



Regular Season Perfection

By Tim Ward
Mississippi Link Sports Writer

First time in school history, 11 & 0 overall record. Second consecutive 8 & 0 record in the SWAC. Back to Back Eastern division SWAC champions. Hosting SWAC championship game in consecutive years. JSU is the first team since Alcorn, in 1984, to go undefeated and untied in the SWAC.

There are so many things can be said about the magical season for Jackson State University. The team has just been dominate. Some games, the offense could do no wrong and scored at will. In other games, the offense got off to slow starts, but managed to score enough to win the game. The defense has been lights out all season. The Darkside Defense was allowing an average of 9.8 points per game heading into the game with Alcorn last Saturday.

Alcorn became the 10th team this season to score 14 points or less. With their spot in the championship game already solidified, JSU could've taken the approach of resting players to prevent injury. That was not the case. JSU came out to finish the regular season strong.

Alcorn State started the game with still a slim chance of making it to the championship game. They needed losses by Prairie View, Southern and Texas Southern and to win against Jackson State. It started well, Prairie View lost to Valley and Texas Southern lost to Alabama A&M. Alcorn came out aggressive. Their defense was making a statement.

Early in the second quarter, running back Jarveon Howard scored on a two yard, giving Alcorn a 7 to 3 lead. JSU was able to rally to take a 17-7 lead at the halftime. Alcorn kept the game close; was only trailing 17-13 early in the 4th quarter. With 11:26 left in the game, JSU



Coach Fred McNair kept the game close; was only trailing 17-13 early in the 4th quarter. PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON



Deion Sanders coached JSU to a perfect regular season. PHOTO BY TIM WARD



Travis Hunter is a finalist for the Jerry Rice Award this season. PHOTO BY TIM WARD



Shedeur Sanders won the Jerry Rice Award last season. PHOTO BY TIM WARD

would score to take a 24-13 lead. 24-13 ended up being the final score, Alcorn concluded their

season 5-6 overall with a 4-4 SWAC record. Alcorn State head coach Fred McNair and Jackson

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Guns for Grants



Jarvis Jones and Ashley Bell of The Ripple Effects PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER YOUNG

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

When I heard Ashley Bell, on WMPR-90.1 last week talking about Guns for Grants, it really caught my ear. After getting hold of her, she agreed to meet at *The Mississippi Link* office for an interview so that our readers could learn more about this initiative, along with co-organizer Jarvis Jones.

While working together at Sonic Drive-In over the course of a few years they spent many days talking about change but neither had any idea that they were laying the foundation for the change they spoke so vehemently about.

Under the guidance and tutelage of Sherri Jones the two formed a non-profit, The Ripple Effects, striving to make an impact in our young people's lives – intervening, creating opportunities and incentivizing productive behavior.

Recently, they have begun a partnership with the Guns for Grants program operating in Brooklyn, New York, and are in the early stages of bringing the program to Mississippi.

An alternative to incarceration could become a win-win, saving taxpayers untold thousands of dollars per year, and providing educational scholarships to young people to learn trades and forge productive careers. Guns off the streets coupled with second chances for many who would not otherwise have them, sure sounds like something we desperately need.

In short – if everything is working ideally, a 13–24-year-

old could volunteer to turn-over their illegal gun or ghost gun to the authorities prior to any charges, then enter this program and begin their life anew with a chance to establish a new foundation from which to move forward – leaving the streets behind in their rear-view mirror.

Some might wonder how Bell and Jones connected with Guns for Grants. The founder and CEO of Guns for Grants, Rashid Littlejohn, explains in this email excerpt: “My organization is also a community partner with the Moses West Foundation, where our recent effort was to place an Atmospheric Water Generator in Jackson, Mississippi to assist in the water crisis. During the stay a few of our partners connected with some amazing leaders and we’ve since began exploring the possibility of a G4G program at Jackson State, Tougaloo College and Hinds Community College. We came across your organization and saw a shared mission so hope we can work together.”

Being in the right place at the right time pays dividends – and that would have never happened if The Ripple Effects was not engaged in our community, beating the streets, trying to bring about change. So many are quick to criticize, so few are willing to actually do the work to bring about change. Bell and Jones have unique stories, are wise to our realities in Jackson and Hinds

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World AIDS Day will unmask stigma

Special to The Mississippi Link

World AIDS Day encourages people to unite globally to eliminate the disparities and inequities that create barriers to HIV testing, prevention and access to HIV care. First observed in 1988, World AIDS Day is a day to unite to help end HIV and remember those lost to AIDS-related illnesses.

The World AIDS Day Collaborative of Mississippi presents UnMasking Stigma Thursday, December 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Jackson Medical Mall Center stage, located 350 W Woodrow

Wilson Ave., Jackson, MS. The event will feature speakers, vendors, lunch and door prizes.

Event partners are the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health, CARE4ME Services, Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Care, UMMC, Open Arms Healthcare Center, AETC Southeast, Cryout Teen Org., Grace House Services, and Community Health Center Association of Mississippi.

For more information, contact the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health at 601-982-8467.



Special Jackson City Council meeting with 3 no-shows

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

On Thursday, November 17, Jackson City Council met behind closed doors for nearly two hours, “taking a monumental step towards fixing Jackson’s water crisis, voting Thursday to enter into what essentially is a precursor to a consent decree with the EPA. The City Council vote was unanimous (4-0) to enter into an interim stipulated order with the U.S. Government through the EPA concerning violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act as well as Mississippi’s Safe Drinking Water Act,” per Ross Adams at WAPT.

Council Vice President Angelique Lee told reporters “Today is a day that we can celebrate and give some hope and consistency to the residents that we will have safe clean drinking water.” When asked if it is possible that you can achieve in 12-months a problem that has persisted for years, Lee said, “I think with the proper experts on staff and this third-party manager and the EPA heavily involved, we can achieve that more than we ever could have before.”

A confidentiality agreement had to be signed with the interim stipulated order, and when Council President Ashby Foote was asked about it by Adams, he said, “I’m frustrated by it because I’d prefer maximum sunshine on these issues because it’s so relevant to the citizens of Jackson and the businesses of Jackson.” Adams reported that until the U.S. Department of Justice signs off on the deal between the city and the EPA, the agreement won’t be made public.

Doesn’t it seem odd that council members Stokes, Hartley and Banks were not present? In the past they have been referred to as “the trio” when discussing their lock-step opposition to the city moving forward with a new trash collection vendor – and away from Waste Management. Are we here again? At a critical point in negotiations to move us forward toward fixing our water crisis and they were not present for the closed-door discussions or the vote.

Stokes returned my call and indicated that “People can’t wait until the last minute and then spring things on you.

I’m not going to be part of any rubber stamp.”

By press time, messages left with Hartley’s staff, and voicemail left with Banks office have not been returned.

Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba was absent from the meeting due to his attendance at the National League of Cities Conference, held in Kansas City, MO from November 17-19, per Communications Director Melissa Faith Payne. This was their first in-person meeting in the last three years.

There have been so many healthy discussions and other activities getting us to this point:

- On Monday, November 14, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator Michael Regan made his fourth trip to Jackson to discuss the water crisis and 30 community leaders gathered with him at the Jackson State University Student Center.
- On October 24, 800 souls poured into New Hope Baptist Church to discuss the water crisis, including Congressman Bennie Thompson, NAACP President/CEO Derrick Johnson, Di-


rector of NAACP Environmental and Climate Control Abree’ Conor, Jackson Mayor Lumumba and NAACP Jackson Branch President Delois Lee.

- On Monday, September 19, there was a water crisis meeting hosted by NAACP at Cade Chapel, over 200 community members and numerous legislators in attendance.
- On Tuesday, September 13, Jackson Mayor Lumumba hosted a Town Hall at College Hill Missionary Baptist Church focused on the water crisis, approximately 250 residents in attendance.

It’s common to see Jackson council members Angelique Lee, Ward 2, and Brian C. Grizzell, Ward 4, at these meetings, as well as Hinds County Board of Supervisors President Credell Calhoun and Supervisors Vern Gavin and David Archie. It’s much less common to see others, and why is that? Serving the people requires suiting up and showing up. It requires engaging with the community. It requires attending meetings, asking questions and voting in the best interests of your ward and our city.

The gift of national advocacy for our water crisis has helped us to be sure. On September 26, October 10, and again on October 31, the Poor People’s Campaign with Reverend William J. Barber II descended upon Jackson for marches and rallies centered on the water crisis. These rallies always provide an opportunity for those directly impacted by the water crisis to speak their truth. Lots of citizens show up. Plenty of church leaders show up. Mayor Lumumba was there for the kick-off event. Supervisor David Archie has been there, too. Can’t seem to remember others being there. Now, does that make sense to you?

Four of our council members showed up for this critical Special City Council meeting. Three did not. Perhaps there is an agenda involved, perhaps not. Yet what message does it send to President Biden, our Congressman Bennie Thompson and EPA Director Michael Regan, who are obviously trying to prioritize helping us with our water crisis, and we are barely able to muster a quorum of the Jackson City Council?



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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Girl Scouts of Troop 5351 purchased Thanksgiving Dinner for Jacinta Thomas, mother of two, whose home recently burned. They met at College Hill Baptist Church Tuesday and presented dinner, with all the trimmings, to the family. Deacon Lee Collins, who serves as liaison for the troop, stopped by and brought shelled pecans.



(L-R) Lee Collins, Jacinta Thomas (mother whose house burned), Jackie Hampton, troop leader, Mary Fisher, troop leader, Keisha Graham, parent, Karrington Graham and Zoe Nash, members of Troop 5351

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State head coach Deion Sanders embraced after the game.

The number one overall recruit in the nation last season, Travis Hunter, made a huge impact on the game. Hunter would score twice. His first touchdown came in the second quarter when he intercepted Alcorn quarterback Tre Lawrence, and returned it 44 yards. In the fourth quarter, Hunter would make a beautiful catch over an Alcorn defender and drag his foot in the endzone to secure the touchdown. Hunter's stats for the day were, 2 receptions for 49 yards and 4 tackles, 3 pass breakups, 1 interception and 2 touchdowns. Keep in mind, he's a true freshman.

Quarterback Shedeur Sanders completed 18 of 29 passes for 216 yards with 1 touchdown and 1 interception. Sanders' historic season has him listed as a finalist for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame's Conerly Trophy. This award is given to the most outstanding college or university football player in Mississippi. The winner will be announced November 29.

Listed below are the finalist this year for the award.

- Alcorn State University – Jarveon Howard (Running Back)
- Belhaven University – Connor Fordham (Linebacker)
- Delta State University – Patrick Shegog (Quarterback)
- Jackson State University – Shedeur Sanders (Quarterback)

ers (Quarterback)

- Millsaps College – Moise Tezzo (Wide Receiver/Kick Returner)
- Mississippi College – Marcus Williams (Running Back)
- Mississippi State University – Emmanuel Forbes, Jr. (Defensive Back)
- Mississippi Valley State University – Ronnie Thomas (Defensive Lineman)
- University of Mississippi – Quinshon Jenkins (Running Back)
- University of Southern Mississippi – Jason Brownlee (Wide Receiver)

Hunter is also a finalist for the Jerry Rice Award, which goes to the top freshman football player in the state. Sanders won the award last season.

Next for JSU is the SWAC championship game December 3, 2022 in Jackson. Their opponent has yet to be determined. Prairie View currently sits in the top spot. However, Southern University is in the driver seat, but must defeat Grambling in the Bayou Classic this weekend.

Jackson State defeated Southern University 35-0 a couple of weeks ago. A loss would send Prairie View to the championship game. Jackson State did not play Prairie View this season, but if they end up playing Prairie View, it would be a rematch of last season's SWAC championship game.

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County, and passionate about being a conduit for positive change.

Jones provided an example of the program also having a multiplying component: "The young person is more than likely going to have some friends, some people that he is hanging around, and it's going to create a domino effect when he can tell his friend...you know what, I turned my gun in and with this program they paid for me to go to school and now I'm a certified welder." He emphasized, "We have a message for the youth: hope, caring about them, and providing them with structure, guidance, and discipline."

When asked about making inroads with the courts, Bell stated, "I'm pretty sure we are going to have resources and we can go to the judge and say this kid signed up for this, we have a four-year contingency plan and if the plan is not followed there will be repercussions, but if the plan is followed – just like an analogy of getting a DUI, if you go to the 30-day class and fulfill the requirements, then you will be able to move forward with your life – right now there are no opportunities for these kids, they are young and they make mistakes, you can't come back from it, you are deemed bad and now you are in the system."

The program is in its infancy now and Bell and Jones acknowledge it's an uphill battle, but they are not going to give up on these young people. Down the road, I hope we can do a follow-up and report to our readers that through the efforts of The Ripple Effects, that guns are coming off the streets and young people are moving forward in purposeful lives.

You can catch The Ripple Effects radio show on WMPR – 90.1 Saturday mornings, 9-10 a.m. You can also reach out to them with questions, feedback or support via AandJTheRippleEffects@gmail.com.



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The Magnificent 8: A premier celebration for the premier chapter

PHOTOS BY ANITA YOUNG

By Gretchen McGruder
Guest Writer

The members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter, held their Annual Charter Day Celebration Saturday, October 15, 2022, at Jackson's newest development, City Plaza 2460 Terry Road. The chapter celebrated 84 years of service to the Jackson Community.

If you have ever been to a movie premiere, you have had a glimpse of how this event unfolded. Upon entry, you were immediately captured by the grandeur of a royal blue carpet as you made your way through the crowd to the event. Additionally, you could not miss the eight stars that created a path to the simulated theatre depicting the eight charter members who would grace the big screen shortly. Set within the décor of a film debut, guests were drawn to a bigger-than-life attraction -Now Showing: The Magnificent 8.

Executively produced and directed by Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter members, the production of The Magnificent 8 gave a narrative account and notable events that led to the birth of the first graduate Zeta Chapter in the State of Mississippi, Alpha Delta Zeta. The Magnifi-



cent 8 featured the eight charter members (Mollye Young Sims, Jennie O. Johnson, Helen Allen Cooper, Mable Roseman Sims, Julia Stutts Polk, Frances Alexander, Birdie Graves Winters and Estelle G. Young) and their life events leading to and beyond the chartering of Alpha Delta Zeta October 14, 1938, at 723 Rose Street in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members and guests were dressed in their sassy and jazzy attire in an array of colors as they sat down to an appetizing brunch. Dr. Cynthia Bell guided the members and guests through the day's premiere feature. She invited members and guests to browse the Zeta Museum of memorabilia while

they anxiously awaited the premiere production of The Magnificent 8. Bell also asked members and guests to leave personal expressions after viewing the production.

Judge E. Faye Peterson, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter president, greeted members and guests, thanked them for their support, and emphasized the importance of remembering and celebrating the 84 years Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter, has served the Metro Jackson community as well as being poised to serve another 84 years.

The Magnificent 8 Planning Committee for this event is to be commended.



Lanier High School National Alumni Association (LHSNAA) honors Silver and Gold Life Time members



Gold Life members: (seated l-r) Romana Alexander, Nancy Gines, Annie Archie; Standing (l-r) Sam Burns, Marvin Bingham, Albert Allen and Albert Leason

PHOTOS BY VALERIA BRADLEY

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The Lanier High School National Alumni Association had a special pinning ceremony Nov. 13 at the Jackson Medical Mall at 4 p.m. honoring lifetime 'Silver and Gold' members.

The Association is a non-profit 501 © 3 organization established in 1998, with a mission to support and increase the success of all students academically, economically and socially. They have a

total of 1,625 members which includes 57 life time members.

Alvin Thomas, chairman of the board, stated that the organization has already met with the principal, Dr. Valeria Bradley, to learn of ways they can assist in student tutorials in order to improve the state accountability rating for Lanier High School.

He stated, "We have prepared a framework for student mentorships and etiquette and daily living skills to support social and

emotional well-being and positive experiences."

Thomas stated they are working on another initiative that includes strengthening mental health support for students through the wellness clinic.

"We are also collaborating on ways that we can directly support the improvement of average daily attendance as we know this is the best way to improve the school's academic standing," said Thomas.



Silver Life members: (seated l-r) Julia Harmon, Rolean Brinson, Kinta Lewis (accepting for Abdul Beyah), Barbara Parker, Johnnie Mae Waples and Beverly Williams.(standing l-r) Lee Bernard (accepted for Alfreda Jackson), Leon Bracey, Betty McQuarter, Gwendolyn Washington, Inez Cole, J.C. Wilson Jr. and Melvin Butler



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House Democrats request review of local water utilities

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

Amid an investigation into the water crisis in Mississippi’s capital city, two congressional Democrats are requesting a review of the federal government’s efforts to maintain local water utilities.

In a letter to Comptroller General Gene Dodaro Friday, Reps. Bennie Thompson of Mississippi and Carolyn Maloney of New York asked for the Government Accountability Office to study efforts by federal agencies to identify wastewater utilities vulnerable to shut down from disasters.

The request is the latest development in 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.

“The Jackson water crisis was a disaster waiting to happen, and it will not be resolved unless we address the confluence of climate change and generational disinvestment in majority-black cities,” Thompson and Maloney wrote.

Jackson has struggled with water problems for decades.

Most of the city lost running water for several days after heavy rainfall exacerbated problems at the city’s main water treatment plant in late August. When that happened, Jackson had already been under a boil-water advisory for a month because health inspectors had found cloudy water that could make people ill.

Thompson’s district includes most of Jackson, and he chairs the Homeland Security Committee. Maloney chairs the Oversight and Reform Committee. They requested the study evaluate how the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security are ensuring that water utilities around the country provide clean water.

Maloney and Thompson said the study would help identify where investment might be needed to improve struggling water systems before they fall into disrepair. Over \$600 billion is needed for water infrastructure improvements over the next 20 years, according to the EPA.

In addition to identifying vulnerable water utilities, Thompson and Maloney want information about how EPA and DHS prioritize certain utilities to receive assistance from their fund-

ing programs and whether these programs incorporate racial equity. The pair of Democrats are set to lose their chairmanships after House Republicans reclaim the majority in the next Congress. Maloney will leave Congress after losing in a Democratic primary election this year.

Adam Comis, a staffer for the Homeland Security Committee, told The Associated Press that he couldn’t speak to whether Republicans support continuing the investigation. But the investigation could still continue with Democrats in the minority, he said.

On Thursday, the Jackson City Council voted to approve a proposed order with the EPA for how the federal government will work with the city to fix its water system. The order will be made public after it is approved by the Department of Justice, which will take about seven business days, according to city officials.

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Kick off the holiday season at A Very Merry Night at the Mississippi Children’s Museum

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM) Partners to host a new family fundraising event, A Very Merry Night, Saturday, Nov. 19 from 6-9 p.m.

A Very Merry Night is the premiere holiday event, which will take place on the opening night of MCM’s popular Journey to the North Pole holiday exhibit in Jackson. This magical evening will give families early access to photos with Santa, first access to the 45-foot Snowflake Slide and Reindeer Rink. In addition to delicious food and adult beverages, this night will feature a hot cocoa bar, live DJ and festive STEAM programming.

Tickets for A Very Merry Night are \$25 and host tickets are available for \$250. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door (<https://one.bidpal.net/averymerrynight22>).

Journey to the North Pole transforms MCM’s Gertrude C. Ford Exhibition Hall into a magical winter wonderland of snowy skies, glittering holiday decorations, and invitations for memorable family holiday experiences. Just inside the front door, guests will find our enchanting 45-foot Snowflake Slide, cascading over the central staircase, always a favorite for children (and their adults!) Guests must

be 36” or taller to ride down. Also nearby, children will find decorations to build a life-size gingerbread house.

An exciting return for everyone is the child-favorite Reindeer Rink for sock skating (children must bring socks for this experience).

Journey to the North Pole will be open to the public Nov. 20-Jan. 8 and is included with MCM general admission.

A Very Merry Night is sponsored by Entergy, BCBS Mississippi, Caterpillar (Puckett), Butler Snow, Jones Walker, Community Bank, St. Andrew’s Episcopal School, Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, Paula and Randy James, Mississippi Center for Advanced Medicine, Shonda Yates, Miller Lumber Sales, Eagle Express Federal Credit Union, Empower Children’s Clinic, Cathy and George May, The Sam E. and Burnice C. Wittel Foundation and Nell Knox.

Learn More:
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About the Mississippi Children’s Museum

The Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission of creating unparal-

leled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning in all children.

The 53,000-square foot museum is designed around five primary initiatives, with correlating exhibits, programs, and outreach efforts. These initiatives include: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners.

In response to community needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCM shifted operating and programming priorities to best serve Mississippi’s children and combat learning loss through facilitating virtual schooling and creating online educational enrichment – services that continue today through a robust, daily after-school program and an online platform for teacher professional development.

In 2021, MCM celebrated a monumental year by receiving an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the nation’s highest honor for museums, and through opening its first satellite museum, MCM-Meridian, which received the 2021 Governor’s Award for Travel Attraction of the Year.

To learn more about MCM visit www.mschildrensmuseum.org.

Lawsuit: Mississippi abortion ban might not be valid yet

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

A group of anti-abortion doctors in Mississippi, where state leaders led the charge to overturn Roe v. Wade, say the validity of the state’s law banning most abortions remains uncertain and that further legal action is needed to clarify it and protect them from possible punishment by medical institutions.

The Mississippi Justice Institute makes the claim in a lawsuit it filed Monday on behalf of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists against the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and its executive director, Dr. Kenneth Cleveland.

The lawsuit argues that when the U.S. Supreme Court issued its ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, the case that stripped away women’s constitutional protections for abortion, it did not resolve a gray area in state law surrounding abortion rights. Attorneys for the doctors cited a 1998 Mississippi Supreme Court opinion called Pro-Choice Mississippi v. Fordice that holds that abortion is a right protected by the Mississippi Constitution.

“After Roe was overturned, Mississippi enacted a ban on elective abortions, but the validity of that law is uncertain, given the Mississippi Supreme Court’s opinion in Fordice,” reads a Mississippi Justice Institute news release. “As of today, elective abortions in Mississippi appear to be both statutorily illegal and constitutionally protected at the same time.”

Some Mississippi doctors who oppose abortion say the legal uncertainty has placed them in a “Catch-22.” They argue that medical institutions and board certification authorities have issued guidelines suggesting that it is “unethical, and potentially punishable by the government, for physicians who oppose elective abortion to refuse to provide or refer patients” to other doctors for lawful elective abortions. The question of whether elective abortions are “lawful”

is unresolved and depends on whether the Mississippi Supreme Court’s opinion in Fordice is still valid, according to the doctors’ attorneys.

Dr. Donna Harrison, the CEO of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, said that institutions such as the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Medical Association have “continuously sought to violate the conscience rights of pro-life physicians by forcing them to provide or refer patients for elective abortions.”

The organizations did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Cleveland, the head of the medical licensing board, couldn’t immediately be reached.

“Rather than focusing on their missions of upholding medical standards, professional medical organizations have sought for years to advocate for pro-abortion political positions,” Harrison told The Associated Press. “We hope to finally put an end to those intimidation tactics and allow medical professionals to care for and defend the life of all human beings in Mississippi, regardless of their age or their location.”

In Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, the Mississippi attorney general’s office argued that the 1998 state supreme court ruling that abortion is a constitutionally protected right relied on the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision that was overturned June 24.

In a last-ditch attempt to keep the clinic open, attorneys for the Jackson Women’s Health Organization made a request to block the state’s trigger law from taking effect. They cited Fordice, arguing that the state constitution invokes a right to privacy that “includes an implied right to choose whether or not to have an abortion.” On July 5, a state court judge rejected their request.

Two days later, Mississippi’s trigger law banning most abortions took effect. The clinic for-

mally dropped all its litigation efforts a day after clinic owner Diane Derzis told the AP that she sold the facility and had no intention to reopen it, even if a state court allowed her to do so.

Rob McDuff, an attorney for Mississippi Center of Justice, represented the Jackson clinic in a number of cases, including the Dobbs case. Reached for comment Monday shortly after the lawsuit was filed, he said he was weighing legal options.

“We are going to review this new lawsuit and consider whether it is appropriate for us to seek to intervene,” McDuff said.

The trigger law, passed in 2007, says abortion is legal only if the pregnant woman’s life is in danger or if a pregnancy is caused by a rape reported to law enforcement. It does not have an exception for pregnancies caused by incest. But the validity is uncertain because the Mississippi Supreme Court has not had the opportunity to overrule the 1998 Fordice decision, according to the Mississippi Justice Institute.

A spokesperson for Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch said the office is reviewing the suit but does not comment on active litigation.

Aaron Rice, executive director of the Mississippi Justice Institute, said this case is the final leg of the anti-abortion movement’s legal march toward securing its ban on the procedure. He expects the case will be decided by the Mississippi Supreme Court.

“We intend to finish the job and protect the right to life in the state that took down Roe v. Wade,” Rice said.

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Slain football players remembered as funny, sweet, ambitious



This combo of undated image provided by University of Virginia Athletics shows NCAA college football players, from left, Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis Jr. and D'Sean Perry. The three Virginia football players were killed in a shooting, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, in Charlottesville, Va., while returning from a class trip to see a play. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA ATHLETICS VIA AP

By Hank Kurz Jr. and Ben Finley
Associated Press

They were three college football players working through changes in their sports careers. Off the field, they were funny, sweet and ambitious.

Lavel Davis Jr., aspired to be the country's best wide receiver after overcoming a season-ending injury. Gentle but passionate, the 6-foot-7 sports star set the standard among teammates for preparing for a game — even when the coaches weren't around.

D'Sean Perry shifted seamlessly from linebacker to defensive end when the coaches asked. He was probably among the most interesting players on the roster, an art major who could draw and listened to classical music.

Devin Chandler transferred in from Wisconsin, where the wide receiver returned a total of four kicks, three against Notre Dame. At Virginia, his sense of humor helped teammates push through the monotony of training. He loved to dance.

The three University of Virginia juniors were returning from a class trip Sunday when authorities say they were killed by a fellow student and former football player.

Two other students were wounded, including another football player, Mike Hollins, who remained hospitalized Wednesday. The other student left the hospital Tuesday.

Lavel Davis Jr.

Even for a football player, Davis was big, towering over teammates and defenders alike. His size helped make him a freshman sensation for the Cavaliers.

A 90-yard touchdown reception — fingertip catch — against Abilene Christian was the highlight of his first season. By the time it was over, the soft-spoken kid from Dorchester, South Carolina, had established himself as a gamebreaker.

A torn ACL derailed his sophomore season — Davis watched from the sideline — but he returned this year with great expectations. They were realized in the very first game. Trailing Richmond 7-0, he caught a 56-yard pass that tied the score.

“He wanted to be recognized as the best receiver in the nation,” said Herman Moore, who developed a friendship with Davis as an alumnimmentor.

Davis's major was undecided. And he had aspirations to play in the NFL, Moore said. But he was also thinking about life beyond sports, perhaps in business.

“He was very ambitious — as a student,” Moore said.

American studies professor Jack Hamilton, who had Davis in class, offered a similar impression.

“He made a point to come up and shake my hand and told me I should call him Vel,” Hamilton tweeted.

“One thing that struck me about Vel was how much his classmates liked him and vice versa,” Hamilton wrote. “In my experience, star athletes often tend to hang out with other athletes (understandable, given the time commitment). But Vel seemed to go out of his way to make friends with non-athletes.”

D'Sean Perry

Perry was the son of a prison guard and a mail carrier who had earned a full scholarship to the University of Virginia. He had plans to work toward a master's degree and continue playing football.

“When anyone met D'Sean, the first thing they would see is this gentle giant with this humility, this absolute humility for an incredible athlete, incredible student,” said attorney Michael Haggard, whose son played with Perry at Gulliver Prep in suburban Miami.

That humility was on display in September when coaches at Virginia asked Perry to move from linebacker to defensive end.

Perry told *The Daily Progress* that it was “no problem at all”

(B)oth positions I'm very comfortable with and I'm just trying to help the team win,” he said.

Perry appeared in seven games this year and made seven tackles.

Zoe Tran, a friend and classmate, told WUSA9 that Perry was extremely sweet and much more than a football player.

“He was an amazing studio artist. He loved anime, loved to cook and was one of the most loyal people” Tran told the station.

Earl Sims, who coached Perry at Gulliver Prep, told reporters in Florida Wednesday, that “D'Sean was a beautiful soul.”

Sims read aloud an essay Perry composed for an English class at Gulliver, with Perry writing that he had “an epiphany” while working with some middle school football players. One told Perry he wanted to be just like him.

“I realize that it is just not about me in the sense of what I want to do, but the people that helped me get to where I am right now and those ones who look up to me until this day,” Perry wrote.

He also noted: “All I want to do is make my family and the city I am from proud.”

Devin Chandler

Chandler was a wide receiver from Huntersville, North Carolina. He recently transferred from Wisconsin, where his accomplishments included a 59-yard kickoff return and 18-yard rush in the Duke's Mayo Bowl against Wake Forest in 2020.

Jim Leonhard, the University of Wisconsin's interim head football coach, tweeted that Chandler's personality “was infectious and he was a joy to be around.”

At Virginia, he was “the life of the

party” — someone who kept everyone on the team entertained in places like the weight room, said Tony Elliott, his coach.

“He just was a big kid. Smiled all the time. Loved to dance. Loved to sing. Loved to compete, even though the guys revealed that he wasn't very good at video games, but he thought he was,” Elliott told reporters Tuesday, laughing. “But he loved to compete.”

Ethan Johnson recalled how he spent a season playing with Chandler on their high school football team, with Johnson covering Chandler as a cornerback during practice. This past summer, the young men worked out together at their alma mater.

“And he was there telling me how much of a difference he saw in me. How much I had grown. How I had improved as a player,” said Johnson, who is now a freshman cornerback at Appalachian State. “That was the type of guy he was. He was always trying to lift people up.”

Hamilton, the American studies professor, recalled how Chandler transferred from Wisconsin and “made a point to come to my office hours repeatedly, often just to ask questions about how things worked around UVA.”

The professor later helped Chandler to declare his major in American studies.

“He was an unbelievably nice person, always a huge smile, really gregarious and funny,” Hamilton wrote. “One of those people who's just impossible not to like.”

Mike Hollins

Hollins, a running back on the team who was shot in the back, was showing signs of improvement Tuesday after a second surgery.

Hollins was removed from a ventilator and was able to visit with family and friends in his hospital room, said Joe Gipson, the chief operating officer of a law firm in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where Hollins' mother, Brenda Hollins, works.

She told The Associated Press on Monday that, “Mike is a fighter — and he's showing it.

“We have great doctors who have been working with him. And most importantly, we have God's grace and God's hands on him,” she said.

Elliott, his coach at Virginia, said Hollins “has a big personality.”

“I think he's a young man that is fully invested in this institution, this program,” Elliott said. “He is a guy that I've seen really start to kind of come into his own from a leadership standpoint.”

In a statement released Wednesday, Brenda Hollins said the Chandler, Perry and Davis families “have not left our prayers since Sunday night.”

“Our hearts are broken for you, and we will continue to hold Devin, D'Sean and Lavel in our hearts,” she said.

Rep. Karen Bass proclaimed first black female mayor of Los Angeles

By Stacy M. Brown
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When Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif.) announced her candidacy for mayor of Los Angeles last year, she knew the race wouldn't be easy.

But the former Congressional Black Caucus Chair also believed that her beloved city faced a crisis, and that others that had (or were likely to) declare their candidacy, probably wouldn't live up to the challenge.

“I've spent my entire life bringing groups of people together in coalitions to solve complex problems and produce concrete change — especially in times of crisis,” Bass declared in September 2021.

“Los Angeles is my home. With my whole heart, I'm ready. Let's do this — together.”

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, more than a week after voting closed in the City of Angels, Bass was declared the winner in a tight race that pitted her against billionaire developer Rick Caruso.

With her victory, Bass will become the first black woman to lead the city during a time when Los Angeles faces an ever-growing homeless crisis and a myriad of other issues left behind by her predecessor Eric Garcetti.

“We are in a fight for the soul of our city,” declared Bass, who counted among those on President Joe Biden's short candidate list for the vice presidency that ultimately went to fellow-CBC alum Kamala Harris.

“We are going to build a new Los Angeles,” she said.

With extensive experience in Congress and as a California Assembly leader, Bass said she understands the fight ahead. After all, she emerged from an intense battle in which her opponent spent more than \$100 million.

Projections had Bass winning more



The Associated Press said Bass enjoyed the advantage of being a lifelong Democrat “in a city where Republicans are almost invisible.” PHOTO: FLICKR, TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 16, 2010

than 53% of the vote to Caruso's 47%.

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Last week, Vice President Harris campaigned in Los Angeles with Bass, and many high-profile Democrats backed her candidacy.

The news service noted that Bass would become the first woman and second black person to hold the job after former Mayor Tom Bradley held the post from 1973 to 1993.

She'll also attempt to cool the figurative fires that have been stoked internally among city leaders, including a racial scandal that's rocked City Council.

Further, the city has more than 40,000 individuals who are homeless, and crime has unnerved even the upper-class areas of Los Angeles.

“Congratulations to our Mayor-Elect,” superstar entertainer and Bass supporter John Legend tweeted.

“Angelenos chose someone who has devoted her life to helping her community become healthier, safer and more just.”

Jeffries makes historic bid to lead House Dems after Pelosi

By Lisa Mascaro and Michelle L. Price
Associated Press

The day after Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced she would step aside, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York announced his own history-making bid Friday to become the first black American to helm a major U.S. political party in Congress as leader of the House Democrats.

The 52-year-old Jeffries gave nod to the “legendary figures” before him, Pelosi and her leadership team, while encouraging his colleagues to embrace this “once-in-a-generation opportunity to further unleash our full potential as a team.”

Jeffries vowed to create an inclusive leadership that draws on all members of the diverse Democratic caucus as the party works back toward majority status in the House after Republicans seized control in the midterm elections.

“The House Democratic Caucus is the most authentic representation of the gorgeous mosaic of the American people,” Jeffries said in a letter to colleagues.

“I write to humbly ask for your support for the position of House Democratic Leader as we once again prepare to meet the moment.”

Pelosi announced Thursday she would relinquish her position after 20 years leading the House Democrats.

It's not just Jeffries, but Rep. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts and Rep. Pete Aguilar of California — who have worked together as a lower-rung leadership team — all swiftly wrote to colleagues with their bids for the first,



Jeffries

second- and third-ranking positions in House Democratic leadership.

The trio has been working in tandem for years, preparing for just this moment, seeking to engineer a smooth transition when Pelosi and the other top two Democrats Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and Democratic Whip James Clyburn of South Carolina step aside.

House Democrats will meet behind closed doors as a caucus in two weeks, after the Thanksgiving holiday, to select their members. So far, Jeffries, Clark and Aguilar have no stated challengers.

Pelosi told reporters she would not be making any endorsements, believing it's better not to “anoint” new leaders but allow them the confidence of rising on their own. But Friday, she heartily backed the potential new leaders.

“With pride, gratitude and confidence in their abilities that I salute Chairman Hakeem Jeffries, Assistant Speaker Katherine Clark and Vice Chairman Pete Aguilar for being ready and willing to assume this awesome responsibility,” Pelosi said in her own statement Friday.

EPA leader listens to water concerns in Mississippi capital

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

EPA Administrator Michael Regan said Tuesday that the agency is still working on a plan to bring long-term improvements to the water system in Mississippi's capital city, which came perilously close to collapsing more than two months ago.

"I am here for the fourth time in one year because I want to hear directly from you," Regan told dozens of business people, elected officials, pastors and others during a meeting at Jackson State University.

Radhika Fox, the EPA assistant administrator for water, joined Regan and Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba for the gathering.

Jackson has struggled with water problems for decades. Most of the city lost running water for several days after heavy rainfall exacerbated problems at the city's main water treatment plant in late August. When that happened, Jackson had already been under a boil-water advisory for a month because health inspectors had found cloudy water that could make people ill.

About 80% of Jackson's 150,000 residents are black, and about a quarter of the population lives in poverty.

The boil-water advisory was lifted in mid-September, but many people remain skeptical about water quality. State Rep. Bo Brown, a Democrat from Jackson, asked Regan Tuesday

whether the EPA can do anything to instill confidence in people that the water is safe to drink.

"You're still hearing people say, 'Well, I'm not so sure,'" Brown said.

Regan said he had spent time with a 98-year-old woman in her Jackson home and she gave him advice: Put aside politics and start working on a solution.

"The mayor and I have talked about this a number of times. We know we have to earn trust," Regan said.

The EPA announced Oct. 20 that it had started investigating whether Mississippi state agencies discriminated against Jackson by refusing to fund improvements for its failing water system. Regan told reporters that he could not give details about that investigation Tuesday.

On Oct. 31, the EPA announced that testing had shown Jackson water is safe to drink. The agency encouraged residents to pay attention to future boil-water advisories. It was not yet certain whether Jackson has too much lead and copper in its water; sampling has been completed and results are expected sometime this month.

Regan's first trip to Jackson as EPA leader was on a "Journey to Justice" tour late last year to bring attention to environmental problems in low-income, mostly minority communities in Gulf Coast states. Three of Regan's trips to Jackson have happened since the

water emergency began in late August.

The Jackson system still faces extensive and costly repairs. The state health department and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency started overseeing operations and repairs at the facility.

Lumumba told reporters after the meeting Tuesday he wants Republican Gov. Tate Reeves to extend the state of emergency for Jackson's water system, which is set to expire next Monday.

Lumumba said during the meeting that water problems disrupt the economy, disrupt schools and universities and affect the quality of life.

"We're prepared to end these cycles of humiliation," Lumumba said.

The Rev. Dwayne K. Pickett Sr., pastor of New Jerusalem Church in Jackson, told the EPA officials that as the Jackson water system is repaired, he wants to see meaningful participation by minority contractors.

Fox said she started her water career in San Francisco and that city made efforts to include minority contractors by, for example, breaking large contracts into smaller ones. She said the EPA is looking at issues of equity in Jackson and other places. She said replacing aging infrastructure should be done in a way that includes "building power and building wealth" for the communities affected.

Rural Mississippi: Building healthier communities for the people who power America

By Dr. Trina N. George
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As we celebrate National Rural Health Day this year, we are reminded that a strong community is rooted in its people. The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to serving those who live in the rural areas of this country, like the small towns and communities right here in Mississippi. At the United States Department of Agriculture, we are hard at work offering the resources to the rural and agricultural communities that feed and fuel our nation and provide the everyday essentials upon which America depends.

As I've traveled across Mississippi, I've seen firsthand the unique challenges people in rural communities, many like the one where I grew up, have in accessing the health resources they need and deserve. These challenges are especially true for people living in our nation's Tribal communities who have been underserved for far too long.

At USDA Rural Development, we are committed to making sure that people, no matter where they live, have access to high-quality and reliable health care services like urgent care, primary care, and dental care. That's why I've been a proud champion of programs like the Emergency Rural Health Care Grants, which was created by President Biden's historic legislative package, the American Rescue Plan Act.

In the last year, this program has helped rural health care organizations across the state purchase supplies, deliver food assistance, renovate health care facilities, and provide people with reliable medical testing and treatment.

For example, in Pike Coun-

ty the Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center was impacted significantly by the COVID-19 pandemic, facing unprecedented staffing shortages, supply chain deficiencies, and patient surges. They were able to use funds from the Emergency Rural Health Care Grant program to assist with reimbursement of lost health-related revenue, which will allow them to continue providing access to essential services and expand capabilities like testing services in the area.

We also know that increasing access to telemedicine and distance learning in rural Mississippi is critical to building healthier and more resilient communities.

People in remote parts of the state often need to travel greater distances to see a health care provider, are less likely to have access to high-speed internet to utilize telehealth services and are more likely to live in an area that has a shortage of doctors, dentists and mental health providers.

Through programs like the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants Program, we are making it easier for people living in rural areas to access health care services remotely.

The Delta Health Center used funding from our Distance Learning and Telemedicine program to provide access to the full range of healthcare services through telemedicine visits with patients throughout the service area from its 10 Hub/End User sites located in Delta Health Center clinics across its five-county service area in the Mississippi Delta. Emphasis will be placed on substance use and behavioral health services, but this funding will also increase effective communication and consultation among providers both internally and externally, while providing learning opportunities for medical residency stu-

dents, improved engagement with faculty in team huddle and improved coordination and communication regarding medical residency clinical rotations.

Health is about much more than medical care. Access to modern, reliable water and wastewater infrastructure is a critical necessity for the health and well-being of every American.

In Mississippi, we continue to work hand-in-hand with our partners and local community leaders to promote a healthy community and environment through our Water and Environmental Programs.

These programs help rural communities obtain the technical assistance and capital financing necessary to develop clean and reliable drinking water and waste disposal systems. Safe drinking water and sanitary waste disposal systems are vital not only to public health, but also to the economic vitality of rural America.

Through these programs, we make sure people, children and families across the state have clean water and safe sewer systems that prevent pollution and runoff.

In Oktibbeha County, the Oktoc Water Association used funding from our Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program to install two new treatment facilities and make necessary improvements to the distribution system that will allow the water to be adequately distributed and install new radio read meters. This investment will ensure local communities have a safe, reliable source of water and avoid cost overages, saving consumers money.

USDA Rural Development is a partner who invests in keeping rural people healthy.

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Dewey A. Handy, OD of Jackson receives MOA's Roger Loose

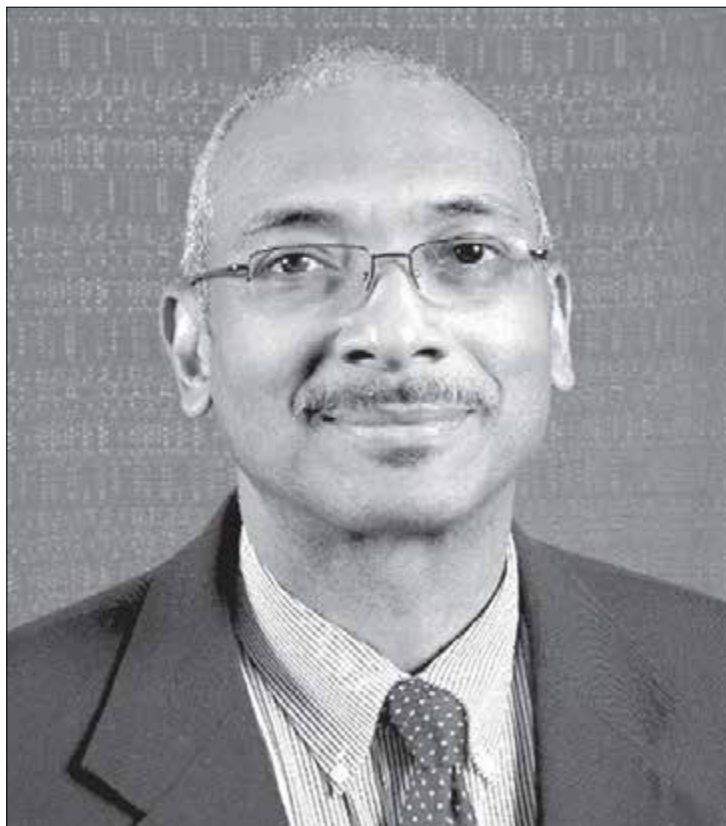
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Dewey A. Handy, OD, of Jackson, has been named the recipient of the Mississippi Optometric Association's (MOA) Roger Loose Award. The MOA's Board of Directors established the award in memory of Dr. Loose's contributions to the profession of optometry. It is given to MOA members who have exhibited a lifetime of service to the organization and provided excellence of care to patients. The award was announced at MOA's Annual Fall Conference.

Dr. Handy has been a leader in optometry in Mississippi and the nation for nearly 45 years. His impact in the community, among his patients, and among future optometrists, is immeasurable. The list of his honors and recognitions, both professionally and in the community, is lengthy and impressive.

His awards include the National Optometric Association's Optometrist of the Year, the Humanitarian Award during Mississippi's Minority Enterprise Development Week, the Silver Beaver and District Award of Merit from the Boy Scouts of America, and Central United Methodist Church's Man of the Year.

After receiving a Bachelors in Chemistry and a Masters in Physics from Jackson State Uni-



Handy

versity he obtained his Doctor of Optometry degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry.

While maintaining a private practice in Jackson, he serves as an adjunct faculty member and preceptor for fourth year optometry students at the Southern College of Optometry.

Young optometrists who work alongside Dr. Handy recount his impact on their professional and

personal lives.

Dr. Eric Johnson, of Meridian, said that externing with him "changed my whole outlook on being a doctor. He replaced my thoughts of making all that money to ones of making a difference."

"His desire is to create an environment where patients leave the office feeling more valuable than when they arrived," said Dr. Jennifer York.

The matriarchs of the holidays can worry less this year

By Paula Penebaker and Josephine McNeal
Special to The Mississippi Link

This is the time of year for grand family gatherings. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and when the aromas of the big turkey dinner have faded, mothers and families will begin preparations for the grand Christmas celebration.

Black moms account for many roles, sometimes therapists, motivators of males in the household, natural textured hair stylists, teachers and more. When it comes to the holidays, they also become professional chefs, family gatherers and entertainers.

No one, especially moms and grandmoms, the great matriarchs of black families far and wide, wants the gaiety of the holiday season to be overshadowed by COVID-19. We've learned so much over the last year and fortunately, more black people have had money to ones of making a difference.

"His desire is to create an environment where patients leave the office feeling more valuable than when they arrived," said Dr. Jennifer York.

People have grown weary of hearing about the virus. The incessant warnings, the issue



of whether to wear/not wear masks, when to isolate, and even the hospitalizations and deaths have taken their toll. The good news this season is some young people may come home for Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks ready to be protectors instead of spreaders.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have joined forces with the We Can Do This Campaign's Stay Well Community Health Fairs on campuses like Grambling State and Texas Southern.

An event is planned Dec. 3 at the SWAC Championship located at Jackson State University. As a result of the events many young people will leave for home to enjoy the holidays having had at least one vaccination. They will be protectors of their

moms, grandmas, aunts and all the other black women that hold half the sky. Dads and granddads will appreciate the protection too.

Every person in the country age 6 months or older – in every community, in every corner of America – is eligible to get vaccinated.

If you think you'd like to be vaccinated before the holidays and enter the New Year having protected yourself and your loved ones from serious illness, visit vaccines.gov.

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P R E S E R V E D

The immortal life of peace

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



The story of Henrietta Lacks, a Virginia mother whose cells have transformed medical research for over 70 years, is both amazing and heart-breaking. Cells taken from her body without her consent during her treatment for cervical cancer at Johns Hopkins University in the 1950s have proven to be the most medically viable cell line.

A 2010 book and 2017 HBO movie about Lacks once again stirred interest in her story and that of the family that she left behind when she died of cervical cancer in 1951.

Her cells have a unique biological makeup that allow them to reproduce and grow indefinitely. This allows them to be more likely to withstand various scientific experiments that look for the cause and possible cures of countless diseases including polio and HIV.

Lacks shows through medi-

cal research what we as Christians know: we are capable of reproducing over time. The question is what are we reproducing? Is it Christ-like compassion or is it fear, negativity and strife? Like the HeLa cells produce indefinitely, we should strive to have a long term and transformative impact on our family, friends and co-workers. Romans 14:19 provides a hint of how this can be done “So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.”

I admit that striving for peace can sometimes be hard but an experience I had recently reminded me that the way of peace is always the best way.

A few years ago, I returned some jewelry to Macy’s. Because it was the busy Christmas holiday sales season, the salesclerks were helping other customers. Rather than huff impatiently, I was surprised by how peaceful I was despite the long wait. The salesclerk who processed the return was friendly and made the usual polite conversation about the

busy holiday season. In the midst of our conversation, I noticed that he had on a yarmulke (skull cap), so I asked him if he was Jewish. He confirmed that he was and then shared how he’d moved to Texas to attend school and learn more about his Hebraic heritage. By the time he finished the transaction, he also shared about his place of worship and invited me to visit sometime. I politely accepted the invitation but didn’t think twice about it until recently when I ran into this same man at an awards ceremony at my job.

All I saw was the man in black yarmulke from a distance congratulating his son on getting an award. “Was that the guy from Macy’s?” I wondered. After all, I asked myself, how many heavy set African-American middle-aged men wear yarmulkes? Figuring it would not hurt to ask if he’d ever worked at Macy’s, I walked over and asked him. With a smile he confirmed that he had. Though our conversation was brief, I walked away thankful that

when we’d met over a year ago that I’d been pleasant. Eventually, his son registered to take my class and turned out to be a creative genius.

Sometimes we think having an impact on people has to involve big gestures. But like the initial small amount of HeLa cells have changed modern medical research, the biggest impact can sometimes be what we reproduce in others through small gestures of peace and compassion. During this season of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to try to reproduce kindness, love, peace and grace in the lives of others.

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The unity of the church

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



We read in Ephesians 4:1-3, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” These truths are revealed explicitly to the Church of the Living God. It is the Word of God that we stand upon, and the Word of God is the final authority when it comes to spiritual matters.

When I speak of the Church of God, I am not talking about a sect, a Protestant Church, a Catholic Church, or any other church but the Church that is in the Bible. I am not talking about a split off or a reject, but I am talking about the body of Christ. These cardinal teachings are necessary and as parents, we need to raise our children in these Bible truths.

The cardinal teachings are the foremost teachings of the

Church of God. These truths are precious, and they belong to the only church mentioned in the Bible, the Church of God.

We cannot have true Bible unity without God’s Holy Spirit. Each individual must have unity with God before he/she can have unity within the body of Christ.


Let us first consider the Day of Pentecost where three thousand souls were saved. In paraphrasing Ephesians 2:1, we all were dead in trespasses and sins, but the power that brought Jesus out of the tomb and raised Him from the dead has also quickened us. Also, paraphrasing Ephesians 2:6, we are raised up together with Him.”

The Bible gives us a record of what happened on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2. The three thousand souls that were saved did not go back to the old life of sin. Those truly saved today do not walk back to the old life either. Something happens to a soul when he/she is saved, and we can read about it in God’s Word.

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Like food, marriages need seasoning too

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
Guest Writer



One of the most important aspects of cooking is utilizing appropriate seasonings for adding flavor to one's dish. Seasoning is what generates flavor and flavor is what defines a dish. Hence, food without seasoning or the wrong type of seasoning (my aunt dared us not to use the word nasty when describing the taste of food) is almost inedible. Nonetheless, many cook foods with no regard for adding or incorporating appropriate seasonings. Meanwhile, we the recipients or our poor pets (my husband as a youngster would sneak and feed his meals like beef liver to his dog under the table – this is not a suggestion...hint) often suffer from eating these disastrous meals.

Like many cooks, many spouses do not consider what seasoning they use to communicate with each other in marriage; consequently, resulting in a recipe for disaster such as negative communication, little to no communication, infidelity, separation and divorce. Furthermore, the impacts of utilizing the wrong seasoning in communication affects marriage, the home, the children, neighborhoods, and ultimately the community.

What type of flavor does the seasoning of your communication bring to your marriage?

Description of Communication Flavors (Flavor food descriptions derived from Imbibe: The Drink Tank Website).

Homework Assignment: You and your spouse should identify the flavors of communication you both bring to your marriage and explain why without utilizing insults, negative tones, etc. – this can be a conversational starter. Or invite me to do a workshop on communication at your churches, organizations, institutions, etc.

Candy-Like – sweet, cooked sugar, cotton candy

Tangy – tart, zesty

Acidic – sharp, tart, sour

Acrid – pungent, sharp, biting, bitter

Caustic – biting, acidic, astringent, stinging

Smokey – woodsmoke, burnt, char

Pungent – sharp, intense, penetrating

Rancid – rotten, spoiled, stale, bad

Delicate – pleasant, mild and mellow

Malt like – sweet and nutty

Deadly – (I would insert a joke here about my sister's cooking, but that probably would be distasteful?)

Were you able to identify the flavor of you and your spouse's communication based on the list above? If so, does your communication promote good or bad flavor in your marriage?

What does God say about communication?

Colossians 4:6 (NIV)

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Let, allow and permit, your conversation to always be filled with grace. Grace in Greek means, benevolence, graciousness, good-will, thanks, favor, gift and benefit, which ultimately means let your conversation be kind. Is grace part of your dialogue exchange with your spouses? Grace in conversation should be kind and giving; even when your spouse's conversation may not be (this can be difficult but with God, it is possible).

Let our conversations be seasoned with salt. Salt is valuable, preserves food, heals wounds, and promotes good health, if too much is not consumed, and it improves sleep. It's amazing to know that our communication in marriage have the potential to aid each other in healthy ways. The scripture doesn't say season your conversation with black pepper, cayenne pepper, etc.... we must season our conversations with salt.

What seasoning do you plan to utilize to communicate with your spouse?

In conclusion, as any good cook, eventually you learn to season with perfection. If you know that you are flavoring your conversation with the wrong seasoning, change your seasoning before it causes you to lose your husband or wife.

First, ask your spouse to forgive you. Secondly, don't focus on what you said in the past – move forward. Third, forgive. Fourth, determine what flavor you want your spouse to experience from your conversation. Five, communicate, communicate and communicate. Lastly, recognize that it will take time to implement the changes you desire in how you communicate with your spouse. Spouses must be intentional in how they season their communication because this can be the major differences between having a happy and healthy marriage, separation or divorce. Like, food, marriages need seasoning too.

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Has Black Friday lost its luster? Depends on whom you ask

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According to a survey conducted in October, nearly 70 percent of consumers plan to skip Black Friday and holiday shopping altogether this year. While some believed retailers manipulated shoppers, a relatively large amount (18%) said they won't shop because of large crowds. Despite the relatively small sample size in the survey, a growing number of shoppers said Black Friday had lost its appeal.

"While Black Friday sales provide a great opportunity for brands to keep customers coming back for more, it also presents noteworthy risks for shoppers around buying too much," said Michael Podolsky, CEO, and co-founder of Pissed-Consumer.com, which conducted the survey.

"Consumers are now savvy with their purchases and how much they spend. That is not just inflation causing the shift in consumer behavior," Podolsky stated. "The survey revealed that 85% of shoppers now rely on online reviews when buying as they intend to avoid general unhappiness with shopping."

Small business growth expert Stephanie Scheller of Grow Disrupt said there's little question that the days of getting excited about the day after Thanksgiving shopping spree have ended.

"While there are still 'doorbusters' at some places that are worth participating in, most places offer great deals online or are starting so early that it's not worth the



fight for Black Friday beyond tradition," Scheller offered.

"I think that the problem with this is that we'll end up diluting the power of the concept, and while overall shopping numbers might be okay, the one-powerful-day for generating sales for the holiday season concept is likely to fade."

According to Adobe Analytics, Black Friday 2021 raked in \$14.04 billion in online sales, with \$8.9 billion spent on Black Friday and \$5.14 billion on Thanksgiving. The spending represented a .63% decrease from 2020 when Black Friday sales raked in \$14.13 billion in online sales.

At the height of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, 100 million consumers shopped online, while in-person Black Friday shopping fell 37 percent from 2019.

"Digitalization has encouraged

the growth of online stores, due to which special deals and offers remain no more exclusive," said Matt Gillman, founder of SMB Compass.

"People prefer online stores more than regular stores, which affects Black Fridays. And this is because of the perks online stores offer at the same costs. So, along with the low prices, we can focus on providing a better shopping environment."

Despite declining sales and enthusiasm from many corners of the nation, some still enjoy the tradition of leaving the dinner table early to stand in the long lines that often accompany Black Friday sales.

"I usually think of shopping as therapy; therefore, I always look forward to Black Friday for the excellent prices," said Sean Harris, managing editor at Family Desti-

nations Guide, which provides information and reviews of resorts, hotels and global destinations.

"Black Friday not only allows me to fill my closet with the newest styles at discount prices, but it also makes it possible for me to find some excellent offers on electronics and books," Harris exclaimed.

"I primarily rely on gadgets to simplify my life as a tech-savvy individual. Therefore, I require everything, from an air purifier to a coffee foaming machine. As a result, Black Friday will never lose its appeal to me because I can obtain incredible electronics discounts online.

"The same is true for books, which are a staple of mine and are available in bulk in specially curated best-seller collections every Black Friday Sale."

Emily Saunders, chief revenue officer for eLuxury, noted that Black Friday always loses its luster during an economic downturn, but she said she's skeptical about whether those declines are permanent.

"Brick-and-mortar retail is fading, but Black Friday still has a strong heartbeat when economic times are good," Saunders asserted. "It recovered with a vengeance once the Great Recession was over, and online shopping had become an established alternative."

"I equate it to network television. Everything aired on major networks is being watched by far fewer people compared to the pre-streaming days, but you'd never know that on Super Bowl Sunday. It still elicits around 100 million viewers each year."

Trouble on college campuses is happening way too often these days

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Going to college has always been the goal for many students when they graduate from high school. They take courses and pass tests in high school which prepare them for what is called the college experience.

Doing homework and writing essays were building blocks for attending college.

Back in the day in my Winston-Salem NC neighborhood, I saw older students leaving for college. In some ways, it served as motivation for younger students like me to follow in their footsteps. We simply wanted to be like them. They were our heroes.

Before ever enrolling in college, my friends and I had already been on a few college campuses. College students looked more serious, and they were certainly carrying more books.

At a young age, my parents told me that I was going to college so the only question was what college I would attend. As my high school graduation approached, I became

more anxious and excited.

In my community, education was valued and thought to be a key for a successful life.

Colleges during my day were lively places to be. I never associated danger and misfortune with them. We went there to learn and to earn a degree. Of course, we gained new friends and participated in all types of student activities.

I was blessed to have been a student-athlete which meant traveling to other cities and college campuses. I had the opportunity to see schools like Rider College in New Jersey and Tuskegee University in Alabama.

During my times in college, I never experienced any gun violence. Guns and other weapons were never a part of my conversations with other students. As a college administrator and teacher, I never had any experiences with students who had firearms.

So here we are now, and things have changed on the higher education landscape. It is both unbelievable and sad to see.

How is it now that we can use guns, killings and colleges in the same sentence? Yet here we are doing so with grief in our hearts

and hurt in our voices.

Field trips use to be fun trips for students and chaperones alike as I have taken many of them over my lifetime. This was not the case for students at the University of Virginia Sunday, November 13. Three UVA football players were killed, and two other UVA students were wounded.

Those losing their lives were Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis Jr. and D'Sean Perry according to reports.

UVA president, James Ryan said, "This is a sad, shocking and tragic day for our UVA community. Let me say how deeply sorry I am for the victims and for their family and friends."

The alleged assailant, Christopher Darnell Jones Jr., faces murder charges and charges of using a handgun in the commission of a felony according to UVA police chief, Timothy Longo Sr.

Jones was arrested approximately 80 miles east of Charlottesville without incident.

As of now, there has not been a motive established, however, Jones was a former UVA football player.

Sadness and hopelessness overwhelm us.

Carla Williams, director of athletics at UVA said, "We lost three talented and bright young men. We will never see what their impact on the world would have been, but we will never forget their impact on us."

She added, "I miss Lavel, D'Sean and Devin. I pray for peace, comfort and hope for their parents and loved ones."

Misery and death also happened to 4 students at the University of Idaho who were living off campus. Reports say they were likely stabbed while asleep. Their bodies were discovered Sunday.

The victims were Ethan Chapin, Kaylee Goncalves, Xana Kernodle and Madison Mogen.

The person responsible for this horrible act is still at large. The police have held 38 interviews.

Latah County Coroner, Cathy Mabbutt told CNN she saw lots of blood on the wall and that the victims had been stabbed multiple times.

College communities are now in the spotlight for the wrong reasons. This trend must not continue because our future leaders need the education that colleges provide.

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To all interested parties, known or unknown,

Pursuant to the MS State Code of 1972, Section 21-39-21, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will sell at Public Auction, the impounded, abandoned, lost, stolen, or misplaced motor vehicles and equipment listed on the attached schedule. Unclaimed motor vehicles and equipment may be sold after the expiration of ninety (90) days from their receipt or recovery by the City of Jackson. The auction will be held at the City's Garage/Impound Lot facility located at 4225-C Michael Avalon Street on Saturday, December 10, 2022 starting at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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| 151 | 41379 | 2021-043518 | 2000 TOYOTA AVALON (WHITE) | 4T1B922K40031944 |
| 152 | 41382 | 2021-043823 | 1993 FORD F150 (GREEN) | 1FTRX1B4287B17110 |
| 153 | 41389 | 2021-044822 | 2001 SUZUKI GV VITARA (GREEN) | J51T021V14176487 |
| 154 | 41396 | 2021-044887 | 2013 CHEVROLET MALIBU (WHITE) | 2G1W652D10127639 |
| 155 | 41401 | 2021-046292 | 1989 FORD TEMPO (BROWN) | 1F6H5E377M100438 |
| 156 | 41403 | 2021-046672 | 2007 CHEVY EQUINOX (WHITE) | 2CNDL63F72607050 |
| 157 | 41408 | 2021-046661 | 2001 HONDA ACCORD (TAN) | 1H6C2P5050415941 |

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| 158 | 41402 | 2021-042086 | 2021 NISSAN MAXIMA (BLACK) | 1M4UJ5AP00 |



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ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL LANDSCAPE AND ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON MISSISSIPPI AND RESPECTIVELY ADOPTED ON AUGUST 14, 1990 AND MAY 29, 1974 WITH SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR AND ESTABLISH MORE EFFECTIVE LANDSCAPING AND ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON.

NOW THEREFORE BIE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MS:

That Section 18 (Sec. 26:451 & 466) for the enforcement and violation of the Landscape Ordinance of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows: Violation by any person of the provisions of this article or failure to comply with any of its requirements, after written notification by the Zoning Administrator, or designee, of the City of the type, nature, and extent of the violation of this Ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, constitute a misdemeanor. Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements within forty-five (45) days after having been duly notified in writing, by certified mail, by the Zoning Administrator, or designee, of the City, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Each day such violation continues shall be considered a new and separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

That Article II, Section 202 for the interpretations and definitions of the Zoning Ordinance of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows: 202.19 Boarding House (Also see Rooming House): A single-family dwelling unit providing living accommodations to six or fewer individuals for monetary or nonmonetary consideration for periods of thirty (30) or more consecutive days. The unit will consist of private bedrooms with communal congregating areas, bathing, laundering, and eating facilities. This definition does not include or any state licensed facility serving six or fewer persons.

202.99 (d) Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facility: A business entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that acquires, grows, cultivates and harvests medical cannabis in an indoor, enclosed, locked and secure area.

202.99 (e) Medical Cannabis Dispensary: An entity licensed and registered with the MDOR that acquires, possesses, stores, transfers, sells, supplies or dispenses medical cannabis, equipment used for medical cannabis, or related supplies and educational materials to cardholders.

202.99 (f) Cannabis Disposal Entity: A business licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that is involved in the commercial disposal or destruction of medical cannabis in an indoor, enclosed, locked and secure area. These entities may also be known as "waste disposal entities.

202.99 (g) Cannabis Research Facility: A research facility at any university or college in this state or an independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health pursuant to the MS Medical Cannabis Act that acquires cannabis from cannabis cultivation facilities and cannabis processing facilities in order to research cannabis, develop best practices for specific medical conditions, develop medicines and provide commercial access for medical use.

202.99 (h) Cannabis Testing Facility: An independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that analyzes the safety and potency of cannabis.

202.125(a) Personal and Commercial Service: a business that engages in the provision of services directly to the consumer at the site of the business or which receives from/returns to the customer goods that have been treated or processed at another location. This use shall include, but shall not be limited to, barber shops, beauty parlors, currency exchanges, domestic pet grooming, financial institutions, interior design studios, laundry and dry cleaning establishments (plant off-premises), martial arts or dance studios, medical cannabis dispensary, commercial package or mailing services (distribution off-site), photography processing, self-service laundries, shoe repair shops, tanning or toning salons, tailoring shops, travel agencies and massage therapists. Any similar service is allowed unless a determination is made by the Zoning Administrator that the use is similar to a separately listed use within this.

202.153 Short-Term Rentals: Residential Units that are leased for thirty (30) or less consecutive days. These units may include converted hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, hotels, single family units, or RV parks.

That Article VI, Section 602.03.3 for uses permitted as Use Permits in the R-1 (Single-family) Residential District is hereby amended to read as follows:

The following uses are permitted as Use Permits provided, they are established in accordance with the procedures and provisions of this Ordinance:

NOTE: Items 1-10 and the Manufactured Housing Requirements B-J and the content language for these items shall remain the same.

11. Manufactured Home when:
- a. The unit is not located in the R-1A & R-3 Residential Districts;

That Article VII, Section 702.04.1(a) for uses which may be permitted as a Use Permit in the C-2 (Limited) Commercial District is hereby amended to read as follows:

NOTE: Items 1-15 and the content language for these items shall remain the same.

The following Use Permits are permitted provided they are established in accordance with the procedures and provisions of this Ordinance.

16. Tattoo Parlors subject to the following regulations:

- a. Submission of Proof of approval from the MS State Department of Health in accordance with the regulations governing the registration of individuals performing body piercings and tattooing;
- b. Annual renewal of Use Permit:
- c. Non- operation shall be between the 11:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.;
- d. Cannot be located within five hundred (500) feet of a kindergarten -12th grade school, church; and
- e. Cannot be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of another tattoo parlor

26. Tobacco Paraphernalia Retail Business when located in a neighborhood shopping center and not in combination with a convenience type grocery store or service station.

That Article VII, Section 702.05.1 for uses which may be permitted in the C-3 (General) Commercial District is hereby amended to read as follows:

NOTE: Items 1-26 and the content language for these items shall remain the same.

27. Tattoo parlors when located a minimum of five hundred (500) feet from a kindergarten –12th grade school, or church and one thousand (1000) feet from another tattoo parlor

That Article VII, Section 702.05.1(a) for uses which may be permitted as a Use Permit in the C-3 (General) Commercial District is hereby amended to read as follows:

NOTE: Items 1-14 and the content language for these items shall remain the same.

15. Extended Stay Hotels
16. Golf Driving Ranges and Pitch-n-putt
17. Gun Shops
18. Liquor Store where part of a neighborhood shopping center and not in combination with a convenience type grocery store or service station.
19. Mobile/Manufactured Home Sales
20. Pawn Shops
21. Recreational Vehicle Park
22. Recycling Center
23. Recycling Collection Points
24. Single-room occupancy hotels (SRO)
25. Tattoo Parlor
26. Title Pledge Office - Any such uses lawfully operating prior to March 11, 1998, shall be treated as non-conforming uses under this Ordinance, and shall be subject to the requirements of Article XIII-A of this Ordinance, entitled "Non-conforming Use of Lands and/or Structures."
27. Tobacco Paraphernalia Retail Business
28. Automobile Sales - Used
- The minimum lot size is twenty-two thousand (22,000) square feet
- All service doors, buildings, structures, inoperable vehicles, outdoor storage and automobile repair uses shall be screened by a solid wall or opaque fence with a minimum height of six feet and no more than ten feet, in addition to any required landscape buffer yard.
- Inoperable vehicles, outdoor storage and automobile repair activities shall be located to the rear or side yard and shall not be

That Article VII, Sections 702.04.2 and 702.05.02 for regulations for tobacco retail business in the C-2 (Limited) and C-3 Limited Commercial Districts are hereby amended to read as follows:

(Item 13 for C-2 & Item 17 for C-3) Use Permits for a tobacco paraphernalia retail business shall be issued to the owner of the store. The Use Permit will not run with the land and the subsequent owners of a tobacco paraphernalia retail business at this location must apply for and receive a new Use Permit. The Use Permit shall be renewed annually. A tobacco paraphernalia business cannot be located within five hundred (500) feet of a kindergarten -12th grade school, church or located within one thousand (1,000) feet of another tobacco paraphernalia business.

That Article VII-A, Section 702.02-A for uses permitted as Use Permits in the NMU-1 (Neighborhood Mixed Use) District, Pedestrian Oriented is hereby amended to read as follows:

The following Use Permits are permitted provided they are established in accordance with the procedures and provisions of this Ordinance.

1. Body Piercing Business
2. Community Recreational Center
3. Service stations when:
- a. The front yard setback is at least fifteen (15) feet; and
- b. The side yard setback is at least fifteen (15) feet on street-facing sides; but
- c. All other regulations of the Article shall apply.
4. Parking garages or Surface Parking Lots, subject to 702.04-A
5. Liquor Store where part of a neighborhood shopping center and not in combination with a convenience type grocery store or service station.
6. Tattoo Parlor

That Article VII-A Sections 702.05-A (14), 703.02.5-A (15), 706.02-A (12) for additional regulations in the Neighborhood and Community Mixed Use Districts, Pedestrian Oriented and Urban Town Center Mixed Use District are hereby amended to read as follows:

The Use Permit will be renewed annually. The hours of non- operation shall be between the 11:00 p.m.– 9:00 a.m. The tattoo parlor cannot be located within five hundred (500) feet of a kindergarten -12th grade school, church or within one thousand (1,000) feet of another tattoo parlor.

That Article VII-A Sections 706.10. (a)-B which lists tattoo parlors as a use which may be permitted as Use Permits in the C80-MU (Mixed) Use Subdistrict is hereby amended to read as follows:

NOTE: Items A & B and the content language for these items shall remain the same.

c. Annual renewal of Use Permit:

d. Non- operation hours shall be between 11:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.

e. Cannot be located within five hundred (500) feet of a kindergarten -12th grade school, church; and

f. Cannot be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of another tattoo parlor

That Article VII-A Sections 706.07.2 -B for uses allowed as Use Permits in the C80-C3 (General) Commercial Subdistrict is hereby amended to read as follows:

- NOTE: Items 1-5 and the content language for these items shall remain the same.
6. Building materials sales where some or all such materials are displayed outdoors.
7. Commercial Communication Tower
8. Commercial recreational and entertainment enterprises in which all or part of the activities are conducted out-of-doors, such as golf driving or putting courses, water amusement parks, drive-in theaters, etc.
9. Extended Stay Hotels
10. Farm stands
11. Gun shops.
12. Heavy construction equipment sales and service.
13. Liquor Store when located in a neighborhood shopping center and not in combination with a convenience type grocery store or service station. In accordance with the 67-1-51 (3) (Permits; distance regulations) Mississippi Code, 1972 Annotated, as amended, no bar selling intoxicating liquor as defined by the Mississippi Code shall be located not less than five hundred (500) feet from any church, school, kindergarten or funeral home
14. Nightclubs and bars as defined by this Ordinance. In accordance with the 67-1-51 (3) (Permits; distance regulations) Mississippi Code, 1972 Annotated, as amended, no bar selling intoxicating liquor as defined by the Mississippi Code shall be located not less than five hundred (500) feet from any church, school, kindergarten or funeral home.
15. Veterinarian clinics and kennels.
16. Veterinary clinics with outside dog runs.

That Article VIII, Section 802.01.1 for uses which may be permitted in the I-1 (Light) Industrial District is hereby amended to read as follows:

- NOTE: Items 1-15 and the content language for these items shall remain the same.
16. Medical Cannabis Disposal Entity
17. Pawn shops
18. Retail Stand
19. Small Cell Wireless Facility (i.e.s)
20. Single-room occupancy hotels (SRO)
21. Title Pledge Office - Any such uses lawfully operating prior to March 11, 1998, shall be treated as non-conforming uses under this Ordinance, and shall be subject to the requirements of Article XIII-A of this Ordinance, entitled "Non-conforming Use of Lands and/or Structures."
22. Tobacco Paraphernalia Retail Business
23. Automobile Sales–Used
24. Used Tire Sales
25. Billboards
26. Bail Bonding business
27. Mobile/Manufactured Home Sales
28. Tattoo Parlors
29. Transient Vendors – Sales from vehicles will be allowed only in the absence of a permanent building. Outdoor display of goods is permitted.

That Article XII-A, Section 1203-A for Site Plan Required of the Zoning Ordinance of Jackson, Mississippi.is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 1203-A Site Plan Required
- A site plan shall be required for the following:
1. Adult entertainment establishments
2. All Uses requiring a Use Permit
3. All development to be located within C-4, Central Business District; Old Capitol Green, OCG; UV, Urban Village District; UTC, Urban Town Center District; NMU-1, Neighborhood Mixed Use, Pedestrian Oriented; CMU-1, Community Mixed Use, Pedestrian Oriented; High Street Overlay District; Fondren/North State St. Overlay District; the Corridor 80 (C80) District, Zoo/West Capital Street Overlay District.
4. Banks with drive-through windows
5. Brewpub
6. Convenience Type Grocery Stores
7. Dairying and animal husbandry on sites of not less than one (1) acre
8. Demolitions and redevelopment within C-1A Districts
9. Developments of five (5) acres or more
10. Distillery
11. Fast food restaurants with drive-through windows
12. Medical Cannabis Related Businesses
13. Modular Commercial Buildings
14. Multi-family development including condominiums
15. Other special cases and projects that may be brought to the Committee's attention by the City Council, the Planning Director, Zoning Administrator, or Planning Board
16. Nightclubs
17. Planned Unit Developments
18. Private Kennels
19. Private Stables
20. Produce Stands
21. Public utilities facilities and structures required to provide essential public services
22. Residential subdivisions or re-subdivisions of property
23. Restaurants
24. Commercial Communications Towers
25. Small Craft Brewery
26. Service Stations
27. Retail Stand
28. Structures in excess of forty-five (45) feet in height
29. Substantial remodeling or additions that affect existing off-street parking; change the land use of the building(s) involved; or increase the square footage of existing non-residential structures fifteen (15) percent or more.
30. Vendor Park

That this Ordinance shall be in force and effect thirty (30) days after passage and after publication of the same by the petitioner.

Council Member Banks moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee and Lindsay.
Nays – None.
Absent – Grizzell, Hartley and 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 Zoning Council Meeting October 17, 2022 and recorded in Minute Book "6W, Pgs. 76-84".

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

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, December 13, 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:

93440-121322 - Licensed Catering Services

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

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

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

Monica Oliver
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1025 or 960-1533

11/17/2022, 11/24/2022

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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
BY THE
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR SERVICES IN
CONNECTION WITH THE PRIME FLIGHT RENOVATION AT SOJAN
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 004-23**

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 Prime Flight Renovation as SoJan JMAA Project No. 004-23 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, January 03, 2023 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@imaa.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://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Video Conference on Thursday, December 08, 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 22.70% for the Services solicited by this RFQ.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

NOVEMBER 16, 2022
John Means, (Acting) Chief Operations Officer

11/24/2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Jackson's Office of Housing and Community Development is accepting Contractor Applications for all City of Jackson's federally funded Housing Rehabilitation, Lead Hazard Control Programs, and Healthy Homes Production Program until 5:00 PM, CDT on Friday, December 16, 2022. Applications are available on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov or by emailing an application request to robbies@jacksonms.gov. The application must be filled out in its entirety and all required documentation must be attached at the time of application submission. The City of Jackson reserves the right to approve and terminate contractors for all Housing Rehabilitation, Lead Hazard Control Programs, and Healthy Homes Production Program at any time. Questions should be directed to:

Valerie Tucker, 601-960-4238 or email vtucker@city.jackson.ms.us; or
Dr. Robbie Smith, 601-960-1156 or email robbies@jacksonms.gov.

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ORDINANCE GRANTING MOLLY WEST & CODY COX A REZONING FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO NMU-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD) MIXED-USE DISTRICT, PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 833 N. JEFFERSON ST. (PARCEL 23-18) TO ALLOW FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE ZONING IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL LAND USES, CASE NO. 4185.

WHEREAS, Molly West & Cody Cox has filed a petition to rezone the property located at 833 N. Jefferson St. (Parcel 23-18), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for consistency with the zoning in the immediate vicinity of the property and to create more opportunities for neighborhood retail land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for consistency with the zoning in the immediate vicinity of the property and to create more opportunities for neighborhood retail land uses; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, October 17, 2022 to consider said change based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on September 8, 2022 and September 22, 2022 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on September 28, 2022, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described property from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for consistency with the zoning in the immediate vicinity of the property and to create more opportunities for neighborhood retail land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous Jackson City Council action.

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

SECTION 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated in Five Acre Lot 7 North, in the City of Jackson, Mississippi and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at

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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, DECEMBER 14, 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-22-33
LOCATION: 1816 ST. ANN ST. (PARCEL 9-80)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN
APPLICANT: LAUREN BRADLEY
REQUEST: REPLACE THE EXISTING RED TILED ROOF OF THE HOUSE WITH A SIMILAR COLORED (TERRRA COTTA) SHINGLES.

CASE NO. HPNC-22-34
LOCATION: 215 N LAMAR ST. (PARCEL 84-13-2)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN
APPLICANT: JOHN TIERRE
REQUEST: TO CONVERT THE EXISTING VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDING INTO A COFFEE SHOP. THE EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW STOREFRONT WINDOW AND DOOR SYSTEM, NEW METAL ROOF SOFIT, AND INTERIOR RENOVATIONS.

II. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

11/24/2022, 12/1/2022

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)
City of Jackson: FY 2021 Housing and Community Development Programs

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS: The City of Jackson receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the following programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME); Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG); and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). HUD requires the City to prepare a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) on accomplishments of each of the programs in relation to needs, goals, strategies, and objectives of the City's Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development Programs.

Notice is hereby given that on November 30, 2022 the City's draft copy of the 2021 CAPER will be available for review and comment on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov. There will be a virtual Public Hearing on November 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to join the virtual public hearing by:

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In addition, the public is invited to make comments and ask questions regarding the City's FY 2021 CAPER starting Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. via email at ohcd@jacksonms.gov. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 15, 2022.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Housing and Community Development, at 601-960-2155.

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The Center for Journalism & Democracy opens at Howard University

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The Center for Journalism & Democracy, a first-of-its-kind academic center committed to strengthening historically informed, pro-democracy journalism, has opened at Howard University.

“More than a year ago, I came to Howard University with a vision to create a space for veteran and budding journalists to hone their craft and respond to our increasingly threatened democracy,” the Center’s founder, Nikole Hannah-Jones, said in a news release. “[on Tuesday, November 15], we officially launched the Center for Journalism & Democracy, and [held] our inaugural Democracy Summit to showcase our philosophy that democracy not only guarantees a free press – it requires one,” Hannah-Jones continued.

“The center aims to be a key resource and national player for investigative journalism. We are an open learning community with a mission to prod the profession to rise to the urgency of the moment.”

According to the release, the day-long democracy summit convened historians, democracy experts and journalists to unpack present and specific threats to American democracy collectively. The panel examined how American media were covering this moment.

They expected to come away with a new vision for protecting democracy. The program included a special message from former President Barack Obama.

It featured Ruth Ben-Ghiat, Anthea Butler, Greg Carr, Tanehisi Coates, Avery Davis-Roberts, Asteed Herndon, Maria



Howard University

Hinojosa, Sherrilyn Ifill, Cassandra Jaramillo, Steven Levitsky, Wesley Lowery, Rachel Orey, Jodi Rave Spotted Bear, Kathy Roberts Forde, Jay Rosen, Jason Stanley, Keeanga-Yamahatta Taylor and more.

“Howard University has a time-honored tradition of protecting and preserving our nation’s democracy by shedding light on the black experience,” Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick, president of Howard University, remarked. “We are home to the nation’s oldest black collegiate newspaper and one of the world’s most sought-after destinations for archival material documenting the black experience. In addition, we are honored to be the home of the Center for Journalism & Democracy.”

Frederick continued: “It is an incredible gift to have Professor Hannah-Jones’ expertise and leadership be a part of our long-standing tradition of black intellectual thought.

“We are proud to see her vision of creating an academic center

that honors and disseminates the traditions of the Black Press come to life. “The curriculum, programming, and resources the center provides will strengthen our commitment to educating the next generation of diverse journalists.”

Officials said the center would create investigative reporting courses and journalism programs at historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

It would support their campus news organizations, provide financial and career support for student journalists, host symposia, train faculty, and launch a visiting professorships program to bring practitioners of investigative reporting into the classrooms of HBCUs. It will work in partnership with the Moorland-Spangarn Research Center on the Black Press Archives Project, which seeks to digitize Howard’s extensive black newspaper archives. It will fund reparations reporting projects as well.

Officials said all center activities would engage in conversation

about and commitment to investigative journalism and to strengthen it in service of democracy, officials asserted. With the center, Howard University becomes one of the few journalism programs nationwide to offer a slate of courses with an investigative focus.

Additionally, the center will work with multiple HBCUs that offer journalism degrees and concentrations.

That list includes Morehouse College, Florida A&M University, North Carolina A&T, North Carolina Central University, Savannah State University and Texas Southern University.

“The vigilance, critical analysis, and clarity of purpose that is required of journalism today ground our aspirations for the Center,” Dr. Kali-Ahset Amen, executive director of the Center for Journalism & Democracy, stated in the release.

“We want to remind people of the power and necessity of courageous journalism. Now is the time.”

Lanier High awarded NEA Foundation Community School Grant



Lanier High School, 833 Maple Street, Jackson, MS

Jackson Public Schools Newswire

Jackson Public Schools was recently awarded a \$66,000 NEA Foundation Grant to support the development of Lanier High School as a Full-Service Community School. The Community Foundation for Mississippi is serving as the fiscal agent for this grant.

Full-Service Community Schools provide comprehensive academic, social, and health services for students, students’ family members, and community members that will improve children’s educational outcomes. These services may include: high-quality early learning programs and services; remedial education, aligned with academic support and other enrichment activities, providing students with a comprehensive academic program; family engagement, including parental involvement, parent leadership, family literacy, and parent education programs; mentoring and other youth development programs; community service and service learning opportunities; programs that provide assistance to students who have been chronically absent, truant, suspended, or expelled; job training and career counseling services; nutrition services and physical activities; primary health and dental care; activities that improve access to and use of social service programs and programs that promote family financial stability; mental health services; and adult education, including instruction of adults in English as a second language.

Since 2020, Lanier High School has been in the planning phase of becoming a Full-Service Community School. OurJPS and Ask for More Jackson serve as core partners for the initiative. Other partners include the Lanier High School National Alumni Association, the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), and Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Partner activities have supported the four pillars of community schools, which are integrated student support, expanded teaching and learning opportunities, family and

community involvement, and engagement and partnership.

In the spring of 2022, Lanier High School hosted a Community School Night Out which included 20 breakout sessions covering a variety of topics such as – suicide prevention, Get2College, ACT prep, SATP, family consumer science, health & wellness, college and career readiness, voter registration, the arts, state testing requirements, and, of course, transforming communities through community schools.

The Lanier Community School team has participated in ongoing online and in-person community school professional development and training provided by the NEA Foundation and Southern Regional Alliance for Community Schools (SRACS), since 2020. Community research conducted by the Our JPS Coalition was presented at the final NEA Foundation 2021-22 convening of the SRACS in May 2022, at the Westin Hotel in Jackson, MS.

In addition, district leadership opportunities; programs that provide assistance to students who have been chronically absent, truant, suspended, or expelled; job training and career counseling services; nutrition services and physical activities; primary health and dental care; activities that improve access to and use of social service programs and programs that promote family financial stability; mental health services; and adult education, including instruction of adults in English as a second language.

To kick off the 2022-2023 school year and encourage family and community involvement, Lanier hosted a Senior Sunrise Brunch which included a full breakfast, back-to-school orientation, and alumni guest speaker Johnathan Minor. Seniors were allowed to invite a guest to attend. Baehut catered the brunch.

Lanier also hosted an enhanced Open House, which included space jumps provided by Dixon Services and catering by BDR Collection.

Fast Track to Capitol Hill internships for African American and Muslim students. December deadline approaching

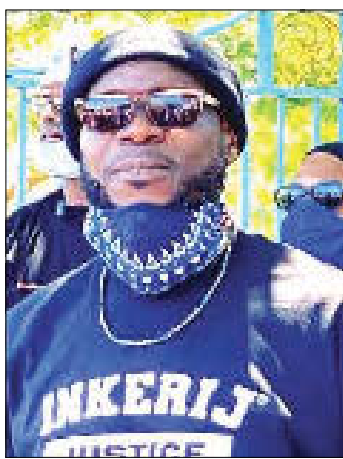
By Ayesha K. Mustafaa
Contributing Writer



Bro. Umar Hakim-Dey from the West Coast is facilitating efforts to identify African American students (Muslims and non-Muslim) to take advantage of an opportunity to intern on Capitol Hill.

Many of us know the sponsoring organization, Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), and its president, Salam Al-Marayati, who has even come to Mississippi to advocate for social justice issues.

This, indeed, is an opportunity that will give our students “front row” seats in preparation to be leaders in American political and



Hakim-Dey

civic service.

Hakim-Dey was featured in *Muslim Journal’s* issue of Jan. 8, 2021. He works closely with Imam Abu Qadir El-Amin in San Francisco, Calif. He is a product of our aspirations that leadership

comes “from us for us (and the world).”

Hakim-Dey’s links below offer this opportunity to undergraduate and graduate level students to take part in these Capitol Hill internships.

With a bit of impetus from us, perhaps we will have a voice (voices) ready to counter whatever comes our way as Muslims, as African American Muslims, as African Americans as the nation’s political climate is deteriorating.

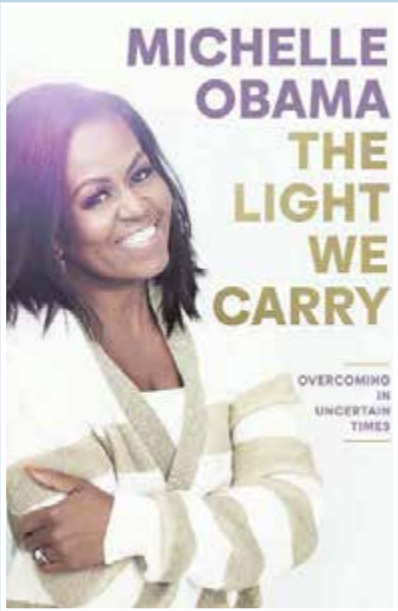
We all know we should not just be sitting on the sideline as helpless bodies, so let’s help Hakim-Dey. He only has till December 2022 to sign up interns who can be representative of our experiences on Capitol Hill.

Here is Hakim-Dey’s direct

appeal: Muslim Public Affairs Council, a national policy organization, is offering college students, undergraduate and graduate levels, an opportunity for internships on Capitol Hill. Especially to those students who have an interest for a career in government, if you find this opportunity interesting, please apply before the December deadline.

This is a good opportunity to learn more about policy making. The Muslim and non-Muslim student can apply at <https://cldp.org>

Also see the YouTube production: Umar chairs the “African American Muslim Insight Council” (AAMIC) for the Muslim Public Affairs Council, YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uePIHTTsKvC>



BOOK REVIEW:

THE LIGHT WE CARRY:
OVERCOMING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

BY MICHELLE OBAMA
C.2022, CROWN
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Your entire life is like a gigantic game of “Chutes and Ladders.” Shake the dice, move two steps ahead, and you hit a ladder that takes you to higher places on the game board. Three more squares, and you hit a chute that sends you back to the bottom. Life and children’s games are alike in this way: as in the new book “The Light We Carry” by Michelle Obama, the only way to win is to keep playing.

Pandemic, recession, political divide, market volatility. For many months, you’ve wondered every morning what fresh chaos you’ll deal with that day. So what keeps you going? How do we overcome feelings of being “wobbly and unsettled”? Michelle Obama says she ponders this “a lot.” She thinks about the things she uses to keep her “balanced and confident... moving forward even during times of high anxiety and stress.” She calls them her “personal toolbox” and she shares them in this book.

Most recently, she says, the pandemic taught her the value of having a hobby to relax into, to let her hands work, “my mind trailing behind.” Her early life taught her the value of seeing the difference between real fear and fear of newness and change, the latter of which is surprisingly easy to overcome. Newness offers us “chances to grow.” “I’ve come to understand,” she says, “that sometimes the big stuff becomes easier to handle when you deliberately put something small alongside it.”

Listen to your body, Obama says, and “pay attention to how you’re feeling.” Collect small boosts, and learn to look at yourself in a more positive way. Love your differences and be kind to yourself because it’s “everything.” Be open to connections with others; cultivate friendships you can count on. “Know your own light,” Obama says, and “Share it with another person.” Be authentic. And finally, she says, “Tell the truth, do your best by others, keep perspective, stay

tough. That’s basically been our recipe for getting by.” Chances are that at some point in the past nearly-three years, you got out of bed one morning and you weren’t even sure why. It’s been a long haul and you’re tired but “The Light We Carry” can get you to the next goal, then the next. At first glance, it doesn’t look like that kind of a book, though. Author Michelle Obama is a true storyteller, and she uses a Show, Not Tell method of writing. Readers are lulled into

an entertaining story of life in the White House, or a gossipy snip of Obama’s married life, or a shared memory from her childhood and BAM! the words seamlessly roll over to an easy, do-able tip to survive in hard times. Nice surprise. Readers will be further glad to know that this isn’t a cheer-leading book. Instead of U-Rah-Rah, it’s U Can Do This, told in a calm, knowing manner. And if that’s what you need in this time of turmoil, let “The Light We Carry” help you back onto the ladder.

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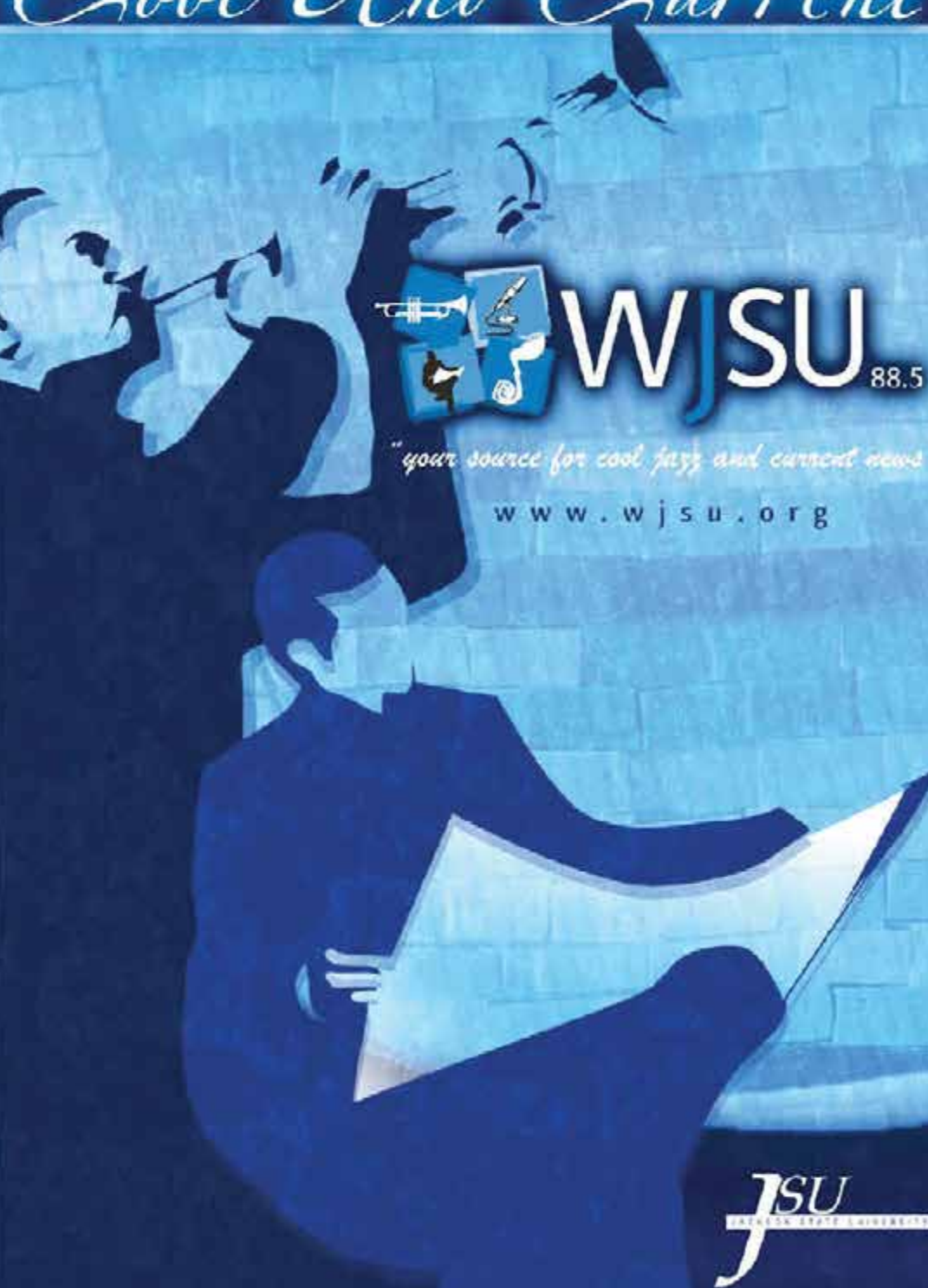
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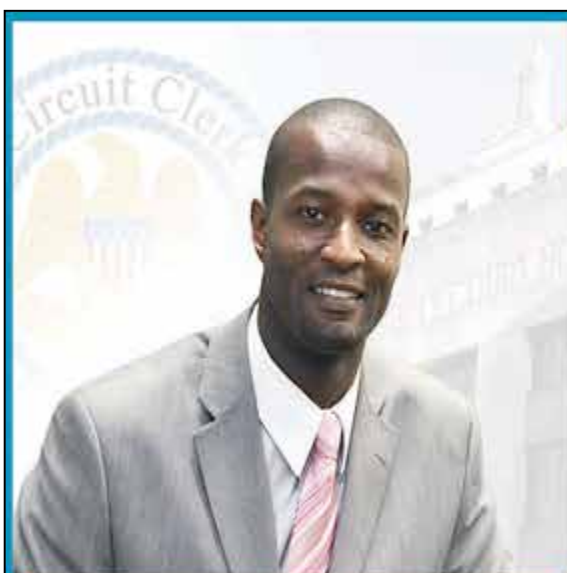
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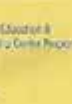
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My name is Ro'Shundra Triplett, and I am a native of Jackson, MS. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education (K-6) from Mississippi College (MC). I am currently earning my Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from MC. This is my first year in education, and it has been a rewarding experience so far. As the year progresses, I am looking forward to more teachable experiences I know I will gain. I have a true passion for working with young children. Helping each child progress in all areas of their development is a challenge that I am honored to accept daily. I strive to create a community of learners that nurtures the growth I aim for in a positive, fun environment.