pounds, is punching the smaller Poole, who is two inches shorter and almost 40 pounds lighter.

Sports commentators downplay the punch, saying these are men playing an aggressive game, and it’s to be expected. Not when the gym is your workplace. Punch your boss and you’ll get fired. Or sued. Is this the NBA’s message, that physical bullying is OK?

Two weeks ago, the NBA fined Phoenix Suns owner Robert Sarver \$10 million and banned him from the game for one year for “workplace misconduct,” involving anti-black racism, as well as misogynistic and sexual comments.

Is that worse than punching a teammate in practice?

Green has apologized and said he’s going to take time to “work on himself.” But it’s going to take a lot more than using that meditation app LeBron James pushes.

For the NBA and the Golden State Warriors, the action that must be taken is clear. They must condemn workplace violence by athletes unequivocally.

Athletes shouldn’t be treated as winners when they act like losers.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4188

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 Robert Lewis 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 allow for 3 multi-unit buildings for the property located at 4326 Council Circle (Parcel #50-96), 4108 N. State St. (Parcel #50-97) & 4114 N. State St. (Parcel: #50-98), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

4114 N. STATE STREET

INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS: LOT 17, BLK D, CHEROKEE HGHTS SID, HINDS CO., MS LOT 17, BLOCK D, CHEROKEE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLANT THEREOF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MS, IN PLAT BOOK 3 AT PAGE 48, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

4108 N. STATE STREET

PART OF LOTS 15 AND 16, BLOCK D, CHEROKEE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK AT JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN PLAT BOOK 3 AT PAGE 48 BEING MORE PARTICULAR BY METES AND BOUNDS, TO-WIT:

BEGINNING AT A FOUND IRON MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF AFORESAID LOT 15 AND RUN NORTH 07 DEGREES 27 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 15 AND THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF NORTH STATE STREET 46.1 FEET TO A POINT MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 07 DEGREES 27 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE LAST MENTIONED CALL 3.9 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 16; THEN (ILLEGIBLE) 27 MINUTES EAST AND CONTINUE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF NORTH STATE STREET AND THE WEST LINE OF AFORESAID LOT 16 A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 16; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 33 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 16 123.60 FEET TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING 60 FEET WESTERLY OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 16; THENCE SOUTH 05 DEGREES 52 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THAT PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 4944 AT PAGE 723 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK AT JACKSON HINDS COUNTY MISSISSIPPI A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF AFORESAID (ILLEGIBLE) . CONTINUE SOUTH 05 DEGREES 52 MINUTES WEST AND CONTINUE ALONG SAID WEST LINE 19.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 79 DEGREES 48 MINUTES WEST ALONG A LINE BEING 6 FEET NORTHERLY OF PARALLEL WITH A STRUCTURE A DISTANCE OF 90.8; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 34.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.2 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

4326 COUNCIL CIRCLE

PART OF LOT 15, BLOCK D, CHEROKEE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK AT JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN PLAT BOOK 3 AT PAGE 48 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS, TO-WIT:

BEGINNING AT A FOUND IRON PIN, MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF AFORESAID LOT 15 AND RUN NORTH 07 DEGREES 27 MINUTES EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 15 AND RUN NORTH 07 DEGREES 27 MINUTES EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 15 AND THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF NORTH STATE STREET A DISTANCE OF 46.1 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID EAST LINE RUN SOUTH 85 DEGREES 15 MINUTES EAST 34.5 FEET TO A POINT 6 FEET NORTHERLY OF AN EXISTING STRUCTURE; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 48 MINUTES EAST 6 FEET NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL WITH SAID STRUCTURE 90.8 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 05 DEGREES 52 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THAT PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 4944 AT PAGE 723 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK AT JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI A DISTANCE OF 49.65 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF AFORESAID LOT 15; THENCE NORTH 79 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 15 AND THE NORTH LINE OF COUNCIL CIRCLE A DISTANCE OF 126.7 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.143 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 26, 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 OCTOBER 19, 2022.

WITNESS my signature this 29TH day of September 2022.

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

10/6/2022, 10/20/2022

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

CASE NO. HPNC-22-27
LOCATION: 1438 N. STATE (PARCEL 13-2)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN
APPLICANT: WILLIAM S KELLUM III,
REQUEST: TO REPLACE THE EXISTING CLAY TILED ROOF WITH AN APPROVED ALTERNATIVE ROOFING MATERIAL

II. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
ADJOURNMENT

10/20/2022, 10/27/2022

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
FLORENCE WALKER, DECEASED
T.J. WALKER
NO: P2019-135G12
PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued on the 28th day of March 2019 by the Chancery Court for the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Florence Walker, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons and business and governmental entities having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days after the date of first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 17th day of October 2022.

T.J. WALKER, Administrator

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10/20/2022 10/27/2022 11/03/2022

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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 102 SIGNS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 102-30 OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, GOVERNING SIGN REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, Chapter 102 Signs of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, establishes sign regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson finds it necessary to amend rules and regulations relating to signs in order to continue to provide flexibility and clarity in sign regulation rules and procedures;

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development has found that there is a need for an alternative compliance method for sign approvals in existing mixed-use pedestrian-oriented districts that promote quality design and integration of architecture.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 Sec. 102-30 (16) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby added and reads as follows:

(16) Alternative compliance by comprehensive sign plan in Urban Village (UV), Urban town center (UTC), neighborhood mixed-use (NMU-1) pedestrian districts, and community mixed-use (CMU-1) pedestrian districts.

- (a) As an alternative to the above prescribed conditions, a comprehensive sign plan for a proposed or existing development may be approved by the city council.
- (b) The purpose of a comprehensive sign plan is to provide for the establishment of signage criteria that are tailored to a specific development or location, and which may vary from specific ordinance provisions.
- (c) The intent is to provide for flexible sign criteria that promote superior design through architectural integration of the site, buildings and signs.
- (d) A comprehensive sign plan shall include the location, size, height, construction material, color, type of illumination and orientation of all proposed signs either permanent or temporary.
- (e) A comprehensive sign plan containing elements which exceed the permitted height, area and number of signs specified in this ordinance may be approved by the city council only upon a finding that:

- i. The development site contains unique or unusual physical conditions, such as topography, proportion, size or relation to a public street that would limit or restrict normal sign visibility;
- ii. The proposed or existing development exhibits unique characteristics of land use, architectural style, site location, physical scale, historical interest or other distinguishing features that represent a clear variation from conventional development;
- iii. The proposed signage incorporates special design features such as logos, emblems, murals or statuary that are integrated with the building architecture.

(f) The construction and placement of individual signs contained in the approved comprehensive sign plan shall be subject to the issuance of sign permits in accordance with this ordinance and subject to submission of the comprehensive sign plan and the individual signs to the Director of Planning for approval.

(g) A comprehensive sign plan once approved governs the placement of signs on the property it applies to in lieu of the conventional regulations. Signs meeting the specifications approved in the comprehensive sign plan can be issued a permit without returning to council for approval or individual variance.

SECTION 2. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Article be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Article as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, as a whole.

SECTION 3. The preceding amendments and revisions to the Signs Ordinance of the City of Jackson, Chapter 102 Sec. 102-30 the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be published and effective 30 days after passage, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 21-13-11 (1972 as amended).

Council Members Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Banks seconded.

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

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting September 13, 2022 and recorded in Minute Book "6V".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 17th day of October, 2022.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

10/20/2022

LEGAL

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
BY THE
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
APRON LIGHTING ASSESSMENT AT
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 001-23

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is requesting Statement of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a "Statement of Qualifications") to provide engineering and related services (the "Services") to JMAA in connection with Apron Lighting Assessments at JAN JMAA Project No. 001-23 at JAN.

JMAA will receive sealed electronic or printed submissions only. All submissions of Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services will be accepted until Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on (the "Deadline"). RFQ shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows: Email: bids@jmaa.com
By mail or hand delivery:

JMAA's Administrative Office, Suite 300
Main Terminal Building
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208

JMAA will not consider any Statement of Qualifications received after Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Statement of Qualifications ("RFQ") is on file and open for the public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFQ, 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 Mr. Marvin Buckhalter, JMAA, Director of Procurement, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
Attn: Marvin Buckhalter
Director of Procurement
100 International Drive, Suite 300
Jackson, MS 39208
Telephone: (601) 664-3516
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713
Email: mbuckhalter@jmaa.com
or JMAA's website at [https://Procurement|JAN\(jmaa.com\)](https://Procurement|JAN(jmaa.com))
<https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement>.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Video Conference on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. (CST) using the following login information:
Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 959 6802 0095
Passcode: 520966

Attendance at the Pre-Submission Video Conference is not mandatory for all those submitting Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the Services.

After evaluation in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFQ, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent marked first on the list. 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. In that event, JMAA will 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 reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all Statement of Qualifications, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services, and (2) waive any and all informalities and irregularities in the selection process.

JMAA has established a DBE contract goal of 0.00% for the Services solicited by this RFQ.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2022

John Means, (Acting) Chief Operations Officer

10/20/2022, 10/27/2022

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, November 01, 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:

75077-110122 Twenty-Four Month Supply of #610 Limestone

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.central-bidding.com, bids are also available at www.centralbidding.com or for assist call 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)960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, and Jackson, Mississippi.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any bid submitted. Bid awards will be made to the lowest and best bidder quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications. The award could be according to the lowest cost per item; or to the lowest total cost for all items; or to accept all or part of any proposal. Delivery time may be considered when evaluating the bid proposal. In those cases where it is known prior to advertising that the City's intention is to award according to the lowest total cost for all items, or in some variation thereof, statements to this 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, Purchasing Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1028

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MVSU “Slam Dunks” new outdoor basketball court

By LaTunya Evans
Communications Specialist
MVSU Newswire

On Tuesday, October 4, 2022, Mississippi Valley State University celebrated the completion of the new outdoors basketball pavilion with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

MVSU faculty, staff and students were in attendance to view the unveiling of the new basketball court, another one of the school’s available options for everyone on and off campus to become physically active.

Dr. Jerryl Briggs, the President of Mississippi Valley State University, shared his thoughts on how much of a great addition he believes the outdoor basketball pavilion is to the campus.

“This is just another great opportunity; our students have been asking for this for a while. To finally see this happen is another tremendous step forward for the university to have another option for recreation,” said Briggs. Engagement is significant for our students and the rest of the campus community,” he added.

According to AmericasHealthRankings.org, Missis-



issippi is ranked number one as the most obese and unhealthiest state in the United States of America.

Developing severe health conditions such as hypertension, Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, sleep apnea, breathing problems, some cancers, and many others are linked to obesity in adults, according to AmericasHealthRankings.

org.

MVSU is dedicated to keeping students and employees healthy physically and mentally; therefore, creating recreational spaces on campus for the community to utilize and enjoy is significant for the university.

The students of MVSU are also excited about the outdoor basketball pavilion.

Keyjuan Meeks, the SGA

president for MVSU, said, “I feel like it is a good addition to the campus because it gives students the chance to walk outside to play ball. Normally, we would use the old gym to play, but now we can come right outside. This may open the door for more students to get out of their dorm, and get involved with student activities,” added Meeks.

JPS honors top readers and parents at the Summer Reading Kickback celebration



Jackson Public Schools Newswire

Jackson Public Schools recognized its top readers at the 2022 Summer Reading Kickback celebration October 6 at the JPS Environmental Learning Center.

Scholars from across the district, their families and JPS staff gathered to accept awards, participate in interactive activities, fellowship over food, and dance at the silent headphone party sponsored by the United Way of the Capital Area.

The following scholars and parents were honored for their academic achievements during the event:

Top Readers – Elementary
Alaina Hatcher, 3rd grade – Casey Elementary (73 books);
De’Niyah Parker, 4th grade – Obama Magnet Elementary (100 books)

Top Reader – Middle
De’Nahri Middleton, 6th grade – Northwest IB Middle (35 books)

Top Reader – High
De’Nahjae Trimble, 9th grade – Wingfield High (25 books)

Top Schools – Most Books Read
Obama Magnet Elementary, McWillie Elementary, Northwest IB Middle

Parents of top readers:
Decembra Middleton, parent of De’Niyah Parker, 4th grade – Obama Magnet Elementary; De’Nahri Middleton, 6th grade – Northwest IB Middle; De’Nahjae Trimble, 9th grade – Wingfield High

LaQuita Hatcher and Aytiti Hatcher, parents of Alaina Hatcher, 3rd grade – Casey Elementary

During the summer months, all scholars are required to read three books and complete a log or summary for each book. Scholars in grades PreK-3 must read the required summer reading book, select two additional titles from a list of ten, and complete a log or summary of each book read during the summer.

Scholars in grades 4-12 must read the required summer reading book, select two read by choice or preference from a list of categories of books from any source, and complete a log or summary of each book read during the summer.

After completing a minimum of three books, scholars are encouraged to continue reading and writing their logs or summaries. Summer reading is fun and helps students grow academically.

Scholars who read and write logs/summaries on more than three books will earn additional incentives such as the Summer Reading Kickback celebration.

“We’re so thankful that so many of our young people have taken on this challenge and that you as parents and others from their village are helping us to promote reading,” said JPS Superintendent Errick L. Greene. “Our accomplishments on this accountability system and our C rating, we know was largely because of the partnerships we have with you. We’re looking forward to continuing our rise as a school district, continuing to see our young people live out their purpose and to really drive their success.”

College Hill donates sanitizing items



The Mississippi Link
Newswire

The College Ministry of the College Hill Baptist Church donated sanitizing items to the High School on October 2. Bridgett Shelton, Dagny Anderson, and the rest of the ministry team expressed appreciation to the members.

The ministry is led by Deaconess Dagny Higginbotham and includes two other members as well as all the graduates that are members of the College Hill Baptist Church.



Bottom Row (l-r) Charence Higgins, Kentavius Spann, Top Row (l-r) Alicia Wells, Ethan Goode, Kayla Day, Instructor Bridgett Shelton Dogan, Anejia Mann, Gabrielle Love and Miciah Bailey



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Two institutions that are more than conquerors unite in fellowship

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"Thee I Love" proudly rolls off the tongues of students and alumni of Jackson State University regardless of the gathering, but these words served a dual meaning for congregants attending JSU Day at College Hill M. B. Church Sunday, October 16, 2022. Church members, visitors and JSU guests exclaimed the same sentiment of "Thee, I Love" the Lord and JSU!

The regular 10 a.m. worship experience served as the official kick-off event in preparation for the university's 2022 Homecoming activities. With events scheduled throughout the week, the culmination is the Homecoming football game between JSU and Campbell University Saturday, October 22, at 2 p.m. at Mississippi Veteran's Memorial Stadium in Jackson.

As a prelude to the annual celebration, College Hill opened its doors to the university's community for praise and worship. Following opening remarks from the church's pastor, Rev. Chauncy L. Jordan, Sr., the choir, led by Calandra Davis; saluted all attendees through song. Charence Higgins, Miss Jackson State University 2015 - 2016 and a life-long College Hill member, served as the program's mistress of ceremonies. Members of the church's College Ministry led the program for the day and university repre-



(L to R) College Hill Pastor Chauncy Jordan Sr and wife LaShanda Jordan, PhD; Phylandria Hudson and JSU President Thomas Hudson, PhD



(L to R) Pastor Jordan, LaShanda Jordan, Mr. JSU Joshua Edwards, SGA President Madison Cathey, JSU President Hudson, JSU V.P. for Student Affairs Fran'Cee Brown-McClure, PhD and JSU V.P. of Enrollment Josiah Sanders, PhD

sentatives offered greetings.

Salutations from the school were delivered by Joshua Edwards, Mr. Jackson State University; Madison Cathey, Student Government Association president; and Dr. Thomas K. Hudson, president of Jackson State University.

Rev. Jordan's sermon, taken from Romans 8: 31-39, highlighted verse 37, which reads:

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Rev. Jordan shared with the congregation that a lot of times, we can lose control of situations, but God is in control of all things.

As the pastor encouraged everyone to read Romans 8 in its entirety, he emphasized that in God's "sovereign wisdom and power, He knows what's going

on. We can always depend on God. We are more than conquerors through Christ, our Lord. Reading this verse can help us to better understand what is going on in our lives/with our journeys."

At the end of his message, Pastor Jordan presented Hudson a monetary gift of support for the university.

College Hill and JSU have

been united in fellowship since the church's inception. The College Hill legacy began in then Robinson Hall on Rose and Pascagoula Streets in Jackson. Jackson College, now Jackson State University (Thee I Love), donated land to College Hill and the two executed their purpose of learning academically and spiritually through scholastic knowledge and the practice of

religious theory.

Both institutions have changed leadership several times since their union began more than a century ago, but their partnership of service and fellowship has stood the test of time because they are "more than conquerors." They are true believers in "Thee, I Love"; either academically and spiritually or both.

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