

# Poor Peoples Campaign arrives yet again in Jackson

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Contributing Writer

Just a stones throw from the Governor’s Mansion, the Poor Peoples Campaign rallied once again for a Moral Monday March, as they promised they would, on Halloween night. Reverend William J. Barber II and Danyelle Holmes, lead organizer for Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition and Mississippi Poor People’s Campaign, carried out the rally with a focus on increasing clergy involvement, young people and citizens directly impacted by the water crisis in Jackson.

The mantra of “Free the Land, Clean the Water, and Keep it Public,” was delivered through call and response over and over by every speaker. Barber said, “On this Halloween, and I don’t even talk about Halloween, I talk about All Saints Day when we remember the saints – we don’t want the tricks, we want the truth. We all know there’re tricks in Mississippi, now it’s time for the truth.”

Barber detailed a trough of national reporting about some of the tricks, including public comments from both Gov. Tate Reeves and Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann that blame Jacksonians for the water crisis. Barber said the governor and Lt. gov. think it’s important that Jackson starts collecting water bill payments before they start asking everybody else to pony up



Marchers approach roundabout leading to rally site near the governor’s mansion. PHOTOS: CHRIS YOUNG

money.

Barber quoted Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba saying, “We were not ill-prepared for winter storms, we were ill-

equipped because we had resources stripped from us for years.”

Barber shifted to a Brennen Institute researcher saying that what’s going on in Jackson is due

to decades and decades, possibly thirty years of deferred maintenance, a lack of capital improve-

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## Mississippi Museum of Art presents exhibits of Jamal Cyrus and Maude Schuyler Clay

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The Mississippi Museum of Art enhanced the perception of art during a media preview of works displayed by Jamal Cyrus and Maude Schuyler Clay Friday, October 28, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Within their works lie meaning, association and energy which flush out historical contexts. From these contexts media personnel discovered the underlying beauty of the creators’ artistic expressions.

Cyrus’s special exhibition, The End of My Beginning, is his first museum survey. Spanning 15 formative years of multidisciplinary practice from 2005 to 2020, over 50 artworks (drawings, prints, paintings, works on both paper and papyrus, as well as sculpture, textiles, installation and performance) the exhibition tour reached its final destination at the Mississippi Museum of Art. Previously, it was on view at the Blaffer Art Museum in Houston



(L-R) Brad Maley, Cadence Bank; Jamal Cyrus, artist; Maude Clay, artist; Betsy Bradley, director; Michael Booker, Cadence Bank. PHOTO BY JANICE NEAL-VINCENT

(the exhibition organizer) and the Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles.

Cyrus uses aesthetic language and an array of materials in the mix of music and record shops to forge vexing contemporary arti-

facts that commemorate and question iconic figures and events.

Artifacts include drum kits, vinyl, conch shells, muslin, wax, papyrus, denim and kente cloth. His imaginary usage of African-American historical moments in

the United States and beyond, allows him to trace movement within the African Diaspora as well as flashpoints in civil rights, popular culture and the performance of

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## Oppression a way of life in Mississippi

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COMMENTARY

Be clear, there is no Mississippi without African Americans. Beginning in slavery, Mississippi was built by black hands – and commerce exploded on their mercilessly tortured backs. And where are we today? Well, the Earth still spins on its axis, change occurs throughout the rest of the world, and yet here in Mississippi there is a fervent clinging to by-gone days – and central to it is the oppression of people who are not European American.

Even with a black population close to 40%, the highest in the entire nation, the mighty resistance to any form of African-American advancement is an easily recognized primacy here.

No longer King Cotton, but today Mississippi is the 3rd highest cotton producer in the country, according to *ms-farmcountry.com*. The August issue of *Scalawag Magazine* says, “In Mississippi, black folks once dominated farming but have lost nearly 70 percent of their acreage, now comprising less than 5,000 farms out of nearly 35,000 across the state.”

Add in that massive white owned farms in the Delta, have been flying in white South African laborers and paying them higher wages than the black farm workers who train them on how to tend the fields. Displacement then occurs, and black farm workers having toiled for their livelihoods for decades find themselves out of a job.

You don’t hear a peep out of Governor Reeves who promised to govern for all of Mississippi. Neither do you hear a word from Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, Genuine Mississippi himself, Andy Gipson. The same Andy Gipson who promises to show up every day during the 11-day-long annual State Fair but can’t be spotted when the Black Rodeo comes to town for a single night.

Alternately vicious, moderate, or even mild – sometimes cloaked, at other times right out in broad daylight, oppression of difference by Mississippi’s white power structure endures. Even as it’s oppression is painfully obvious to the rest of the world, and fortifies Mississippi being and remaining at the bottom in a multitude of ways. Those who claim the mantle of leadership are inescapably leaders of bottomness. Our young and privileged governor is certainly powerful, yet concurrently he is the Chief Executive of

Mississippi’s bottomness.

Mississippi was last among the confederate states to take down the stars and bars. For 125 years black people were forced to live under it. When all the chips were down, still nearly 29% of state representatives and 29% of state senators voted against changing the flag in 2020. They voted against lifting the oppression. Their viewpoint was the only one that mattered – unable to see people of color as full-fledged citizens, brothers and sisters in Christ, and worthy of respect.

In God We Trust is emblazoned on the new state flag – another dollop of incongruence. How exactly do you claim to trust in God yet continuously show partiality to your brother and to the least of these?

The poorest state in the nation where 44% of Mississippi’s annual income is from the federal government – without question a bankrupt state without that generosity. Debted on top of that; annual service on the state debt this year was \$439 million, up \$2 million from 2021. Overall state spending increased in the last year by 3.83% – in a conservatively controlled state.

*healthinsurance.org* says that Mississippi leaves \$2 billion on the table this year by not expanding Medicaid. Therefore, hundreds of thousands of Mississippians go without basic health insurance that would be paid for by the federal government. Their reasoning is clear – the majority of those uninsured are African American and the majority white Christian conservative legislators won’t allow it.

That same form of oppression is applied directly to new mothers who are poor by denying a postpartum extension of Medicaid. Failing to extend mom’s coverage from 60 days to 12 months ends up putting mothers in caskets every year in Mississippi – House Speaker Philip Gunn lets it die on the vine – stone cold racist oppression.

The list of examples goes on and on. Most recently the Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022 cutting income tax, was signed by our governor despite him being vocal about wanting a full elimination. House Bill 531 that drove the tax cut forward had 34 sponsors, 16 of which are on the list of those who voted against

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black political movements. “Jamal Cyrus’s expansive and multi-faceted practice invites us to explore African American identity within the contexts of historical eras and events, black political movements, and the African diaspora. In addition to showcasing aspects of the artist’s singular aesthetic, The End of My Beginning also creates a poignant dialogue with our ongoing exhibition New Symphony of time drawn from the permanent collection,” commented Ryan N. Dennis (MMA Chief Curator and Artistic Director of the Museum’s Center for Art & Public Exchange).

The artist’s makeshift tapestry of people, politics and place has grown increasingly global. Of special interest to Cyrus is the post-colonial legacy of The New World and the creolization, hybridity and amalgamations it spawned between Africa, the Caribbean and the American South to reveal a physical chronicle of histories lost and found. Among highlights of the exhibit are (1) Piece of the Sargasso Sea (2009); (2) Pride Frieze – Jerry White’s Record Shop, Central Avenue, Los Angeles (2005-2017); (3) The End of My Beginning (2005); and (4) Lights from the Garden (2019).

Jamal Cyrus was born in 1973 in Houston, where he currently lives and works. He received a BFA from the University of Houston in 2004 and an MFA from the University of Pennsylvania in 2008. He has received the Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Award, the Joan Mitchell Foundation grant, the Artadia Award, Houston, and a Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship. His work has been featured at Akron Art Museum, Ohio; Brooklyn Museum, New York; Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia; Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago; Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit; New Museum, New York; The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History, among others.

Clay’s Portraits of a Place, is an exhibition of nearly 100 photographic works by her from the early 1980s to the present. It includes intimate family portraits, still-life images of fruit, haunting landscapes and glass plate images taken by Clay’s grandfather, Judge Joseph Albert May, a photo hobbyist who influenced Clay to pursue her career. The agrarian lifestyle of the 1920’s Mississippi Delta is documented with the glass plates shown for the first time in an exhibition.

The images within the display are drawn from Clay’s personal collection of her black-and-white and color photographs. The exhibition was organized by Clay’s long-

time friend, MMA guest curator Phoenix Savage, Associate Professor of Art at Tougaloo College and visiting Professor of Art at Brown University. The coordinating curator is Ryan N. Dennis.

Family portraits are presented in an intimate scale to convey the bond between the artist and her subjects, her husband, children and pets. These portraits reveal Clay’s dual role as mother and chronicler. In documenting her immediate family, she transcends the boundaries domesticity to record quotidian activities.

Clay’s photography traces the disappearance of time within our present. This disappearance informs us of a people, their social placement and their fading vernacular architecture. Several images from Clay’s Highway Memorial series are included, marking both loss and memory of life.

“It is an honor to work with Maude and Ryan to realize this special project [an exhibition of four realms of Maude’s work]. The Delta carries implications of mystery and otherworldliness, but to Maude it is home. These are truly portraits of a place,” said Savage.

Maude Schuyler Clay was born in Greenwood, Miss., in 1953, and attended the University of Mississippi, the Institution Allende in Mexico, and the Memphis Academy of Arts in Tennessee. She began her photography career in Memphis apprenticing with American photographer William Eggleston, a cousin and widely considered the father of modern color photography. In the 1980s, she moved to New York City and worked as a photography editor for Esquire, Fortune, Vanity Fair and other publications. Clay served as photography editor for Oxford American magazine from 1998 to 2002. Winner of the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters photography award on five occasions, Clay resides in her hometown of Sumner, Mississippi, where her family has lived for generations.

The End of My Beginning, an exhibit by Jamal Cyrus and Portraits of a Place exhibit by Maude Schuyler Clay are oases of calm at the Mississippi Museum of Art (380 South Lamar Street, downtown Jackson) until March 5, 2023. The largest art museum in the state, the Mississippi Museum of Art is committed to honesty, equity and inclusion. The Mississippi Museum of Art and its programs are sponsored in part by the City of Jackson and Visit Jackson. Support is also provided in part by funding from the Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency, and in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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changing the state flag.

In a poor state, an indebted state, this becomes another vehicle of oppression because the wealthy benefit the most and the poor suffer the most. So income tax is cut, but grocery tax is alive and well.

We can't live without food. And so it goes in the Hospitality State. We would normally not combine the words hospitality and oppression, but therein lies the contradiction of Mississippi.

Despite past federal investigations always un-

covering the obvious, there is no will to change, only to do the barest minimum of remediation necessary so there is no interruption to federal funding. Yet who do you see screaming from the rooftops about Mississippi's oppressive culture,

attitudes and behavior? Almost no one.

Desolately, until a higher percentage of white Christians, in our predominately white Christian state demand change, oppression will remain a way of life in Mississippi.

## Campaign

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ment to the system, a lack of human capital and a workforce plan that accounts for the challenges to our water treatment facility. Barber shared that many white people left Jackson because of the problems, afraid of crime – that's a trick, because there's still white folks in Jackson, there're black folks in Jackson – how about if we just said there're human beings in Jackson and it really does not matter if they are black or white, they deserve clean water.

Echoing another researcher, the truth is that over the last forty years Jackson's population has shrunk as more of the city's white residents moved to the suburbs, resulting in not as many taxes coming into the city. Then another, a Brookings Metro researcher, an arm of the Brookings Institute, one of the leading research institutions in the country said, "infrastructure is crumbling in a lot of places, not just black places, infrastructure is crumbling in poor white cities, but in Jackson there is a direct link between the loss of revenue from white and middle class flight – and that flight was the result of investments in the 1960's and 70's that led to the building up of the suburbs – folks were paid to leave in order to break the city so that the city couldn't function."

Barber said ultimately they wanted to break the city so the city couldn't function so they could control the airport. "When you control the airport, you control industry – not just in Mississippi but all over the South. It was never intended for a majority black city to own the airport. They built up the suburbs so people would leave and that is immoral," stated Barber.

Barber claimed yet another trick of governors, such as Reeves, is to claim they don't want federal money; that's a trick. He said, "They want all the federal money they can get; they just don't want it to come to Jackson. Mississippi couldn't function without federal money. Republi-

cans talk about cut taxes and make government small – that's just game."

Barber mentioned ESPN reporting about the TANF scandal. "They misspent welfare money of at least \$77 million. They want federal money, but they want it to go where they want it to go, rather than to come to the city, the largest case of fraud in state history.

Text messages reveal they sent \$5 million to the University of Southern Mississippi for a volleyball stadium while people in Jackson are drinking poison water.

"Stop complaining about Jackson – you need to sweep around your own front door, said Barber.

"The governor announced today he is calling a special session of the Legislature for businesses. When is he going to call a special session to fix the water? We are tired of the trick," said Barber.

Barber invited clergy and members of Lanier High School cheerleaders to solemnly walk from the rally stage to the front gate of the Governor's mansion to deliver bottles of cloudy brown water.

Impacted speakers were called to the stage starting with Amandla Abdul-Tawwab, a 7th grader from Bailey APAC Middle School – so young, but such a force. Then Christy Dunaway from the disability community, Pastor Hosea J. Hines of Christ Tabernacle Church, Lorena Quiroz founder of Immigrant Alliance for Justice and Equity, and retired Disciples in Christ pastor Dr. Alvin Jackson spoke.

Barber introduced the biblical theme of putting salt in water and Hines brought it even higher. "We need to shake salt on the water, the politics, and on the people who need to come together. We need to rise up against this spiritual wickedness, said Hines. "It's about us, it's about we, it's not about I and it's not about me," said Hines as he walked away from the podium.



Pastor Hosea Hines leads clergy/young people delivery to Governor's gate.



(L-R) Rukia Lumumba, Reverend Barber and Danyelle Holmes



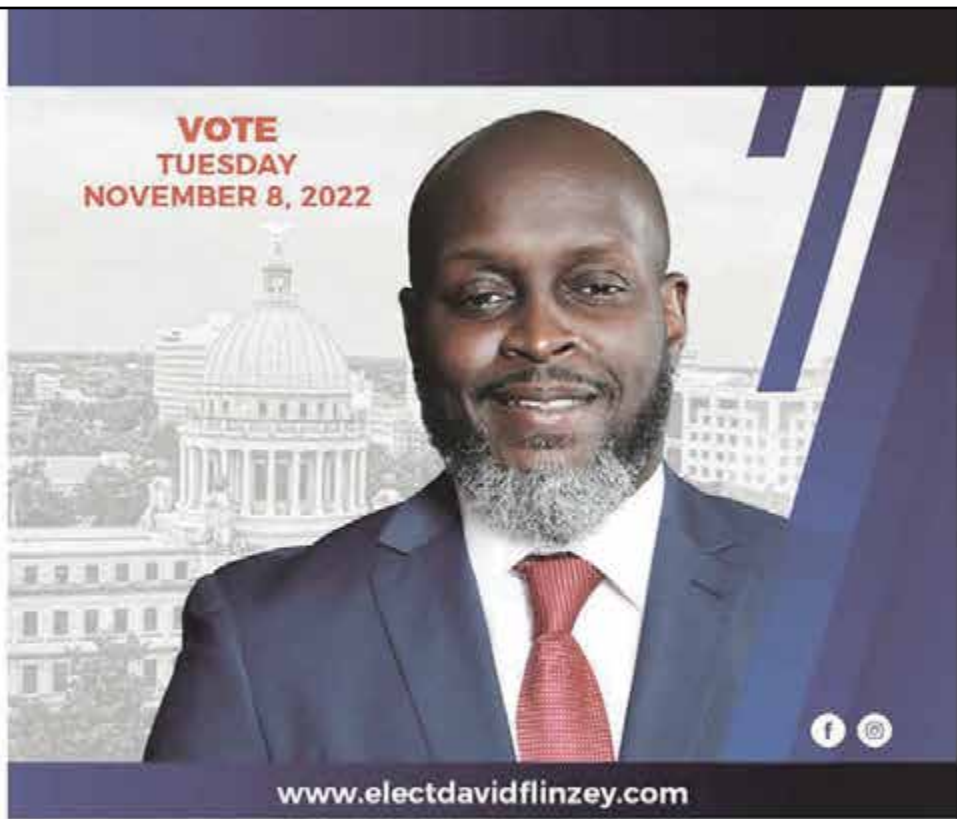
Delivering poisoned water to front gate of Governors Mansion.



Marchers included 35-40 Lanier High School "Bulldogs" cheerleaders.



Front row of marchers approaching roundabout at West & Capitol streets.



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# Jim Hill High School home - coming parade

The Jim Hill High School Tigers of Jackson held their 12th annual homecoming parade on Friday, October 28th. The parade started in front of Isable Elementary School located at 2185 Coach Harris Street. It was held from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. City Councilman of Ward 5, Vernon Hartley served as Grand Marshall.

This year's theme was "Restore the Roar." Students, alumni and members of the community were on hand to enjoy the floats, bands and all the festivities associated with homecoming.

Jim Hill's football team played Forest Hill Friday night and won the game 33-20. The game was played at Forest hill.

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# Voters prioritize criminal justice reform

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

The black vote has never mattered more than it does now. With many political races being so tight, both political parties strategically clamor for even the tiniest fractions of increases from the voting bloc. “Before passage of The Voting Rights Act of 1965, an estimated 23% of eligible African American voters were registered nationwide; by 1969 the number rose to 61%,” per *History.com archives*. This year, the number is at 72% according to *pewresearch.org*.

FWD.us is a 501(c)(4) pro-immigration lobbying group based in the United States that advocates for prison reform, status for undocumented immigrants, particularly for DACA recipients, and higher levels of immigration visas, particularly for H-1B visas for foreign workers in STEM fields. FWD.us is not involved in any way at the state-level with immigration, only criminal justice reform.

In October 2022, FWD.us commissioned a poll by Democratic and Republican pollsters, Benenson Strategy Group and Public Opinion Strategies, that quantified what readers of *The Mississippi Link* know well about views of black voters being misrepresented by opponents of criminal justice reform.

The table below by these pollsters illustrates broad support for policies to lower incarceration rates. Expanding earned time credits, Second Look resentencing, ending pretrial detention for non-violent charges

and the sentencing reform contained in federal legislation known as the EQUAL Act garnered the most support. Data comes from a nationally representative survey of 1,405 likely voters including 352 black voters.

In Mississippi, well, no one will be shocked. Prisonpolicy.org reported in 2021 Mississippi was not only the highest incarcerator in the nation per capita, but the entire world, with 1,031 inmates per 100,000 in population. Blacks are incarcerated at a rate 3.5 times higher than whites.

In a recent piece by Jerry Mitchell at Mississippi Center for Investigative Reporting, he spoke with Cliff Johnson, director of the MacArthur Justice Center at the University of Mississippi School of Law who asked, “Is there a political price to be paid for foolishly sticking with a failed system that’s made us the world capital of mass incarceration? What’s it going to take for Mississippians to realize that the mass incarceration we have carried out for decades has made us less safe, rather than safer?”

Mitchell says that despite a 2014 bipartisan law (HB 585) promising to reduce the prison population and save \$266 million, we have gone from 6 out of 10 eligible for parole being released under Steven Pickett’s chairmanship from 2013-2021, to a 75% rejection rate so far this year with the appointment of a new parole board chairman Jeffrey Belk in 2022.

The Mississippi Parole Board

has five members, all appointed, presently four white and one black.

Racial disparities continue to get worse in Mississippi. Re-thinkms.org reported in 2013 that “the U.S. Department of Justice projects one out of every three black males born today, and one out of every six Latino males will be imprisoned during his lifetime, whereas only one in eleven white males faces a similar fate.” In December 2019, the Vera Institute reported that in Mississippi despite an African American population of 39%, jails were occupied by 57% African Americans and prisons at 62%.

Compounding incarceration rates is that “Mississippi is one of very few states where there is no time limit between the date or arrest and the date of indictment – people could spend an indefinite amount of time in jail without indictment,” Cliff Johnson recently told Mississippi Center for Investigative Reporting writer Zhu Wu.

In reflecting on the priorities that voters expressed in the FWD.us poll, it undergirds comments made to FWD.us by our very own State Senate Minority Leader, Derrick Simmons (D-12), “Black voters have long understood that more arrests and more incarceration will not lead to more safety in our communities. It is the job of all elected officials who hold themselves out as accountable to black voters to listen to black people’s demands for real solutions to advance public safety that includes ending mass incarceration.”

# Supreme Court asked to review Mississippi voting rights case

By Michael Goldberg  
Associated Press/Report for America

A Mississippi legal organization is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review the state’s provision permanently banning people convicted of certain felonies from voting.

The Mississippi Center for Justice is petitioning the Supreme Court two months after the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down its lawsuit challenging voting restrictions set forth in Mississippi’s 1890 state constitution. If successful, the lawsuit could grant voting rights to thousands of people permanently banned from casting ballots as a result of felony convictions.

“At a time when our state and nation are struggling with the vestiges of a history of racism, it is important that the United States Supreme Court step in to address this remaining vestige of the malicious 1890 plan to prevent an entire race of people from voting in Mississippi,” said Rob McDuff, the attorney who brought the lawsuit for the Mississippi Center for Justice.

Section 241 of the Mississippi Constitution strips voting rights from people convicted of 10 felonies, including forgery, arson and bigamy. The state attorney general issued an opinion in 2009 that expanded the list to 22 crimes, including timber

larceny, carjacking, felony-level shoplifting and felony-level bad check writing.

Attorneys who challenged the provision had argued the authors of the state’s Jim Crow-era constitution showed racist intent when they chose which felonies would cause people to lose the right to vote, picking crimes they thought were more likely to be committed by black people.

The lawsuit dates back to 2017. In a news release, MCJ said it filed the suit on behalf of two black men – Roy Harness and Kamal Karriem. Harness is a military veteran who was convicted of forgery in 1986 and Karriem is a former Columbus city council member who was convicted of embezzlement in 2005, the organization said. Both men served their sentences but still cannot vote.

In their August ruling, a majority of 5th circuit judges said the plaintiffs “failed to meet their burden of showing that the current version of Section 241 was motivated by discriminatory intent.”

“In addition, Mississippi has conclusively shown that any taint associated with Section 241 has been cured,” the majority wrote.

Seven judges of the 17-member panel dissented. Judge James Graves – who is black and from

Mississippi – wrote that the majority of the appeals court had upheld “a provision enacted in 1890 that was expressly aimed at preventing black Mississippians from voting” and that the court had done so “by concluding that a virtually all-white electorate and legislature, otherwise engaged in massive and violent resistance to the Civil Rights Movement, ‘cleansed’ that provision in 1968” by adding crimes that were considered to be race-neutral.

In 1950, burglary was removed from the list of crimes that would strip people of voting rights. Murder and rape were added to the list in 1968. Attorneys representing Mississippi argued those changes “cured any discriminatory taint on the original provision.”

Under the state constitution’s original provision, lesser crimes the authors thought were more likely to be committed by black people stripped people of voting rights, while murder and rape did not.

To regain voting rights in Mississippi now, a person convicted of a disenfranchising crime must receive a governor’s pardon or must win permission from two-thirds of the state House and Senate. Legislators in recent years have passed a small number of bills to restore voting rights.

# Emmett Till movie shown in black town pivotal to the story

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
Associated Press

The tiny, all-black town of Mound Bayou became a safe haven for Emmett Till’s mother as she traveled to Mississippi to testify in the murder trial of two white men who lynched her son in 1955.

Hundreds of people – a good portion of Mound Bayou’s 1,500 residents – turned out Thursday evening to watch the movie “Till.” The feature film is going into wide release across the U.S. this weekend after being in limited release since Oct. 14.

“This place, this city, is very sacred to the story of Emmett Till,” one of the filmmakers, Keith Beauchamp, told the mostly black audience in the gymnasium/auditorium of Mound Bayou’s John F. Kennedy High School.

The screening happened days after a bronze statue of Till was unveiled about 50 miles (80.5 kilometers) away in Greenwood, Mississippi.

Beauchamp is one of the producers and writers of “Till,” which largely focuses on Mamie Till-Mobley’s reaction to the loss of her only child and her evolution into a civil rights leader. Her 14-year-old son had traveled from Chicago to Mississippi to visit relatives in August 1955, and white men kidnapped, tortured and killed him after accusations that he flirted with Carolyn Bryant, a white woman working in a country store.

Till-Mobley, who was named Mamie Bradley at the time of her son’s death, insisted on an open-casket funeral in Chicago so the world could see her son’s brutalized body. *Jet* magazine published photos.

An all-white, all-male jury in Tallahatchie County acquitted the shopkeeper’s husband, Roy Bryant, and his half brother J.W. Milam just weeks after Till’s body was pulled from a river.

The two men later confessed in an interview with “*Look*” magazine.

Mound Bayou was founded by formerly enslaved people in the cotton-growing Mississippi Delta in 1887 as a freestanding community where black people could thrive amid the hostility of the Jim Crow era.

NAACP leaders, including Mississippi’s Medgar Evers, coordinated with Dr. T.R.M. Howard, a physician and entrepreneur in Mound Bayou, to provide safety and security for Till’s mother in the town. Mound Bayou also provided shelter for black journalists who were covering the trial 35 miles (56.3 kilometers) away in Sumner.

The lynching of Till galvanized the civil rights movement, and it has reverberated for generations with black parents who tell their children to be careful in a country that has not shaken racism.

One of the Till relatives who attended the screening Thursday was 65-year-old Joe Stidhum, born two years after Till was killed. He said his grandfather and Till’s mother were brother and sister.

Stidhum said his mother was always strict on him and his 10 siblings as they were growing up in Mound Bayou, but “she didn’t tell us her side of it until we got older.” He said he was about 12 or 13 before he learned about Till’s violent death.

“Once we got up into our teens, that’s when my mom kind of explained to us why she was so protective of us,” Stidhum said after the movie.

The closest cinema to Mound Bayou is more than 30 miles (48.3 kilometers) to the south, in Greenville, Mississippi.

Nobody has ever been convicted in Till’s lynching. The U.S. Justice Department has opened multiple investigations starting in 2004 after receiving

inquiries about whether charges could be brought against anyone still living.

The Justice Department reopened an investigation in 2018 after a 2017 book quoted Carolyn Bryant – now remarried and named Carolyn Bryant Donham – saying she lied when she claimed Till grabbed her, whistled and made sexual advances. Relatives have publicly denied Donham, who is in her 80s, recanted her allegations. The department closed that investigation in late 2021 without bringing charges.

Deborah Watts, another cousin of Till and co-founder of the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation, was among the people who found an unserved 1955 arrest warrant for “Mrs. Roy Bryant” earlier this year in a courthouse basement. In August, a Mississippi grand jury found insufficient evidence to indict Donham. Watts said Thursday that she still wants officials to serve the arrest warrant on Donham.

“Justice delayed since 1955 is justice denied,” Watts told The Associated Press. “Without any hate, malice or violence, we want the same thing any victim’s family would want, and that is that those that were responsible be held accountable. No one should be above the law.”

In March, President Joe Biden signed the Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act. After the movie screening, Beauchamp told the audience that he is all for honoring Till’s memory, but he wants more.

“If we’re looking for racial reconciliation in this country, it’s not going to happen with a statue or a law,” Beauchamp said. “We have to have truth and justice.”

Some in the crowd, sitting on blue plastic chairs and bleachers, nodded and said: “Alright. Alright.”

Support for Specific Policies					
% who support each policy change	All Likely Voters	Dems	Inds	Reps	Black Voters
Allowing people in prison to earn additional time off their sentence for following prison rules and participating in rehabilitation programs	81%	84%	82%	76%	81%
Creating a process for judges or prosecutors to review and possibly resentence on a case-by-case basis after a person has served at least 15 years in prison	76%	81%	81%	57%	77%
Ending the practice of keeping people in jail before their trial if they have been charged with a nonviolent offense	75%	80%	78%	59%	77%
Eliminating the sentencing disparity between drug offenses involving crack cocaine and powder cocaine so that the same quantities of the drug trigger the same criminal penalties	72%	77%	74%	54%	73%
Increasing the number of opportunities for people in prison to be considered for release by a parole board	71%	77%	75%	50%	76%
Eliminating mandatory minimums and other sentencing laws that require a long prison sentence rather than allowing judges to determine the appropriate punishment based on the facts of the case	69%	76%	72%	50%	73%
Reducing criminal penalties for possession of illegal drugs and treating drug use as a public health issue	65%	75%	71%	51%	71%
Allowing people who have not yet been convicted of a crime to await their trial at home	63%	72%	61%	55%	66%
Ending the practice of sending people to prison for violating the rules of probation or parole	61%	73%	65%	47%	70%

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## Chavis declares ‘A Luta Continua’ as Black Press is set to honor icon with Lifetime Achievement Award



By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

When the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) removed the interim president and CEO tag from Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. in 2014, then NNPA Board Chair Claves Campbell conveyed to the membership that the civil rights icon possessed the talent and contacts to make an immediate impact.

Campbell, the publisher of the *Arizona Informant*, also highlighted another of Chavis’ intangibles from which black-owned media companies would benefit: energy. Eight years later, and a decade after running the NNPA on an interim basis, Chavis, has continued to display the kind of energy seen primarily in individuals less than half his age.

He’s also led the NNPA, representing the 195-year-old Black Press of America, to financial prosperity when newspapers and media companies universally struggle to keep the doors open.

One of the most recent accomplishments for the Black Press under Chavis is receiving all-access to the White House.

It was Chavis leading a large contingent of Black Press publishers to Charleston, South Carolina during the 2020 primary season where they met with candidate Joe Biden. At the time, Biden trailed mightily in the polls and needed a victory in Dixie to survive. Chavis’ interview with Biden went viral and the former vice president then received a crucial endorsement from Rep. James Clyburn (D-S.C.). He won the primary and his campaign rode the wave all the way to the White House.

He’s also brokered deals with or strengthened partnerships with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation,

GM, Reynolds, AARP, API and many others.

As he traversed the globe – in protective gear – during the pandemic, Chavis, by his actions and deft deal making, often reminded publishers, partners, sponsors, employees and others of the catchy slogan he’s lived by since he was a wide-eyed 14-year-old serving in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference under Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “A luta continua” – or “the struggle continues.”

Because of his dedication and steady hand, the historic all-black woman Board of the NNPA unanimously chose Chavis as the recipient of the NNPA Lifetime Achievement Award. They will present the honor at a special gala during the NNPA’s annual midwinter training conference.

With the theme, “Digital Innovation, Training, and Engagement of the Black Press of America,” the conference convenes Feb. 1 at the brand-new Westin Beach Resort at Frenchmen’s Reef, Estate Bakeroe, in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

“I’ve very honored to be considered by the NNPA for this esteemed award. I do believe that, if anything, my life represents a life of a freedom fighter,” Chavis remarked.

Chavis continued: “We’ve made tremendous progress in the last 100 years, but we still have a lot of progress and freedom to fight for. If I’ve learned anything over my last 75 years, it’s that when you win freedom to any extent, you must fight to preserve that freedom. You must fight to protect that freedom, endow that freedom and sustain that freedom. Thus, I’m not willing to retire from being a freedom fighter. I accept this award as an incentive to keep fighting for freedom for people of African descent, Americans and those worldwide.”

Chavis has a well-documented history.

The leader of the Wilmington 10 political prisoners, Chavis is also renowned for his early fight for environmental justice. In the 1980s, he coined the term “environmental racism.”

Chavis has advised many prominent politicians and entertainers. Hip Hop and business mogul Russell Simmons refers to Chavis as a mentor. A former NAACP president, Chavis organized the Million Man March and co-founded the Hip Hop Summit with Simmons.

A younger generation of admirers are in awe of Chavis’ appearance in the hip hop classic movie drama, “Belly.” He is revered as a civil rights leader and a reverend.

“Dr. Chavis has given meaning to the words of Micah 6:8 in the Bible,” said *San Diego Voice & Viewpoint* publisher John Warren.

Quoting the King James Bible, Warren said of Chavis, “And what does the Lord thy God require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.”

Chavis has served the NNPA and the people of this country with honesty, integrity and selflessness, without looking for awards, recognition or accolades.

NNPA vice chair and *Atlanta Voice* publisher Janis Ware said, “Today, we celebrate a man who leads with heart, love for his God and all people from all walks of life. He is truly a rare human being and will go down in the annals of human history as special and one for the ages.”

The Black Press is appreciative of Chavis’ leadership, wisdom and support.

“One of the greatest pleasures I have had in serving as a member of the Board of Directors of both the NNPA Association and NNPA Fund is having the opportunity to serve under the leadership of Dr. Ben Chavis,” stated NNPA national secretary and *The Mississippi Link* publisher, Jackie Hampton. “I have witnessed first-hand this icon’s kindness, wisdom and ability to stand up for what is right. He always represents the Black Press with dignity and respect.”

NNPA treasurer and *Texas Metro News* publisher Cheryl Smith also praised Chavis for having “led a life of service.” “He is a true servant leader who has his finger on the pulse of our people, our communities and the world,” Smith asserted.

NNPA Fund chairman and *Los Angeles Wave Publications* CEO Pluria Marshall Jr. called Chavis a potent and stabilizing force. “He is a visionary consensus builder and community advocate whose calm and deft communication skills have helped make the Black Press an even stronger media force in America,” Marshall continued:

Chavis noted that those sentiments mean a great deal.

“This award is particularly significant because it comes from my colleagues, fellow publishers, journalists, editors and writers,” Chavis said. “I’m thankful I’ve been able to use my pen as an instrument for freedom. I accept this award on behalf of the Chavis family, a freedom-fighting family fighting for freedom worldwide for over 250 years.”

*For discounted resort rates for the NNPA Midwinter Training Conference in St. Thomas, and for more information, visit [www.nnpa-events.com](http://www.nnpa-events.com).*

## Men exonerated in Malcolm X killing to receive \$36 million



This combination photo shows Muhammad Aziz, a suspect in the slaying of Malcolm X, after his arrest, in NY Feb 26, 1965, (left) and Aziz outside court after his conviction in the killing of Malcolm X was vacated Nov. 18, 2021. AP PHOTO FILE

*The Associated Press*

The city of New York is settling lawsuits filed on behalf of two men who were exonerated last year for the 1965 assassination of Malcolm X, agreeing to pay \$26 million for the wrongful convictions which led to both men spending decades behind bars.

The state of New York will pay an additional \$10 million. David Shanies, an attorney representing the men, confirmed the settlements Sunday.

“Muhammad Aziz, Khalil Islam, and their families suffered because of these unjust convictions for more than 50 years,” said Shanies in an email. “The City recognized the grave injustices done here, and I commend the sincerity and speed with which the Comptroller’s Office and the Corporation Counsel moved to resolve the lawsuits.”

Shanies said the settlements send a message that “police and prosecutorial misconduct cause tremendous damage, and we must remain vigilant to identify and correct injustices.”

Last year, a Manhattan judge dismissed the convictions of Aziz, now 84, and Islam, who died in 2009, after prosecutors said new evidence of witness intimidation and suppression of exculpatory evidence had undermined the case against the men. Then-District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. apologized for law enforcement’s “serious, unacceptable violations of law and the public trust.”

The New York City Law Department, through a spokesperson, said Sunday it “stands by” Vance’s opinion that the men were wrongfully convicted and the financial agreement “brings some measure of justice to individuals who spent decades in prison and bore the stigma of being falsely accused of murdering an iconic figure.”

Shanies said over the next few weeks the settlement documents will be signed and the New York court that handles probate matters will have to approve the settlement for Islam’s estate. The total \$36 million will be divided equally between Aziz and the estate of Islam.

Aziz and Islam, who maintained their innocence from the start in the 1965 killing at Upper Manhattan’s Audubon Ballroom, were paroled in the 1980s.

Malcolm X gained national prominence as the voice of the Nation of Islam, exhorting black people to claim their civil rights “by any means necessary.” His autobiography, written with Alex Haley, remains a classic work of modern American literature.

Near the end of Malcolm X’s life, he split with the Black Muslim organization and, after a trip to Mecca, started speaking about the potential for racial unity. It earned him the ire of some in the Nation of Islam, who saw him as a traitor.

He was shot to death while beginning a speech Feb. 21, 1965. He was 39.

Aziz and Islam, then known as Norman 3X Butler and Thomas 15X Johnson, and a third man were convicted of murder in March 1966. They were sentenced to life in prison.

The third man, Mujahid Abdul Halim – also known as Talmadge Hayer and Thomas Hagan – admitted to shooting Malcolm X but said neither Aziz nor Islam was involved. The two offered alibis, and no physical evidence linked them to the crime. The case hinged on eyewitnesses, although there were inconsistencies in their testimony.

Attorneys for Aziz and Islam said in complaints that both Aziz and Islam were at their homes in the Bronx when Malcolm X was killed. They said Aziz spent 20 years in prison and more than 55 years living with the hardship and indignity attendant to being unjustly branded as a convicted murderer of one of the most important civil rights leaders in history. Islam spent 22 years in prison and died still hoping to clear his name.

## Federal Court halts Biden’s student loan debt forgiveness for now

By Brandon Patterson  
NNPA newswire

A federal appellate judge on October 21 temporarily blocked the Biden Administration from cancelling student debt in response to a lawsuit filed by six conservative states alleging they could be hurt financially by the plan.

The court blocked the plan after the states appealed a lower court’s decision to throw out their suit due to failure to show they would be hurt by it. The court ruling does not prevent the administration from operating the debt forgiveness application or prevent people from applying, the White House said. But no debt can be waived until the court issues a final decision. It is not clear how long the temporary decision will last.

The administration had intended to start cancelling loans as soon as October 23, court records



show, according to USA Today. The plan, announced in August, would cancel \$10,000 in debt for eligible applicants and \$20,000 for Pell Grant recipients.

“Plaintiffs will suffer no irreparable injury from the provision of much-needed relief to millions of Americans, but the public interest would be greatly harmed by its denial,” the Biden Administration said in legal filings, adding that, if the court disagrees, any injunction should only apply to the states

that filed the lawsuit, where about 2.8 million people are eligible for forgiveness, according to USA Today. Those states include Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Carolina.

Conservatives have attacked the debt forgiveness plan as expensive overreach of executive authority since the plan was announced. In this case, the six states argued that the debt forgiveness plan could incentivize student loan borrowers with loans serviced by the states,

which aren’t eligible for debt forgiveness, to swap those loans for federal loans that are eligible, costing the states money, according to USA Today.

The administration, however, says the Department of Education already changed its loan regulations to disallow the swaps, according to USA Today, rendering the issue moot. The states also argue, however, that the administration has no authority to cancel the debt at all. The administration has held that a 2003 law allows the executive branch to reduce or erase student loan debt.

The case is just one of many lawsuits over Biden’s debt cancellation plan. At least six different parties have challenged the plan in court. In most cases, however, the lawsuits have been quickly dismissed, according to USA Today.



# Second hand smoke can cause your teen to lose their hearing

By Vince Faust  
*Tips to Be Fit*

Most of us barely pay attention to background noises like engines, fans or groups of people talking loudly. Most of us have the ability to block out those annoying distractions when we want to. That’s not the case for a large group of teenagers. Their ability to separate two sounds from what they do want to hear has been compromised.

Environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) occurs when nonsmokers breathe in other people’s tobacco smoke. This includes direct smoke, smoke that is drawn through a cigarette mouthpiece, pipe or cigar and then exhaled into the air by smokers and the smoke that comes directly from burning tobacco. ETS contains the same harmful chemicals as the smoke that smokers inhale. Direct smoke is even more dangerous because it is formed at lower temperatures and gives off even larger amounts of some cancer-causing substances.

They found in a recent study at New York University of patients 12 to 19 who had been exposed to secondhand smoke were nearly twice as likely as other teenagers to suffer from irreversible sensorineural hearing loss. (SNHL) This kind of hearing loss is typically found in older adults.

About 80% of the teenagers with SNHL had no idea that their hearing had been affected. Even if the damage is mild, it can impair their ability to function in normal life.



Smoke-exposed teens performed worse over every sound frequency tested. Their scores showed the most impairment on the mid to high frequency levels which are crucial for understanding speech and for pulling any relevant sound out of a conversation. When teens can’t understand what was said in the classroom they are likely to be distracted and may be missed diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or at the very least labeled troublemakers. Their schoolwork always suffers.

All smokers have a 70% greater chance of developing hearing loss. You are twice as likely to

develop hearing loss if you live with a smoker. The greater your daily average of cigarettes, the greater your risk of developing hearing loss.

ETS also affects nonsmokers by causing eye irritation, headaches, nausea and dizziness. Children of parents who smoke are more likely to suffer from pneumonia, bronchitis, ear infections, coughing, wheezing, increased mucus production, and asthma. Several studies have also shown a link between smoking parents and SIDS. Children of smoking parents have a greater chance of dying of SIDS. Now we know that it can cause permanent hearing loss in teenagers.

Everyone in a public place is vulnerable to secondhand exposure but the hearing of teens is almost always affected in an adverse way. Restaurants, shopping centers, the fronts of buildings, walking behind a smoker, groups of smokers taking a smoke break, public transportation subways and platforms, schools and daycare centers are just a few places that nonsmokers are exposed to ETS. Although some businesses are reluctant to ban smoking, there is no credible evidence that going smoke-free is bad for business.

We are also exposed to thirdhand smoke. There have not been any studies on thirdhand

smoke and hearing loss but I would guess that thirdhand smoke will cause the same hearing loss. Thirdhand smoke is a residual chemical that include nicotine left on surfaces by tobacco smokers. We are exposed to these chemicals by touching contaminated surfaces or breathing in the off gassing from these surfaces. This residue can react with common indoor pollutants to create toxic mixes including cancer-causing compounds, which pose a potential health hazard to the smoker, nonsmokers and children.

Thirdhand smoke clings to clothes, furniture, drapes, walls, bedding, carpets, dust, vehicles and other surfaces long after the smoker is gone. The residue from thirdhand smoke builds up on surfaces over time. To remove the residue, hard surfaces, fabrics and upholstery need to be regularly cleaned or laundered.

You can’t eliminate Thirdhand smoke by airing out rooms, opening windows, using fans or air conditioners, or confining smoking to only certain areas of a building.

Children and nonsmoking adults are at risk of tobacco-related health problems when they inhale, swallow or touch substances containing thirdhand smoke. Infants and young children might have increased exposure to thirdhand smoke due to their tendency to mouth objects and touch affected surfaces.

Making your home smoke-

free is the most important thing you can do. All family members will develop health problems related to secondhand smoke if anyone smokes in your house. A smoke-free home protects your family, your guests and even your pets.

**What you can do to reduce the health risks of passive smoking**

**In your home**

Don’t let anyone smoke in your home.

**Where children spend time**

Every organization dealing with children should have a smoking policy that effectively protects children from exposure to ETS. This should include day care providers, pre-schools, schools and other caregivers for your children.

**In the work place**

The only way to protect workers is to prohibit smoking indoors, around entrances to buildings and in common recreational areas. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends that every company have a smoking policy that effectively protects nonsmokers from involuntary ETS. Simply separating smokers and nonsmokers within the same area, such as a cafeteria and indoor and out-door recreational areas, may reduce exposure, but nonsmokers will still be exposed to re-circulated smoke or smoke drifting into nonsmoking areas.

Second-hand smoke is the third leading preventable cause of death nationally.

## Several HBCUs will hold White House acknowledged Stay Well Vaccine Activations, recognizing HBCUs’ positive influence on the black community

Mississippi Link Newswire

According to the CDC, under 50% of African Americans have received their first COVID-19 vaccination shot. Hundreds of Americans are still dying each day from COVID, and hospitalizations have been rising again in some areas, with this number likely to rise this winter.

As a direct response, The We Can Do This Campaign this month announced that it is hosting several vaccine activations at Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) in response to the undeniable impact of COVID on college students nationwide.

The 2022 HBCU Campus Tour will partner with several on-campus and off-campus partners each week. Capturing the community, student population and alumni with messaging, activations and vaccines for each group at each stop. The Stay Well HBCU Tour is scheduled to stop at six HBCU campuses and or events this fall to include two HBCUs in Mississippi, each listed below:

- Gambling State University – November 4th – 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (Homecoming Yard Fest) Favrot Student Union
- Alabama State University – November 12th – 12 noon-3 p.m. (pre-game activity around fan fest) (game starts at 2 p.m.)
- Alcorn State University – November 19th – 12 noon-3 p.m. (pre-game activity end of year tailgate bash) (game starts at 3 p.m.)
- SWAC Championship (Jackson, MS) – Dec 3rd – 12 noon-3 p.m. (pre-game activity around fan fest) (game starts at 3 p.m.)

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- Celebration Bowl (Atlanta, GA) Dec 17th – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (pre-game activity around fan fest (game starts at 1 p.m.)

“The COVID-19 pandemic has changed many things on and across HBCU campuses since 2020. This fall campuses, events and gatherings are just starting to become a norm again. Most HBCU campus responses to the pandemic and vaccinations have been second to none. Stay Well HBCU Tour aims to amplify those efforts across campuses and HBCU communities and campuses we touch,” said Kenneth Washington, HBCU Tour Sports Marketing coordinator.

Brand and university partners include Tennessee State University, Grambling State University, Hampton University, to name a few, and brand partners include Twitter, AT&T, Champion sportswear and more.

Each event will include vaccination drives and rallies and on-site vaccination mobile units.

**About Stay Well Community Health Fairs**

The Stay Well Health Fair and Vaccine events are designed to bring health-related resources to black communities across the country. The We Can Do This campaign partnered with local health agencies and community-based organizations in select cities to continue to educate black communities while working to make vaccine resources more accessible.

For more information, visit <https://staywellcommunityhealthfairs.org/> or stay updated via Facebook and Instagram.

## What those with asthma or COPD need to know about whooping cough

StatePoint

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is an extremely contagious bacterial infection that can lead to severe, sometimes life-threatening health problems, such as exacerbation of chronic medical conditions – including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Fall is one of the times of year that pertussis peaks in North America. Coinciding with COPD Awareness Month in November, it’s a good time to learn about your pertussis risk and that vaccination can help you to stay healthy.

Here’s what to know:

**What are the symptoms of pertussis?** Pertussis usually begins with cold-like symptoms. It’s not until the disease progresses in severity that it can differentiate itself from other respiratory illnesses. After a week or two, a harsh repetitive cough may develop, sometimes accompanied by a “whooping” sound that happens when all the air is gone from your lungs and you inhale as you cough. These coughing spells, which can be so intense they can even break ribs, will often result in loss of bladder control, vomiting and exhaustion, light-headedness and headaches. The lips and areas around the lips may even turn blue due to lack of oxygen.

**When should I see a doctor?** Treatment for pertussis is easily available and highly encouraged. If started early, it can help reduce the severity and duration of illness and reduce the risk of complications. Once a diagnosis is made or suspected exposure has been determined, you should start on antibiotics immediately.

**Who is impacted?** Pertussis is often thought of as a childhood disease, however it also impacts adults. Those with underlying lung disease need to be especially careful, as pertussis can worsen these diseases to the degree that patients may become hospitalized, even fighting for their lives.



How can I stay healthy? According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the best way to protect against pertussis is by getting vaccinated. Childhood immunization reduces the risk of catching pertussis and there’s a vaccine for adults as well.

Unfortunately, only 30% of U.S. adults received a pertussis vaccine in the past 10 years, leaving many people vulnerable. Tdap, which protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis, is covered free-of-charge by most insurance plans. Recommended for people of all ages in the United States, it’s especially important for high-risk adults, such as those with asthma and COPD, and for older adults who will be in contact with babies less than 12 months old.

Talk to your physician to find out if you are up to date on vaccination for pertussis.

**What other prevention measures**

**can I take?** Like many other infectious illnesses, having good health habits can reduce your chances of becoming ill with pertussis. Properly wash your hands with soap and water often, especially if you come into contact with an individual with a respiratory infection. Always cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing and clean your hands afterward. Staying home when you’re sick will help prevent the spread of infectious respiratory diseases.

**I have a chronic lung disease, what else should I know?** While anyone can get pertussis, adults living with asthma are at four times greater risk of infection and complications. For those with COPD, symptoms often worsen after a respiratory infection. Asthma and COPD both cause the airways in your lungs to swell, and pertussis can further increase airway swelling making breathing difficult.

Speak with your healthcare provider to ensure your adult vaccinations are up to date.

For more tools and resources, visit [Lung.org/Pertussis](https://Lung.org/Pertussis).



PART 1

# It all began with Adam and Eve

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



We read in Romans 1:18-19, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.”

Not only does Satan’s deception play a part in man’s separation from God, but the Word of God also shows that there is a willfulness involved in man’s choice of the direction in which he is headed. That is so clear. Men suppress the truth in unrighteousness because what may be known of God is manifest to them.

Satan, in his deception, has been so forceful, his argument has been so “good,” that sincere men will argue against God and fight against God and think

they are doing God’s service. You know what I just said is true because Jesus prophesied that people are going to kill in the name of God and think sincerely, that they are doing God a service. This is how effective Satan has been and is with his deception.

If he has been that effective in deceiving people, can you imagine how wide the gulf is that separates mankind from God? It is so wide that in the parable in Luke 16, it is “impassable.” Sin brought death, and for us to bridge the gap to eternal life is impossible. We are in a horrible state when one looks at it from the evidence that God has on His side.

Do we want to look at it bluntly? We deserve every bit of pain, every bit of torment, every bit of hurt, and every bit of anxiety that might come our way. We have no basis whatsoever for complaining to God that we deserve His forgiveness. God has every right, based on our activities, to do what He

could do but, in His mercy, will not do.

In 2 Peter 3, just in case we think that this attitude has disappeared or has been overcome, let us update this right into our present time. Some may feel that those things only happened in ancient times, that it only happened to Nimrod; it only happened to Cain; it only happened to a few people way back when, but it’s still happening today. God prophesies of our time: 2 Peter 3:3-5, “Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of His coming? For since the Fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from beginning of creation. For this they willfully forget: that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water.”

He is talking about the flood. Again, the problem is the same. It is a simple one: people simply do not believe what God says.

Satan has made it well-nigh impossible for them to believe because he has so confused them as to what is truthful. The truth is so simple that, when it does come to them, they tend to reject it. There is an entrenched tendency to reject the simplicity that is in Christ.

We read in 2 Peter 3:8-9, “But beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

People misinterpret God’s mercy, patience and compassion and instead look upon what they are doing as something of which God approves. Thus, they continue what they are doing in blissful ignorance.

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# Bee-lieving in yourself

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



Chicken spaghetti will always remind me of the late Thelma Wells affectionately known as “Mama T.” I was honored to be a graduate of her Daughters of Zion Leadership mentoring program in the early 2000’s. The year I went through the program she opened up her house and allowed us to have our sessions there. We’d have great discussions, and the sessions always included a meal prepared by her. One day she’d prepared chicken spaghetti which I’d never had. Curious about how she made the delicious meal, I asked her for the recipe.

With a twinkle in her eye and a big smile on her face, she gladly shared the ingredients and the cooking process. As she was describing how she boiled the chicken breast, I remember thinking to myself “Thelma Wells is giving me a recipe! I was trying not to “fan-girl” and stood there taking mental notes, but it was amazing getting to know her more personally since I’d respected her from afar for so many years.

An internationally respected author and speaker, Dallas native “Mama T” Thelma Wells died in early October of this year. She was 81 years old, and her life demonstrated how to live rooted in Christ. Being a part of the Daughters of Zion Leadership Mentoring program was a life transforming chance to learn so many good spiritual principles from her. She taught us about leading with grace as well as the importance of developing your own “brand” long before the days of social media “branding.”

In addition to that chicken

spaghetti recipe, another one of my favorite memories of Mama T was when she described how the bumble bee became her symbol. She explained that despite how the bumble bee looks, it still can get its work done. She often said, “In Christ, You Can ‘BEE’ The Best!” I love using the bumblebee as my symbol of achievement because of how God made it – shallow wings and big body. Yet, it defies the odds and flies anyway.”

She’d often remind us that we need to think of ourselves as the bumble bee. We need to trust that God would equip us to do whatever he was calling us to do, even if we didn’t understand it or think we could do it.

As we prepare to celebrate her life at a public memorial at Trinity Church in Cedar Hill Nov. 5, I wanted to share this inspiring quote from her.

“The road to glory is difficult with its rocks and boulders, its strain and struggle. Things aren’t always as easy as we would like. Surprises and pitfalls wait for us along the road of life. We’re going to sweat and sway; we’re going to wonder why things are the way they are. But every road has an end; every mountain has its peak. If we can just hold on and keep climbing, knowing that God is aware of how we’re straining, he will bring us up and over the mountains.”

Rest in Peace Mama T!

For more information about her memorial service, visit [www.thelmawells.com](http://www.thelmawells.com).

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# Schools are made for learning and not for shootings. What is happening in America?

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



Growing up, I enjoyed going to school because it was fun, and I saw my friends.

Of course, learning new things was the biggest part of my school experience.

The environment was set up so that we could be social and get an education as well.

I don't ever recall getting up and saying that I didn't want to go to school. The kids in my Winston-Salem, N.C. neighborhood had good attitudes about school. We didn't balk or complain about it.

Staying home from school was never an option except when we were sick. Schools were viewed in a positive light and that light was extremely bright.

We as students wanted to be there and our teachers wanted to be there, too.

In many respects this attitude about schools has changed.

Schools have playgrounds and now they have become shooting grounds.

What has happened to our schools where innocent minds go to gain knowledge and become solid citizens?

School shootings have become almost common place in the American landscape.

Would-be assailants come with assault weapons ready to do damage to our nation's youngest citizens, our children.

How did killings and schools end up in the same sentence? Not in my lifetime did I ever think that school shootings would be a topic of national conversations, yet they are.

What is the mindset of someone who decides to go onto school property and take innocent lives? Currently, there are too many answers to that question and all of them are sad and disheartening.

Just a few weeks ago, a school shooting occurred at the Central Visual and Performing Arts High School in St. Louis Missouri. This tragedy claimed the lives of a teacher and a student. The teacher was Jean Kuczka. Her daughter, Abbey Kuczka said, "She loved her students. I know her students looked at her like she was their mom."

According to reports, it took the police 4 minutes to arrive at the school and 8 minutes to find the gunman.

The shooter was identified as a former graduate of the school and his name was Orlando Harris. He was 19 years of age.

Police Commissioner Michael Sack said, "Authorities are working to try and come up with what might have led him to this. There is suspicion there may be some mental illness that he was experiencing." He added, "We are working on developing that information right now."

The records show that Harris did not have a criminal record. However, he was heavily armed with a long gun and a dozen 30-round ammunition magazines.

Authorities also confirmed that seven other teens were hurt during the attack.

David Williams, a math teacher, said, "Gun shots erupted shortly after 9 a.m. central time and everyone went into drill mode, turning off lights, locking doors and huddling in corners so they couldn't be seen."

Gun shootings on American soil have made us numb because they happen with frequency and without warning.

Now, families in St. Louis are shell-shocked and their grief is beyond our comprehension. Each shooting in a school makes us more fretful and fearful.


Students don't want to go to school because they don't know what will happen to them. Teachers are afraid and can't teach because of it. That is a dreadful feeling to have each day. The teaching profession is on a downward spiral because of these atrocities. Parents are reluctant to send their children to school.

The publication *Education Week* reported there have been 40 school shootings that have resulted in injuries or death this year. Sadly, they reported, there have been 132 similar shootings since 2018.

America, this can't continue to happen as our communities are being broken and battered.

# The last word on getting out to vote

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



If you are reading this, then you probably are one of the people who either has already voted or registered and plans to vote on November 8th, Election Day. The problem then is not with you, but those around you who either have expressed a lack of interest in voting, believe that their vote won't make a difference, or maybe they are homeless or think they can't vote because of some past record or conviction.

None of these reasons should be permitted to be expressed to you without your reminder of the obligation we have to vote because of the people who died for that right, just as people died for our right to be free.

Each such person should be told that "If in doubt about your right to vote, then vote a "provisional," or what is called a "challenged" ballot; the legality of which will be determined after the election and counted where possible.

If you have friends, and relatives in another county or state, you should be calling them with the importance of all our votes and their votes for whatever election is being held in their area. We must be reminded that when it comes to elections, we are not a "Minority." We count equally to everyone else.

Remember that the Voting Rights Act, which was passed more than 50 years ago, led to not only getting blacks elected to offices at all levels including the President of these United States, but also the ability to elect a president who put the first black woman on the U.S. Supreme Court, and our work is not done yet.

What is being called "Democracy" under attack, is really an effort to remove all gains made by blacks and other people of color in the last 50 years. Our votes will keep this from happening and preserve the America we know for our children, as we work to truly make it a place of equality including "us".

Let's get those votes cast and counted on November 8th, wherever we and our friends and relatives live.

# Artists help capture our political chaos

By Ben Jealous  
People For the American Way



Art can be a powerful tool for social change. Sometimes that threatens people in power.

Right now, some of America's greatest artists are contributing their time and creative talents to remind voters in Georgia what is at stake in this year's elections. And a couple of national billboard companies are refusing to let People For the American Way share some of those images with voters.

The Georgia billboards are part of a multimedia campaign to remind voters – especially black men – why Republican candidates Brian Kemp and Herschel Walker are the wrong choices in this election. Georgia is ground zero for attacks on our democracy by MAGA extremists with agendas calculated to stop progress.

The billboard campaign is designed to expose hard truths to voters in a way that makes these attacks real – and motivates people to vote. "As artists, we can create art that addresses the ills of systems that devastate the fabric of our families, our communities and our nation," says renowned multimedia artist Carrie Mae Weems. "Artistic expression can inspire people to channel their energy into voting for a better future for everyone."

The billboard campaign is also part of a broader long-term project to engage artists in making political and social change.

As a longtime civil rights leader, I know that there is a long lineage of artists whose music, poetry, spoken word and visual arts have helped energize our great social justice movements. Weems and other artists participating in this campaign have taken their place in that honorable history. They include Victoria Cassinova, Shepard Fairey, Alyson Shotz, Deborah Kass and Cleon Peterson.

Shotz, whose art depicts the attack on the U.S. Capitol by people trying to prevent a peaceful transfer of power after Trump lost the 2020 election, notes that art played a crucial role in the national mobilization to defeat fascism in the 1940s. "Now this task is upon us again, to fight the power of authoritarians and conspiracists, racists and nativists and fear-mongers," she says. "It falls to us, We the People, to save democracy, through our actions, through our art, through our votes."

Art can speak to our hearts. That's part of its power to provoke thought, emotion and action. And that is why censorship is often a weapon wielded by those who fear art's motivating power.

"The personal and political chaos in our world is a direct result of the violence against human beings in the name of power," says Peterson, whose art installations depicting white supremacist gun violence and attacks on reproductive choice were rejected by billboard owners. "The art for these billboards depicts the rawness and the terror of those struggles and I hope it's enough to move the people of Georgia to action in this midterm election."

Kass contributed an installation that includes the faces of five far-right Supreme Court justices – a clear reminder that the courts and all the rights that depend on a fair and independent judiciary to uphold them – are at stake in this election.

People For the American Way will use billboards and social media to bring the censored artwork to Georgia voters and to people around the country who care about the issues that are at stake in this year's elections.


There is no doubt that art expressing the harsh realities people face in their daily lives can be jarring. But that is no reason to turn away.

"There's a short line between the intense reactions to the art depictions and the urgency that we carry to the ballot box," says my colleague Svante Myrick, executive director of People For the American Way. "If this artwork offends you, wait to see what happens if you don't vote."

*Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and Professor of the Practice at the University of Pennsylvania. A New York Times best-selling author, his next book "Never Forget Our People Were Always Free" will be published by Harper Collins in January 2023.*

# Christians from the political left and right must find biblical solutions to criminal justice reform

By Bishop Garland Hunt  
The Father's House, Senior Pastor



With just a few days before the midterms, crime and justice remain hot topics used to gin up voters and get out the party faithful. But, unfortunately, as political leaders on both sides of the aisle grandstand, real families languish in a criminal justice system that often appears broken from every angle. Ultimately, we shape our views of the justice system based on how the system touches our lives and the lives of those we love.

I view America's justice system through several lenses. First, as a father of African-American men, I am duty-bound to instruct my sons on the real and perceived issues around engaging with law enforcement. As former chairman of the Georgia Parole Board and commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, I saw firsthand how the criminal justice system left the poor and undereducated, regardless of race, at a significant disadvantage. However, my most solution-driven perspective comes from my role as a pastor and my life as a follower of Christ.

No matter which side of the political aisle you find yourself on, if you are a Christian, you must understand there is a Biblical explanation for the conflicts that permeate the criminal justice system and a Biblical solution. The mayhem and mistrust stirred up by professional political agitators and the bias in our criminal justice system can both be summed up by Isaiah's commentary in chapter 59, verse 4, "No one cares about being fair and honest."

If Christians addressing this conflict cared about fairness and honesty, we would find solutions.

A fair and honest assessment of America's criminal justice system would require Christians on the right to admit that black men are disproportionately arrested and charged with crimes. Further, it would require "law and order" conservatives to accept the reality that "law and order" are historically applied more severely to black men. For example, consider the sentencing disparities on crack cocaine and powder cocaine. Studies consistently show that White men use illicit drugs at a greater rate than black men. However, Blacks are charged at a greater rate for lower-level drug offenses.

A fair and honest assessment of America's criminal justice reform would require Christians on the left to concede that African-American community leaders in general, and the Black Church in particular, long ago abandoned their role as the moral authority equipped and willing to stand in the gap and prevent black men from being exposed to the poverty to prison pipeline.

Far too many African-American males encounter the criminal justice system early. Unfortunately, this contact puts their lives on a downward trajectory that they could have avoided if basic advocacy systems were available in the black community.

Some argue that the system is so broken that there is no preventing young black men from being snared by its claws. I know they are wrong because I know there is a Biblical solution to the problem.

What we see as an even greater breakdown in the black community is the missing wrap-around advocacy that would prevent the situation from spiraling into even greater chaos. But what does advocacy look like in real life in real time?

Advocacy can mean fighting for common-sense legislative solutions. For example, The Douglass Leadership Institute believes that measures revoking driver's licenses for minor offenses are counterproductive, creating greater hardship and reducing economic mobility.

The first goal of advocacy is always prevention from ever entering the system. This means working with school officials to recognize that black students are often given arrest records and expulsions for offenses that go forgiven when committed by white students. Next, parents, community leaders and the Body of Christ must be prepared to stand in the gap and advocate for black students.

The church must stand with young unwed mothers as they attempt to raise young black men. Christian men must stand in the gap for their young brothers by volunteering to be mentors and role models for fatherless young men.

Being such a mentor does not mean offering advice now and then. It means being intentional and consistent in helping young men navigate personal and professional challenges. For example, as an intentional mentor, I have explained to young brothers why they need to obey law enforcement and put their hands in plain sight. I have also advised on everything from the appropriate dress for job interviews to the proper way to treat women.

When the church fulfills its Biblical role to be present in the lives of young black men, there will be fewer black men in prison and a prison record will not mean a life is beyond hope.



LEGAL

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS  
AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
BY THE  
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CYBERSECURITY PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND  
SERVICES AT  
JACKSON MEDGAR-WILEY EVERS  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 002-23

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is requesting a Statement of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a "Statement of Qualifications") to provide information technology and related services (the "Services") to JMAA in connection with Cybersecurity Protections Systems and Services at JAN JMAA Project No. 002-23 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 Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on (the "Deadline"). RFQ shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

Email: [bids@jmaa.com](mailto:bids@jmaa.com)  
By mail or hand delivery: JMAA's Administration 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 the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Statement of Qualifications ("RFQ") is on file and open for 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](mailto:mbuckhalter@jmaa.com)

or JMAA's website at <https://procurement.jan.jmaa.com>

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Video Conference on Wednesday, November 09, 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 Statements of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the Services.

After evaluating 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 irregularities and irregularities in the selection process.

JMAA has established a DBE contract goal of 10.00% for the Services solicited by this RFQ.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
OCTOBER 26, 2022

John Means, (Acting) Chief Executive Office

10/27/2022, 11/3/2022

LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
FLORENCE WALKER, DECEASED

T.J. WALKER

NO: P2019-135G12

PETITIONER

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS

TO: All unknown heirs at law, under the laws of descent and distribution statute, of  
Florence Walker, deceased

You have been made Respondents in the suit filed in this Court by T.J. Walker,  
Administrator of the Estate of Florence Walker, Deceased, seeking a Petition to Determine  
Heirship of Florence Walker, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this  
action at 9:00 a.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, before the Honorable Tiffany Grove, in  
the courtroom of the First Judicial District of Hinds County Chancery Courthouse at Jackson,  
Mississippi, and in case of failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you  
for the relief demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT, on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 2022.

EDDIE JEAN CARR, CHANCERY  
CLERK, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: K. Howard  
DEPUTY CLERK

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LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
BARNEY J. MOFFETT, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: P2021-253 M/4

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021 by the  
Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of  
Barney J. Moffett, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate  
to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within  
ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022

JACKIE MOFFETT, ADMINISTRATRIX OF  
THE ESTATE OF BARNEY J. MOFFETT,  
DECEASED

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LEGAL

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF  
BRAD PENNINGTON, DECEASED

JORDAN FISHER PENNINGTON

CAUSE NO.: G22-68 T/1

PETITIONER

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS:

Any and all persons or parties who are interested in or claim any right, title, or interest in  
heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Brad Pennington, deceased, including, but not  
limited to, the unknown heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Brad Pennington,  
deceased, if they be living and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and  
whose places of residence, post office, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent  
street search and inquiry to ascertain the same, and if dead, their unknown devisees, executors,  
administrators, or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry, and  
whose places of residence, post offices, and street and house addresses are unknown after  
diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same. You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit  
filed in the Court by Jordan Fisher Pennington to establish the heirs-at-law and wrongful death  
beneficiaries of Brad Pennington, deceased.

IF TO BE FOUND IN THIS COUNTY, to be and appear before the Honorable Dewayne  
Thomas, of the Chancery Court of Hinds County, at the Hinds County Chancery Courthouse in  
Jackson, Mississippi, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., next, then and there to  
show cause, if any they can why Jordan Fisher Pennington and Westin Pennington should not be  
declared the only heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Brad Pennington, deceased,  
according to law, and further to do and suffer such things as shall be considered and ordered by  
the Court aforesaid in the premises, and have then and there this, with an endorsement thereon to  
the manner in which you shall have served.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the Petition filed against you  
in this action on the date and time as set forth herein above before the Honorable Dewayne  
Thomas in Jackson, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment  
will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an  
answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL of said Court, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, 2022.

EDDIE JEAN CARR,  
CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS CO.  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

10/27/2022 11/3/2022 11/10/2022

LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
FLORENCE WALKER, DECEASED

T.J. WALKER

NO: P2019-135G12

PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022

T.J. WALKER, Administrator

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LEGAL

AMENDED AND RESTATED RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, TO EITHER ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY, AND/OR ISSUE A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF THE CITY FOR SALE TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK AND/OR ENTER INTO A LOAN WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK, ALL IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,500,000) TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRING, IMPROVING, ADORNING AND EQUIPPING THE ARTS CENTER OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE RUSSELL C. DAVIS PLANETARIUM AND FOR OTHER AUTHORIZED PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH SAME INCLUDING CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING AND PAVING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, PARKWAYS, WALKWAYS AND PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO BOTH THE ARTS CENTER OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE RUSSELL C. DAVIS PLANETARIUM ALL PURUSANT TO SECTIONS 21-33-301 ET SEQ., MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME AND SECTIONS 31-25-1 ET SEQ., MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME, INCLUDING FUNDING CAPITALIZED INTEREST, IF APPLICABLE AND PAYING THE COSTS OF BORROWING, DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the "Governing Body"), acting for and on behalf of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the "City"), is authorized by Sections 21-33-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "City Bond Act"), to issue general obligation bonds for the purposes set forth therein, including, but not limited to repairing, improving, adorning and equipping the Arts Center of Mississippi and the Russell C. Davis Planetarium and for other authorized purposes in connection with same including constructing, improving and paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways and public parking facilities in connection with making improvements to both the Arts Center of Mississippi and the Russell C. Davis Planetarium and for other authorized purposes under the City Bond Act and Sections 31-25-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Bank Act" and together with the City Bond Act, the "Act"), including funding capitalized interest, if applicable and paying the costs of borrowing (all together the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, is also authorized under the Act and other applicable laws of the State of Mississippi (the "State"), to (a) issue a general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Mississippi Development Bank (the "Bank") to finance the costs of the Project, and/or (b) enter into a loan or loans with the Bank to borrow money to finance the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project is in accordance with and in furtherance of the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body declared its initial intent on behalf of the Project pursuant to a prior intent resolution (the "Prior Intent Resolution") adopted on August 3, 2021 and amends and restates the Prior Intent Resolution by and through this amended and restated intent resolution (the "Amended and Restated Intent Resolution"). Pursuant to this Amended and Restated Intent Resolution, the Governing Body is authorized pursuant to the City Bond Act and/or the Bank Act to provide funding for the costs of the Project either through the issuance of (a) general obligation bonds of the City, in one or more series, pursuant to the City Bond Act in a total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) (the "Bonds"), (b) a general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Bank, in one or more series, in a total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) (the "City Bond"), and/or (c) by entering into a loan or loans with the Bank to borrow money from the Bank in a total principal amount not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) (the "Loan"); and

WHEREAS, as of September 1, 2022, the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, according to the last completed assessment for taxation, was \$1,284,982,350, and the City had outstanding bonded and floating indebtedness as subject to the fifteen percent (15%) debt limit prescribed by Section 21-33-303 of the City Bond Act, as amended, in the amount of \$105,410,000, and outstanding bonded and floating indebtedness as subject to the twenty percent (20%) debt limit prescribed by Section 21 33-303 of the City Bond Act, in the amount of \$105,410,000; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds, the City Bond and/or the Loan, when added to the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the City, including any indebtedness of the City issued subsequent to the adoption of this resolution but prior to the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or entering into the Loan, will not result in bonded indebtedness, exclusive of indebtedness not subject to the aforesaid fifteen percent (15%) debt limit, of more than fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, will not result in indebtedness, both bonded and floating, exclusive of indebtedness not subject to the aforesaid twenty percent (20%) debt limit prescribed by Section 21-33-303 of the City Bond Act, in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, and will not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation upon indebtedness which may be incurred by the City; and

WHEREAS, there has been no increase in said bonded and floating general obligation indebtedness of the City since September 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City for the Governing Body to provide funding for the costs of the Project by borrowing money through the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond and/or by entering into the Loan; all in accordance with the City Bond Act and/or the Bank Act; and

WHEREAS, the City reasonably expects that it will incur expenditures in connection with the Project for which the City intends to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the Bonds, the City Bond or the Loan. This declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures made prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the City Bond or the Loan in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, the City Bond or the Loan is made pursuant to Department of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") and is effective as of the date of the adoption of the Prior Intent Resolution. The Project for which such expenditures are made is the same as described herein. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project is the amount herein set forth;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is authorized and empowered by the City Bond Act and/or the Bank Act employ Butler Snow LLP to serve as Bond Counsel to the City in connection with the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or in connection with entering into the above-described Loan for the purposes set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is authorized and empowered by the City Bond Act and/or the Bank Act to issue the Bonds or the City Bond or to enter into the Loan for the purposes herein set forth and there are no other available funds on hand or available from regular sources of income for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, hereby declares its intention to (a) issue and sell the Bonds, and/or the City Bond to the Bank, in one or more series, in the total principal amount not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000), and/or (b) enter into the Loan with the Bank to borrow money from the Bank, all in total principal amount not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000).

SECTION 2. The Bonds and/or the City Bond will be issued and/or the Loan will be entered into to raise money for the purpose of financing the Project, as authorized by the City Bond Act and the Bank Act.

SECTION 3. The Bonds or the City Bond may be issued in one or more series and, if issued, will be general obligations of the City payable as to principal and interest out of and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate or amount upon all the taxable property within the geographical limits of the City. The Loan will be payable from available revenues of the City and will not constitute an indebtedness of the City within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory restrictions, limitations, or provisions, and the taxing power of the City will not be pledged to the payment of the Loan.

SECTION 4. The Governing Body proposes to direct the issuance of all or any portion of the Bonds or the City Bond or to authorize the Loan in the amount and for the purposes and secured as aforesaid at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at its usual meeting place located at the City Hall in the City, located at 219 S. President, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. on November 8, 2022, or at some meeting or meetings subsequent thereto; provided, however, that if ten percent (10%)

or Fifteen Hundred (1500), whichever is less, of the qualified electors of the City shall file a written protest with the City Clerk of the City (the "City Clerk") against the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or the authorization of the Loan on or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on November 8, 2022, then the Bonds or the City Bond shall not be issued or the Loan shall not be entered into unless approved at an election on the question thereof called and held as is provided by law; provided, further that if no protest is filed, then the Bonds or the City Bond may be issued and sold in one or more series or the City may enter into the Loan without an election on the question of the issuance thereof at any time within a period of two (2) years after November 8, 2022.

SECTION 5. In full compliance with the City Bond Act, the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of this resolution once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in The Mississippi Link and/or The Clarion Ledger, both newspapers published in and having a general circulation in the City and qualified under the provisions of Section 13 3 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, with the first publication being not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date set forth in Section 4 of this resolution, and the last publication being made not more than seven (7) days prior to such date.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk of the Governing Body shall be and is hereby directed to procure from the publisher of the aforesaid newspaper the customary proof of the publication of this resolution and the required notice and have the same before the Governing Body on the date and hour specified in Section 4 hereof.

SECTION 7. Through its Prior Intent Resolution, the City declared on August 3, 2021 its initial intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the Bonds, the City Bond or the Loan for expenses incurred with respect to the Project subsequent to the date of the adoption of the Prior Intent Resolution on August 3, 2021. This declaration of intent to reimburse expenditures made prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the City Bond and/or the Loan in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, the City Bond and/or the Loan is made pursuant to the Reimbursement Regulations and is effective as of the date of the Prior Intent Resolution. The Project for which such expenditures are made is the same as described herein. The Bonds, the City Bond or the Loan will not exceed the aggregate principal amount of Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000).

SECTION 8. Butler Snow LLP is hereby engaged to serve as Bond Counsel to the City in connection with the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or in connection with entering into the above-described Loan for the purposes set forth herein.

SECTION 9. If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution, but this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been contained herein.

Council Member Lindsay made the motion and Council Member Lee seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Yeas:	Aaron Banks, Ashby Foote, Angelique C. Lee, Virgi Lindsay, and Brian C. Grizzell
Nays:	None.
Abstained:	Vernon Hartley
Absent:	Kenny Stokes.

The President of the Council then declared the resolution passes and adopted this the 27th day of September 2022.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Ashby Foote  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

/s/ Chokwe Antar Lumumba  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Angela Harris  
CITY CLERK

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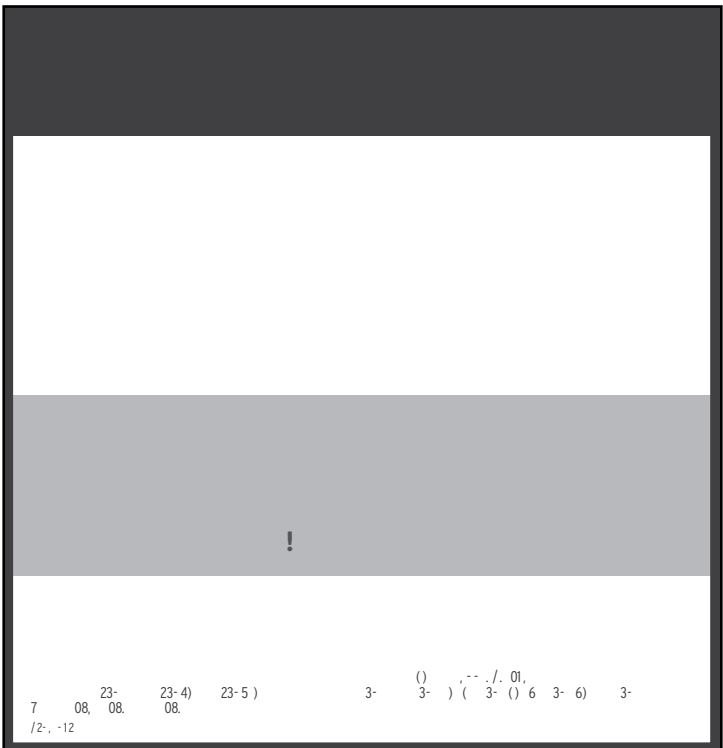
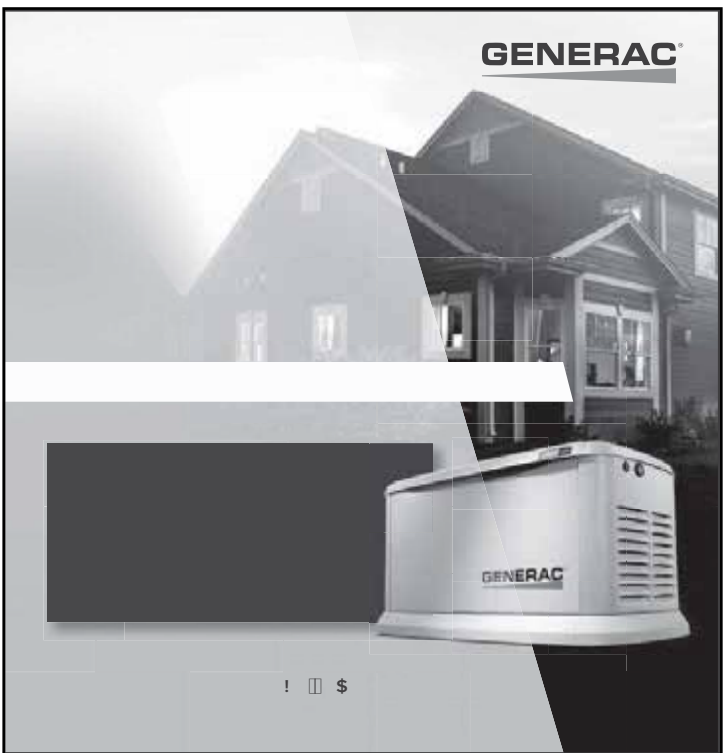
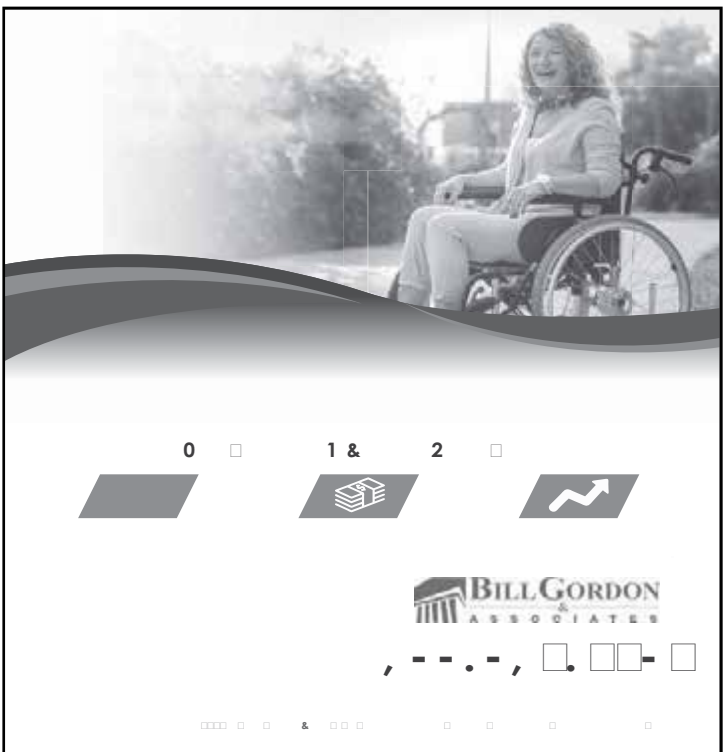


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Belhaven University student Olivia Bonds will represent the United States at the 2nd Annual World's Miss Sweetheart competition

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Olivia Bonds of Mississippi has been named America's Miss Sweetheart 2022 crowned by her predecessor Christa DeMaio, America's Miss Sweetheart 2021. The first runner-up was California, Jasmine Ma. Second runner up was Massachusetts, Vishali Baker. Third runner up was Samanatha Roth of New York. Fourth runner up was Halley Riley-Elliott of Vermont and fifth runner up was Jonnae Sylvester of Louisiana.

The special award recipients were California, Miss Photogenic; Vermont, Miss Congeniality; Massachusetts, Best Spokesmodel; California, Best Interview; Mississippi, Best Talent and Best Evening Gown; New York, Best Health & Fitness, People's Choice Award, Vermont; and the Beauty Empowering Change



Bonds, America's Miss Sweetheart 2022

Project Winner was California. Bonds is a student at Belhaven University majoring in psychology with creative arts dance therapy. She hopes to obtain her Master's and Doctorate in family and child psychology. Her career ambition is to become an expressive arts therapist with her own successful practice in Mississippi. Her Beauty Empower-

ing Change Project is close to her heart, #TheConfidencetoInspire and the Family First Initiative. As a survivor of mental abuse, Bonds often thinks about how important family mental health is. She believes everything associated with life starts at home. "Our values, ethics, morals and mentality play a huge role in how we decide to live. Throughout the history of time, the family structure has been a crucial part of society. Today, we see many examples of the structure being torn down. If our family structures are not strong, then how can our nation be strong? The answer to this question lies in us working together to make them better," says Bonds. The Family First Initiative platform strives to educate, advocate, and provide services for family mental health. Through the av-

enue of Expressive Arts Therapy, the traits and struggles of both the parents and the children can be heard and explored. She hopes that through her project there will be more healed units, crimes decreasing, stronger communities increasing and a better foundation of tomorrow for the next generation all across the nation and around the globe. It's time to heal the world, one song, dance, story and heart at a time. As America's Miss Sweetheart, Bonds is awarded a cash scholarship of \$2500, prizes, travel, scholarship and media opportunities valued at \$10,000. She will serve as an ambassador for Beauty Empowering Change, The Sweetheart Foundation, Sweethearts for St. Jude's benefiting St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, Charity: Water, Angel Tree, American Heart Association, Special Olym-

pics, Feeding America and other charitable efforts. Bonds will have many opportunities such as two modeling contracts, numerous professional photoshoots, magazine covers, media interviews and New York Fashion Week. Bonds will represent the USA at the next World's Miss Sweetheart competition next fall. World's Miss Sweetheart focuses on celebrating the beauty of the diversity of all cultures from around the world and service. We built a global stage for women of every size, height and weight because it's a woman's heart that truly matters. The 2023 America's Miss Sweetheart national competition will be held in November 2023 in Bethlehem, PA located in the Lehigh Valley Area. Visit [www.americamissweetheart.com](http://www.americamissweetheart.com) for more information.

America's Miss Sweetheart strives to become the nation's leading program for women. By creating a body positivity culture on and off the stage, promoting service, and providing scholarships and leadership development for women. Bonds will showcase her dedication to service with zeal and will serve as a national body positivity advocate. Bonds continues her mission to spread awareness, love and unity to families throughout her community and the nation. Follow Bonds' year of service on her official social media accounts. Instagram: @americamissweetheart TikTok: @americamissweetheart Facebook: /AmericasMissSweetheart Twitter: @AMS\_Sweetheart

Hinds County School District Weekly Update ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE Homecoming Events

Raymond High School celebrated their homecoming. The 5-1 Football Rangers faced off on the field with 0-7 Lanier Bulldogs and was victorious 21-0. There was a capacity crowd to witness this homecoming game. We congratulate the Homecoming Queen Laysia Flowers.






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*E. Marie, Artist*



A message from Shirley Sherrod, a founding member of the Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative for Economic and Social Justice (SRBWI) to use the power we have in the vote - to express what we feel. Let nobody take that power away on our watch!

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**SHIRLEY MILLER SHERROD:**  
**More than condolences, my late husband needs you to vote**



**By Shirley Miller Sherrod**  
**Oct 30, 2022**  
**Albany Herald**

I lost my husband of 56 years two weeks ago. And while I am appreciative of the countless condolences received, the best way to pay tribute is to make it to the polls this election.

Sherrod — as I called him — came to southwest Georgia for that very reason in the fall of 1961. He was dispatched by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), not to sit-in at lunch counters or desegregate train and bus station waiting rooms, but to expressly fight voter suppression on behalf of black people head on. And he did.

As SNCC’s first field secretary, he and others put their lives on the line to end the near 100-year reign of white supremacy, lynching and segregation that brought Reconstruction to a screeching halt and barred us from the polls.

He asked God to take the fear that came with facing the full fury of Jim Crow, and zeroed in on rural Terrell County, near Albany. Like much of Georgia’s Black Belt, Terrible Terrell’s population was overwhelmingly black, while its officeholders were all white.

Confronted by the segregationist sheriff, Sherrod fearlessly told Zeke Matthews who he was and why he had come. And for that, he paid a heavy price. White nightriders riddled bullets into the home of voting rights ally and local black beautician Carolyn Daniels, which served as a safe haven for voting rights organizers.

Law enforcement stormed area black churches where Sherrod rallied for voting rights, before three sanctuaries in Lee and Terrell Counties were burned to the ground. And when SNCC’s battle front moved in earnest to Dougherty County, where Sherrod kickstarted the Albany Movement, casualties stemmed from that campaign as well.

At Camilla, where teenage demonstrators were jailed, police shoved the pregnant wife of the Movement’s president, causing Marion King to lose her balance and her baby.

In downtown Albany that same week, Dougherty County’s sheriff split open the scalp of Attorney C.B. King, in his attempt to visit a jailed white demonstrator who had been beaten behind bars.

And in Baker County, where months before a white farmer walked away after gunning down my father in his own pasture, whites nearly beat Sherrod to death in the shadow of the courthouse for the crime of organizing the black vote.

In short, I think we, black southwest Georgians, owe to people like Carolyn, C.B., Marion and Sherrod who suffered and sacrificed, and, in the case of Marion’s baby, died for your right to vote.

As freedom fighters, they watered the tree of liberty with their blood for us and gave their lives to make safe the futures of our great, great, great grandchildren who we will never meet.

So, let’s not add insult to the injuries they endured.

Let’s make time, help bring each another to the polls and vote like our lives depend on it. Because, as history makes crystal clear, they do. Thank you.

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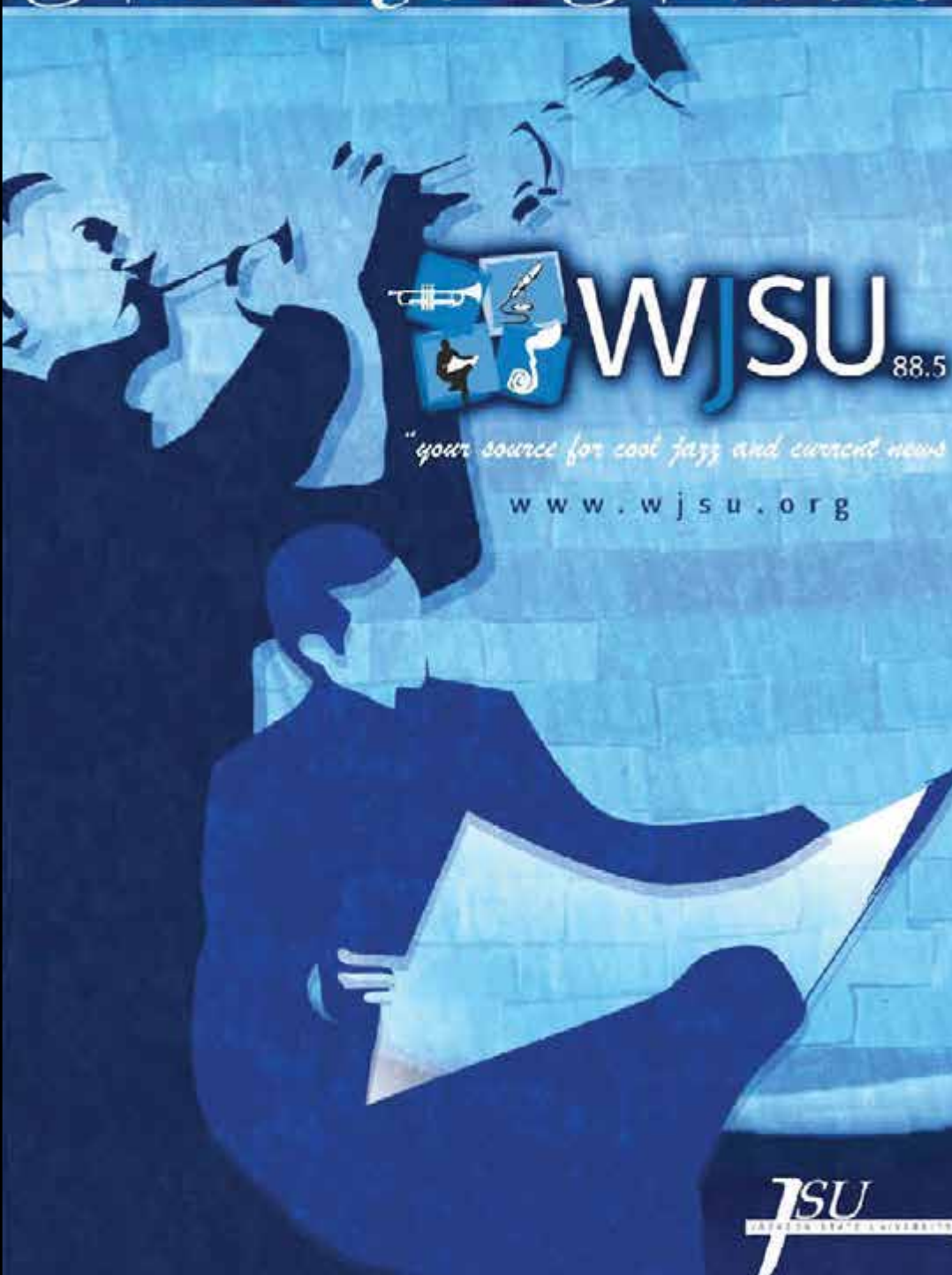
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# Jackson State handles Southern easily

By Timothy Ward  
Sports Writer

Before a crowd of 53,885 people, JSU defeated Southern University 35-0. The day started off great with ESPN College GameDay TV show, broadcasting live from the parking lot of Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Fans crowded around and watched Rece Davis, Desmond Howard, Pat McAfee and Kirk Herbstreit deliver college football news and predictions. Their celebrity guest was Stephen A. Smith, an HBCU graduate of Winston-Salem State University.

Jackson State dominated the game from start to finish. The Darkside Defense limited Southern's offense to 227 yards. Southern's offense had been pretty potent this season.

Offensively for Jackson State, quarterback Shedeur Sanders, completed 18 of 33 passes for 194 yards and 1 touchdown. Sanders also ran for two touchdowns, his longest touchdown run being from 42 yards out. Sy'veon Wilkerson gained 103 yards on 21 carries with 1 touchdown. Daniel Dallas led the team in receptions with 5 for 67 yards.

This past Saturday was



Sold out crowd wearing pink for Breast Cancer Month PHOTOS BY TIM WARD



JSU quarterback Shedeur Sanders

senior night, JSU recognized all the football players who will no longer be with the team after this season. It was also the last home game of the season unless, Jackson State, who is 8-0 for the first time in school history, maintains their winning ways.

If the winning continues, Jackson State will host the SWAC championship game like they did last year.

Next up on the schedule is Texas Southern. The game will be played in Houston this Saturday.



JSU cornerback and wide receiver Travis Hunter



ESPN Desmond Howard and Rece Davis

## From the church to the blues: A Clinton Legacy

PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

A historic Mississippi Blues Trail marker was unveiled in Clinton Thursday, October 27, highlighting the connection between black churches and the blues.

The blues has long been connected to black churches in a variety of ways, and in Clinton, this connection can be traced through generations of blues and gospel musicians.

Clinton's renowned Eddie Cotton Jr. and Jarekus Singleton both started playing the guitar in church. Award winning blues poet and educator Sterling Plumpp drew on his deep religious upbringing in Clinton to compose works in Chicago imbued with the spirit and rhythms of blues, gospel and jazz.

The marker is located at 499 Clinton-Tinnin Road. It was formerly known as Club Summer Hill, a place where residents of the community would gather to listen to the blues.

Mayor Phil Fisher of Clinton stated at the unveiling, "The musicians that labored in relatively obscurity for years are now receiving their just due for creating and maintaining the music that has influenced so many other genres of music."



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## WENDY WILSON WHITE

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Wendy is a lifelong resident of Jackson and Hinds County. She is a JPS-Provine High School graduate. She earned her BA degree from Tougaloo College, MBA in Finance from Clark Atlanta University, and law degree from Mississippi College's School of Law.

**Why Wendy for Hinds County Circuit Court Judge?**  
Wendy has more than 20 years of relevant legal work experience and is uniquely qualified. She is a proven litigator and has a wealth of civil and criminal trial and courtroom experience.

**Wendy has 8 years of criminal prosecutorial experience:**  
•Current Assistant District Attorney, Hinds County  
•Former Chief City Prosecutor, City of Jackson

**Wendy has 13 years of experience as a plaintiff's lawyer, defense lawyer, and mental health attorney/advocate:**  
•Managing Attorney/Advocate, Disability Rights Mississippi  
•Staff Attorney, Butler Snow O'Mara Stevens & Cannada  
•Associate, Richmond, Simon & Abston  
•Associate, Currie Johnson Griffin & Myers, P.A.

**Wendy will REfocus our crime fighting efforts.**  
•Set bonds in accordance with the law and the public's safety in mind  
•Make our safety and security a priority  
•Hold people accountable and work to resolve cases in a timely manner

**Wendy will REevaluate mental health.**  
•Explore partnerships between the court and mental health professionals  
•Work to create a mental health docket and mental health court  
•Work to implement court supervised mental health programs and services

**Wendy will REeducate our community.**  
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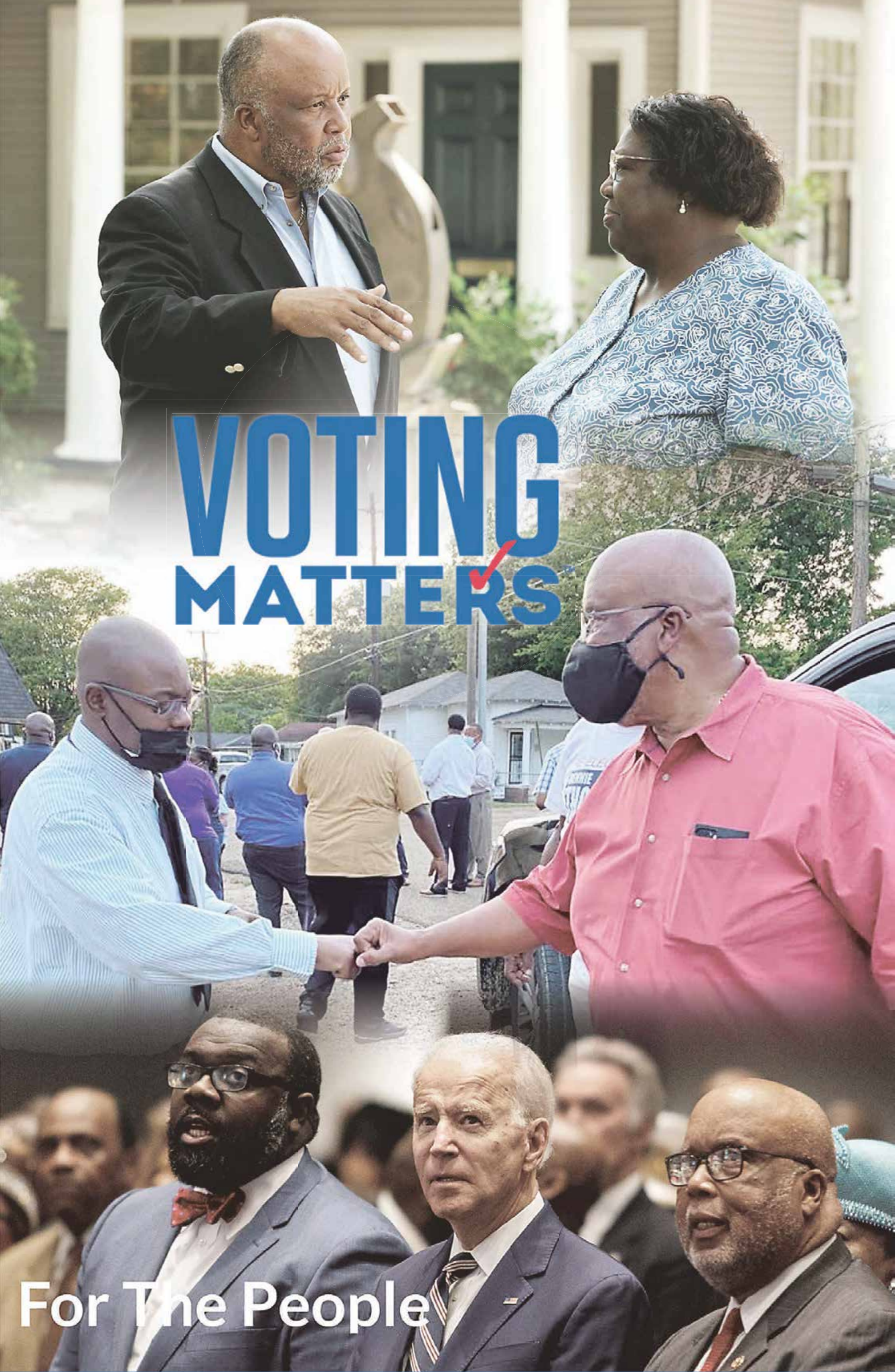
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