

# Dick’s Place celebrates 73rd Anniversary

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

Seventy-three is just a number – but in the context of being a juke joint in Mississippi, and in continuous operation for 73 years, that’s much more than a number. Researching the history of small clubs in Mississippi is fascinating and informative, but the truth is that most are long gone, only surviving in the memories of loyal patrons. It appears that only the Blue Front Café in Bentonia, which opened in 1948, has been around longer than Dick’s Place – one year longer.

Dick’s Place is owned by Richard Anderson, a son of Richard Anderson Sr., who took over the business in 1984 when his father passed. His daughter Valerie, who provided *The Mississippi Link* with a written history of Dick’s Place, indicates that in 1949 Richard Anderson obtained a parcel on Highway 80, near where the Bell South building was, for \$140 and began construction.

Prior to the Interstate Highway System, Highway 80 was a major thoroughfare and the Trailway’s bus would stop at the top of the hill at Norrell Road. With the advent of I-20, the original building had to be demolished and the business moved to its current location, 2625 S. Frontage Road in Clinton, in 1952. Starting out it was more country store than nightclub. Barbeque was introduced and became a mainstay with a BBQ chicken plate for 75 cents and a rib plate for \$1.25.

Heading west on Route 20 out



Valerie Anderson Brooks, Richard Anderson, Lorraine Henderson



Dick's Place – established 1949

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of Jackson, just take Exit 31 – Norrell Road, cross under the interstate, then reverse direction on the frontage road, and a couple hundred yards later you’ll find it on the right-hand side. Dick’s Place is open daily from noon until whenever, and to be sure, Dick’s Place is welcoming to all.

Right next door is Richie’s One Stop, also owned by the family. Day in day out you will find the one-of-a-kind Lorraine Henderson tending bar and keeping the kitchen popping. She is the heartbeat of Dick’s Place and has been for the last twenty-eight years now. She’ll pull up a chair and

converse, but you better be quick because a minute later she’ll be up grabbing a beer or wine for someone or be in the kitchen fixing a plate for a customer inside or for someone who called-in their order or be ironing things

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## Deion Sanders says report of job offer from Colorado is true

By Pat Graham  
AP Sports Writer

Deion Sanders said Monday that a report stating Colorado has offered him its head coaching job is true and he has also received interest from other schools.

Sanders didn’t specify in a teleconference for the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship game participants who else has reached out besides Colorado, saying, “I’m not going to sit here and tell all my business, but they’re not the only ones.”

The university hasn’t commented on any candidates to replace Karl Dorrell, who was dismissed in October. Interim coach Mike Sanford finished out the Buffaloes’ 1-11 season.

The Pro Football Hall of Famer has guided Jackson State, a historically black college that plays in the second tier of NCAA Division I football, to an 11-0 mark this season. The Tigers host Southern in the SWAC championship Saturday.

Known as “Prime Time” during his playing career, the magnetic Sanders prefers “Coach Prime” these days. He said the offer to coach the Buffaloes isn’t a distraction.

“To someone else that hasn’t been that dude, it’s intoxicating.



**Coach Sanders gets his team's attention during the Southern Heritage Classic against Tennessee State, Sat. Sept 10, 2022.**  
PATRICK LANTRIP /DAILY MEMPHIAN VIA AP, FILE.

I’ve been ‘Prime’ for a long time, dawg,” Sanders with a laugh. “Attention ain’t nothing new to me. Being in the spotlight isn’t new to me.”

Whoever takes over in Boulder has their work cut out. The Buffs went 1-8 in the Pac-12 and concluded their gloomy season with a 63-21 blowout loss to No. 12 Utah at Folsom Field on Saturday.

Before the season, Colorado lost several starters through the transfer portal, an area Sanders could surely shore up should he

accept the Buffaloes’ job.

Hired by Jackson State in September 2020 after coaching his sons at a Texas high school, Sanders called the fit “a match made in heaven.” He quickly lifted the school in Mississippi’s capital to SWAC champion in one calendar year.

The Tigers followed up a 4-3 finish in a pandemic-delayed spring season with an 11-2 showing last fall, a remarkable jump led by Sanders’ son, Shedeur Sanders, at quarterback. They lost to South Carolina State in the Celebration Bowl.

Jackson State’s performance was significant beyond earning its first conference title since 2007. A program that has produced Hall of Famers such as Walter Payton, Lem Barney, Jackie Slater and Robert Brazile was relevant again among HBCUs.

Sanders has also scored on the recruiting trail, landing five-star defensive back Travis Hunter and four-star receiver Kevin Coleman for this year’s unbeaten squad. Sanders told The Associated Press in an October podcast that both players chose JSU because he and his staff will prepare them for careers in the NFL.

Yet, Sanders has noted schools such as Jackson State remain at

an inherent disadvantage in recruiting.

“So now it’s becoming an option,” Sanders said of top recruits choosing HBCUs. “But it’s not truly a balanced option because of facilities, because of the housing. Because of all the aesthetics at HBCUs. We’re underfunded and overlooked. So it’s not the same.”

Sanders’ success in lifting the Championship Subdivision program’s profile sparked speculation about Power Five schools pursuing him for coaching vacancies.

On the ESPN show Keyshawn Johnson urged Sanders to take the Buffaloes job.

“This is a perfect situation,” Johnson said. “Here’s why: Prime can recruit. He can recruit California, Texas, Arizona, Florida. He can get the best players in Colorado to stay in Colorado.”

Sanders, 55, was a All-American at Florida State before a stellar NFL career with five teams that included the San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys, where he won a Super Bowl with each.

*AP Sports Writers Gary B. Graves, John Zenor and Arnie Stapleton contributed to this report.*

## A Whimsical Winter Wonderland



**Dr. Jennifer Young Wallace (pictured above) said the event was full of energy.** PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

By Othor Cain  
Guest Writer

Fancy hats as far as the eye could see were found at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, Saturday, November 26. It was the 31st Annual Holiday Top Hat Brunch presented by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Central Mississippi Chapter.

This festive, signature event is a staple in the Jackson community and usually serves as a kickoff to holiday shopping. In grand style as always, the ladies in the coalition presented a grand affair, billed as “A Whimsical Winter Wonderland” to a beyond capacity-filled audience.

It’s the largest yearly fundraiser for this organization. Because of the generous support of sponsors and attendees, the coalition gives 10, \$1,000 scholarships to young ladies that attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). To date the organization has given more than \$290 thousand in scholarships.

The 100 Black Women of

Central Mississippi is dedicated to promoting leadership development among young women by mentoring and providing scholarships.

“These young ladies work hard for these scholarships, including writing essays and maintaining a 3.0 average or above,” Corrine Anderson, former president.

Anderson strutted the runway to show off her illustrious hat in the LaBelle category as a tribute to music icon Patti LaBelle. “This is a fun time of the year, and this year was no exception,” said Anderson.

Jennifer Young Wallace, 3rd VP of membership stated, The 31st Top Hat was truly a whimsical winter wonderland of hats. The event was full of energy that took the holiday season to another level.”

From pre-teens represented by dapper young men and elegant young ladies to the ‘First Lady’ category with representation from seasoned seniors and rising stars, this year’s event had something for everyone.



**Dr. Corinne Anderson said this is a fun time of the year. Pictured in the background is the premier announcer Otha Cain.**

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# Please move to Mississippi

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

Mississippi is a beautiful state. Many call it the heart of the Deep South; bordered by the Mississippi River to the west, the Gulf of Mexico to the south, Alabama to the east and Tennessee to the north. The natural scenery is breathtaking with boating, fishing, hunting and sight-seeing galore.

There are activities for every age-group, and sports, man oh man, NCAA Division I baseball champs Mississippi State University in 2021; the University of Mississippi in 2022; Southwestern Athletic Conference football champions Jackson State University in 2021; and as of this writing, JSU is only days away from appearing again in the championship game, just to name a few.

Mississippi has the most fertile ground in America, the envy of many other growing regions of the country. Mississippi is the Home of the Blues, from which nearly every other genre of music emanates. Here we have scores upon scores of truly good people. Mostly Christian people according to surveys. Even strangers hear the caring

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words upon parting – “stay safe.”

Despite all that, we are, how would you say it? – stuck. We really want folks to move to Mississippi though. Individuals, families, businesses – we really want you and we really need you. The red carpet is rolled out for sure.

It’s not happening though; folks are not flocking to Mississippi. The opposite is true.

As we prepare for the next legislative session in our Capital city of Jackson, when presumably the most powerful folks in our state will gather, we need to do things differently if we are to bring about change. Change is in your hands, Mr. & Mrs. Legislator. We know it won’t be easy because, well, because we are stuck.

In Mississippi we hold the past on a pedestal. Our attachment to nostalgia seems inseparable. Not for all Mississippians, of course, but for the clear majority. Until the day comes when we value the present and future more than the past, we will remain stuck.

There are reasons people don’t flock to Mississippi. Our situation, our pre-

dicament, if you will, is not accidental. Some say our predicament is born of ignorance, and as harsh as that sounds it’s not nearly as harsh as the weight of indifference foisted upon the backs of a large swath of the state’s population.

Then there’s the willfulness component. If most of our legislators can actually see the conditions on the ground for so many of our citizens, and still not bring about meaningful change – that becomes evidence of willfulness. They are taking care of themselves, and the heck with the rest. Not very Christian.

People don’t want to move to Mississippi because they view the state as backward. How could they think that? Mississippi is ranked 50th in health-care, grocery taxes, fetal death rate, COVID death rate, infant death rate, poverty, incarceration, road safety and overall life expectancy – by sources like *US News and World Report*. Ranked 49th in economy and financial safety. Ranked 48th in infrastructure. Ranked 41st through 47th in fiscal stability, education, opportunity and workplace safety.

Add-in that Mississippi left the moniker of the Stars and Bars of the con-

federacy flying for 125 years, until sufficient outside pressure was applied to change it. The State of Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day but not Juneteenth or Black History Month – when nearly 40% of our population is African American. Our current Governor – Tate Reeves – who confirms people’s beliefs about Mississippi every time he goes before national television media, prematurely terminated Mississippi’s participation in the federally funded pandemic rental assistance program in August 2022. He indicated that he would be sending millions of dollars back to the US Treasury who oversees the program, which had been funded by laws from both the Trump and Biden administrations.

People see these things. People all over the world see what goes on in Mississippi, and far worse, hundreds of thousands of Mississippians suffer under this culture and decision-making on a day-in day-out basis. And if you happen to be poor, it’s worse. And if you happen to be poor and black, it’s doubly worse.

Should our majority white Christian conservative republican legislators join

as neighbors with our minority black Christian democratic legislators to pass veto-proof legislation in five areas, we would no longer be ranked last, we would easily be in the middle of the pack, and that would be earth-shattering for Mississippi, and send positive vibrations around the country – attractive vibrations.

My recommendations: Accept expansion of Medicaid, extend postpartum Medicaid coverage, end the income tax reduction that benefits the wealthy by far, reduce the grocery tax that hurts poor and fixed-income people the most, and raise the minimum wage.

Let’s start thinking now about the legislative session that starts January 3. Let’s reflect on present day conditions on the ground for all Mississippians. Let’s resolve to focus, as Christ would, on the least of these. Legislators, remember that the past is the past, and that the world continues to evolve all around us. Act in a manner that will allow your grandchildren, great grandchildren and generations beyond to remember you as critical thinking change-makers rather than stalwart guardians of the past.



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**Scholarship Winners (L-R) Nayla McCure, Peighton Powe, Raegan Johnson, Lanae Williams, Kynedi Nichols McKenna Wheatley.** PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

Even men got in on the action in the Sophisticated Gents category. “It was great to see so many men represented this year,” said Rita Wray, president of the organization. “I’m always amazed at how hard these ladies work to make this event such a grand affair.”

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women 31st Top Hat officers include: Rita

Wray, president, Luigia Hodge, 1st VP of Programs, Jennifer Young, 3rd VP of membership/chapter development.

Gaynell Tinsey served as Top Hat chair and Wilda Holloway, Melanie Braxton and Minnie Erhabor, co-chairs.

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out with the DJ or loading up the juke box. Lorraine runs a tight ship, truth be told, absolutely nothing escapes her trained eye. If somebody needs a hug they’re going to get it from Lorraine and if somebody needs to fix their face and get a talking to, they’ll get that from Lorraine, too.

Live entertainment is typically by special occasion only, the usual entertainment is DJs, usually DJ Drifter or DJ Night Rider, or a classic juke box. Either way, things get jumping. The DJs take a wide range of requests, and that juke box – well, it plays just exactly what customers want. There’s Lattimore, Bobby Blue Bland, B.B. King, Muddy Waters, Dorothy Moore, Tyrone Davis, Johnnie Taylor, Etta James, Little Milton, Howlin Wolf, Mel Waiters, Ms. Jody, and Z.Z. Hill, to name a few. Singing along, foot tappin, movin and grooving, dancing and romancing are all standard fare at Dick’s Place.

Many already know because they lived it. For those that don’t, in order for Dick’s Place to survive and remain a safe place for blacks, dues had to be paid one way or the other. Part from testimony of Richard Anderson and part off-the-record recounting from others, the sizzling hot white supremacy embedded in this area did not make exception for Dick’s Place. Payments had to be made to certain folks in order to keep the doors open in the 50’s and 60’s. Several times attempts were made to firebomb

the establishment. Richard recalls watching a white Mississippi State Trooper pull off the side of the road and heave a Molotov-cocktail type bomb right at the front door, then get in his car and drive away. Gathering while black isn’t a crime in the law books, but this is Mississippi.

The theme of this year’s anniversary was – Being Thankful. This was the first in-person anniversary celebration since COVID, and about 100 patrons were treated to a real treat on Sunday evening. Richard Anderson, his daughter Valerie, and her niece Ciara Brooks, three generations, served as MC’s.

There was a video presentation about how it all got started, a recognition of customers by decade, a toast and remembrance by names of customers who have passed since the last in-person anniversary in 2019, a toast to current customers, and special recognition of Lorraine Henderson who was presented a gift certificate by Anderson to thundering applause.

Another daughter, Verna was on hand, as well as several grandchildren and cousins. Ciara took time to record statements and memories about Dick’s Place which will be added to the history and presented years from now at another anniversary celebration.

Stop by sometime and take in Dick’s Place. You will feel the special spirit that has kept it surviving and thriving for seventy-three years and counting.



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## *“A Whimsical Winter Wonderland of Hats”*

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## Men indicted for shooting at Mississippi delivery driver

*The Associated Press*

A father and son have been indicted by a grand jury after allegedly chasing and shooting at a FedEx driver in January after he dropped off a package in a Mississippi city.

Brandon and Gregory Case, who are both white, were rearrested Friday and indicted for attempted first-degree murder, conspiracy and shooting into the vehicle of D'Monterrio Gibson, who is black. The charges were upgraded from conspiracy and aggravated assault.

Gibson, 24, was not injured. But the chase and gunfire have sparked social media complaints of racism in Brookhaven, about 55 miles (90 kilometers) south of the state capital, Jackson.

Gibson and his attorney, Carlos Moore, said they pushed prosecutors to secure an indictment for nearly 10 months.

"It was an extremely long process to get this far into the case," Gibson told WLBT-TV. "I feel like most of the time, I

was treated like a suspect rather than a victim."

Moore compared the incident to the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, a 25-year-old black man who was running empty-handed through a Georgia subdivision in 2020 when three white strangers chased him down and blasted him with a shotgun.

Moore has called for a federal hate crime probe into the case. A Justice Department spokesperson confirmed to The Associated Press in February that the department received a request to look into the case and was reviewing the request to determine any next steps. The department did not provide an update Tuesday.

Gibson said he was wearing a FedEx uniform and was driving an unmarked van that FedEx had rented when he dropped off a package at a house in Brookhaven on Jan. 24. As he was leaving, he said he noticed a white pickup truck pulling away from another house on the same

large lot.

The pickup driver then tried to cut him off as he pulled out of the driveway, he said. Gibson swerved around him and then encountered a second man who had a gun pointed at the van and was motioning for him to stop. Gibson said the man fired as he drove away, damaging the van and packages inside. He said the white pickup chased him to the interstate highway near Brookhaven before ending the pursuit.

Attorneys for Brandon and Gregory Case did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The Cases were initially arrested in February and released after paying bonds on lesser charges. Lincoln County Sheriff Steve Rushing said bond was set at \$500,000 for the upgraded charges, according to the *Brookhaven Daily Leader*.

Moore doesn't expect the case to go to trial until May of 2023 at the earliest.

## Over half of Mississippi's rural hospitals risk closing

**By Michael Goldberg**

*Associated Press/Report for America*

Over half of Mississippi's rural hospitals are at risk of closing immediately or in the near future, according to the state's leading public health official.

Dr. Daniel Edney, the state health officer, spoke to state senators at a hearing Monday about the financial pressure on Mississippi hospitals. Edney said 54% of the state's rural hospitals (38) could close. The potential closures threaten to exacerbate poor health outcomes in one of the nation's poorest states.

"That is a situation that is intolerable from an economic standpoint to lose 54% of our hospitals in the state much less from an access to care perspective," Edney said.

Rural hospitals were under economic strain before the COVID-19 pandemic, and the problems have worsened as costs to provide care have increased. Mississippi's high number of low-income uninsured people means hospitals are on the hook for more uncompensated care. At the same time, labor costs weigh on hospitals as they struggle to pay competitive wages to retain staff.

"The costs on an income statement for a hospital have skyrocketed," said Scott Christensen, chair of the Mississippi Hospital Association Board of Governors. "The liabilities on the balance sheets of hospitals around the state have reached some unsustainable levels given what we face."

The crux of the problem

facing Mississippi's hospitals is that revenues have not kept pace with rising costs, Christensen said.

The strain is most acute in Mississippi's Delta region, an agricultural flatland where poverty remains entrenched. Greenwood Leflore Hospital has been cutting costs by reducing services and shrinking its workforce for months. But the medical facility hasn't been able to stave off the risk of imminent closure. Hospital leaders say they will be out of business before the end of the year without a cash infusion.

At Greenwood Leflore and other hospitals across the state, maternity care units have been on the chopping block. Mississippi already has the nation's highest fetal mortality rate, highest infant mortality rate and highest pre-term birth rate, and is among the worst states for maternal mortality.

About 60% of births in Mississippi in 2020 were financed by Medicaid, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

A rising number of health care deserts are emerging in the Delta, but financial pressures are bearing down on hospitals in more prosperous areas of the state, as well, experts at the hearing said. But hospitals in poor communities often treat patients who don't have insurance and can't afford to pay for care out of pocket. An expansion of Medicaid coverage would reduce costs that result from uncompensated care.

Gov. Tate Reeves and other Republican leaders have killed proposals to expand Medicaid, which primarily covers low-

income workers whose jobs don't provide private health insurance. Opponents of expansion say they don't want to encourage reliance on government help for people who don't need it.

As a near-term solution, the Mississippi Hospital Association has suggested the state's Division of Medicaid work with federal officials to raise the Medicaid reimbursement rate cap to a higher level. The move would lower the cost of providing care for people who are already covered under the state's current Medicaid plan.

Democratic Sen. Hob Bryan, who convened the hearing, said the financial outlook for Mississippi's hospitals is a "market failure" that warrants full-time attention.

"What we need is somebody, somewhere in state government, who is charged with figuring what we want health care to look like now and five and 10 years down the road," Bryan said. "Unless I'm terribly confused, there is nobody in your state government that has that charge."

This story has been corrected to show that the number of rural hospitals closing is 54% of all rural hospitals, not all hospitals.

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## Mississippi-based furniture company lays off 2,700 workers

*The Associated Press*

A Mississippi-based company that had become one of the largest furniture businesses in the country has laid off nearly its entire workforce.

Approximately 2,700 workers, most of whom live in northeast Mississippi, lost their jobs Monday, according to the *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal*.

Just days before the Thanksgiving holiday, United Furniture Industries sent a memo via email and text to workers late Monday night informing them not to report to their shifts Tuesday.

A second email informed workers their "layoff from the company is expected to be permanent and all benefits will be terminated immediately without provision of COBRA," referring to the federal law that

gives people who lose their jobs an option to keep their employer-sponsored health insurance coverage under some circumstances.

Some employees were sound asleep when the emails hit their inboxes. Others never saw the emails before heading to work. Company drivers who were out making deliveries were told to return to a United Furniture location immediately to turn in their trucks.

The memo said the layoffs were made at the instruction of the company's board of directors and were due to "unforeseen business circumstances." The memo did not offer any specific details about what led to the layoffs.

The company's communications team did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

United Furniture Industries, based in Okolona, Miss., makes furniture under its brand and the Lane Home Furnishings brand, which it acquired in 2017 from Heritage Home Group LLC for an undisclosed sum. Lane was founded in 1912 in Virginia and merged with Tupelo-based Action Industries in 1972.

*Furniture Today*, a trade publication, reported that United fired its chief executive, chief financial officer and executive vice president of sales in June. It then named Todd Evans, the former president of Standard Furniture, an Alabama-based company, as its new chief executive.

In addition to eight plants in Mississippi, United also had six plants in North Carolina and one in California. Layoffs took place at the North Carolina and California locations as well.

## Mississippi's Center for Violence Prevention's Bridge Forensic Clinic announces new rape kit

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Due to the continued rise in sexual assaults coupled with the lack of prosecution of those crimes in Mississippi, Bridge Forensic Clinic organized a multi-disciplinary kit review committee with the intent of making evidence-based changes to the evidence collection kit.

Members of this committee include representatives from Bridge Forensic Clinic, Mississippi Attorney General's Office, Rankin County Sheriff's Office, Mississippi Forensics Laboratory, Rankin County District Attorney's Office and other Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.

Consultation from national forensic groups provided guidance, and law enforcement and local forensic experts shared their "on-the-ground" experiences resulting in the first kit update in over 15 years.

"We are so proud of the leadership of our own Nurse Practitioner Beth McCord for her commitment to get this job done. Our agency understands that justice is key to recovery for so many victims, and too many times justice is denied due to a lack of evidence. It's our belief that this is the first step to improving the way the State of Mississippi deals with sex crimes," said Sandy Middleton. "The process of updating the

kit included addressing outdated procedures and implementing the newest evidence-based protocols for kit collection. A sample collection kit may take up to four hours to complete and is usually done in a hospital emergency room. Our goal, as a committee, was to look at the kit from all different perspectives to provide the best possible outcome for the victim, law enforcement and prosecution," said McCord.

Speaking will be Sandy Middleton, executive director for Mississippi's Center for Violence Prevention and Beth McCord FNP-C, SANE-A, Bridge Forensic Operations manager. Also attending are local legislators, law enforcement officials, representatives from The Center's Board of Directors and Advisory Board, advocates from The Center for Violence Prevention and community supporters.

**Background Information** The Center for Violence Prevention has effectively provided emergency shelter and supportive services to victims of interpersonal violence in central Mississippi since 1990. Originally focusing on victims of domestic violence, The Center developed trauma-informed practices and a client-centered approach to meeting the emergency and recovery needs of

victims. Over the last decade, the service focus has continuously evolved to address gaps in services including victims of sexual assault and victims of human trafficking.

In September of 2017, The Center opened the state's first and only human trafficking shelter, named the Tower. The Center is also a member of five human trafficking task forces across the state, providing advocates to aid law enforcement with emergency functions and services to victims. Those victims have access to all services offered by The Center.

In November of 2018, The Center opened the Bridge Forensic Clinic with the goal of providing a safe and trauma-informed environment for victims of sexual assault. The Bridge provides kit collection onsite at the Bridge and at five local hospital emergency rooms and the National Guard through an MOU. Bridge Forensic Clinic employs three Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to respond to victims. All victims of sexual assault have access to all services offered by The Center.

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# Attorney Ben Crump brings star-studded TheGrio Awards crowd to its feet in Dr. King-inspired acceptance speech

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Byron Allen’s inaugural TheGrio Awards honored comedian Dave Chappelle with the Cultural Icon Award, Allyson Felix with the Sports Icon Award, and Patti LaBelle with the Music Icon Award. And while trailblazers like Tyler Perry and Jennifer Hudson also received honors, the recently televised awards spotlighted the work of “America’s Black Attorney General.”

Ben Crump, the renowned civil rights attorney and freedom fighter, elicited the night’s biggest applause when he accepted the newly minted Justice Icon Award.

“It was an honor to accept the Justice Icon trophy in the company of so many black leaders in our community,” Crump remarked.

“This award represents our fight for tomorrow’s future – our children’s future,” he asserted. “We will never stop demanding equality and justice.”

Those words were just a sample of Crump’s four-minute acceptance speech that brought the crowd of dignitaries to its feet and prompted LaBelle to remark, “Ben, you sure talking truth, and we all were listening.”

Crump, who has represented the families of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and others, said if Black America doesn’t fight for its children’s future, they couldn’t expect anyone else to go to battle.

“We have to be willing to fight for our children’s future until hell freezes over, and then, we have to



Attorney Ben Crump accepts TheGrio Justice Icon Award. PHOTO: THEGRIO.COM

be ready to fight on the ice,” Crump demanded.

“We have to make sure our children believe black lives matter, where it can’t be lip service, it has to be action.”

Crump also recalled the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“Dr. King concluded that there comes a time when one must take a position that’s neither popular nor politically correct or not even safe,” Crump told the audience, who loudly cheered their affirmation.

“But that being said, there comes a time when we must take a position because our conscience tells us it is the right thing to do. I submit to you at the first annual TheGrio Awards that it is the right thing to do to stand up for our children’s future.”

Broadcast on Nov. 26, the awards celebrated excellence in film, music, comedy, television, sports, philanthropy, business, fashion, social justice, environmental justice, education, and the cultural icons and innovators whose many contributions positively impact America.

“The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) fervently salutes Attorney Benjamin Crump for receiving TheGrio Award for being our courageous global freedom-fighting lawyer,” said National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) president and CEO, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

Taped at The Beverly Hilton in Los Angeles, Allen designed the

star-studded, black-tie event special to pay tribute to and amplify the history makers, change agents and artists who define and influence the black world.

“I created ‘TheGrio Awards’ to celebrate and amplify African-American excellence and the incredible champions from other communities who truly support us,” Allen said in a release.

“As a child, strong, positive African-American icons such as Berry Gordy Jr., Rosa Parks, Muhammad Ali and Martin Luther King Jr. helped me see myself differently and changed the trajectory of my life. Celebrating and amplifying iconic individuals is something we can never do enough of, especially for our children.”

# Refocusing America’s pursuit of perfection

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

In his January 20, 2022, Inaugural Address, President Joe Biden called on us to, “look ahead in our uniquely American way – restless, bold, optimistic – and set our sights on the nation we know we can be, and we must be. But many Americans were looking back to the unprecedented and tumultuous attempted insurrection of January 6th. Backward looking is not normal for a democracy – especially one like ours that is always in “pursuit of a more perfect union.” But you won’t find perfection by looking backwards. President Abraham Lincoln reportedly once said, “I walk slowly, but I never walk backwards.”

President Lincoln led this country through an earlier period of internal turmoil, when there was no certainty that America would emerge intact. I believe President Biden faces similar challenges today. In addition to the political challenge that faced our country as he took office, our country was struggling to reduce the toll of COVID-19, restore our place on the world stage, reform community policing, keep our communities safe, combat climate change, and the list goes on and on and on.

President Biden took a page from President Lincoln’s methodical approach to move us forward. Within the first six weeks of his administration, President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan. That law made COVID-19 vaccinations available, stabilized families, unshuttered businesses, reopened schools and got people back to work. He followed that historic legislation with another historic bill, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that is investing \$1.2 trillion in roads and bridges, clean air and water, ports and rail, electric vehicles and making high-speed internet accessible and affordability to every resident and business.

During our lively debate over the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, competing interests within our party were threatening that agenda and our continued pursuit of a more perfect union. I urged members to step outside their comfort zones and find common ground. We were able to subsequently craft the bill that President Biden signed into law.

President Biden’s poll numbers dipped dramatically as the pandemic lingered. But Democrats entered the 2022 election cycle comfortable with his approach and confident in our agenda. We continued to focus on the future and passed much-needed legislation: the CHIPS & Science Act to keep skilled technical and manufacturing jobs in the U.S; the PACT Act to provide health care and resources for military heroes who had been subjected to toxic burn pits and Agent Orange, and the Safer Communities Act to combat gun violence and provide more law enforcement officers in rural communities.

We also passed the Inflation Reduction Act. While it was the largest investment ever to combat climate change, it also authorized Medicare to negotiate for lower drug prices and capped the cost of insulin at \$35 for seniors starting January 1, 2023. President Biden and Congressional Democrats were putting the best interest of the American people over the politics of the moment, and the voters knew it.

While our legislative wins were impressive and unprecedented, the pundits remained focused on the noise and name calling. They bought into the dire predictions that the voters would turn Democrats out in droves. I was often asked, “What would it take to get beyond the acrimony?” My answer was always the same, “a definitive election, one in which massive numbers of Americans would step outside their comfort zones.”

That is what happened November 8. Many Republicans and Independents who are not usually comfortable voting for Democrats did so in record numbers. The election results seem to have changed the narrative from one of looking backward to one that is forward focused.

After a better-than-expected midterm election cycle during his first term, President Lincoln responded to a Michigan Senator and frequent critic from his own party, Zachariah Chandler, by saying, “I am very glad the elections this autumn have gone favorably, and that I have not, by native depravity, or under evil influences, done anything bad enough to prevent the good result. I hope to ‘stand firm’ enough to not go backward, and yet not go forward fast enough to wreck the country’s cause.”

Forward momentum is the only way to overcome the pull of the past and break the ties of those wanting a return to divisive and dangerous times. I believe President Biden has proven that he too will “stand firm enough to not go backward.”

With the House and Senate as closely divided as they are, progress will require that both sides step outside of their comfort zones and continue our pursuit of “a more perfect union.” The extent of our commitment and success will be determined by the American people at the time – and in the places – they usually render their decisions, at the ballot boxes.

# AARP poll shows older voters may decide close Georgia runoff rlection

By Stacy M. Brown  
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With the Georgia runoff election between Democratic incumbent Sen. Raphael Warnock and Republican Herschel Walker less than two weeks ago, there’s a vast divide between younger and older voters.

AARP Georgia released key findings from a 2022 runoff election survey that shows candidates should pay close attention to Georgians age 50 and older, with issues such as inflation and rising prices, threats to democracy and Social Security and Medicare top of mind for these voters.

Warnock, seeking to retain the seat he won in a 2020 runoff, leads the ex-football player by 24 percentage points among voters 18-49. Meanwhile, Walker leads the senator by 9 points among voters 50 or older.

Overall, the AARP poll shows Warnock with a 51% to 47% lead over Walker.

The big mountain for Democrats is the 55% to 42% edge Walker holds among voters over 65 and Walker’s 51% to 47% lead among voters 50-64.

AARP noted that individuals 50 and older make up 62% of likely runoff voters.



The vast majority (90%) of voters 50 and older said they are highly motivated to vote in the runoff election.

Warnock continues to enjoy a commanding 83-point lead among black voters 50 and older.

“Georgia voters 50 and older are a critical voting demographic that both candidates are competing

for in this runoff election,” Debra Tyler-Horton, AARP Georgia State Director, said in a news release.

“Georgia residents want their leaders to provide solutions to inflation and the rising cost of living,

preserve democracy and protect their health and financial security,” Tyler-Horton stated.

“The message is clear, if these candidates want to win the U.S. Senate seat, they should pay attention to the issues that matter to Georgians 50-plus.”

The survey also found that a significant majority (70%) of voters think the country is headed in the wrong direction, while just 49% think the same about the direction of the state.

Meanwhile, 63% of voters said they are worried about their financial situation.

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On behalf of AARP, the bipartisan team of pollsters Fabrizio Ward and Impact Research conducted the survey. The firms interviewed 1,183 likely Georgia voters.

Interviewees included a state-wide representative sample of 500 likely voters, an oversample of 550 likely voters aged 50 and older, and an additional oversample of 133 likely black voters in that age bracket.

Officials conducted the survey between November 11-17, 2022.

# With cholesterol size does matter

By Vince Faust  
*Tips to Be Fit*

We all get our cholesterol checked to find out where our cholesterol numbers are. Our doctor usually tells us if our total cholesterol, LDL's (bad cholesterol) and HDL (good cholesterol) are in the healthy range. Researchers have found that there's more to cholesterol than just numbers. Based on the latest research the size of your cholesterol particles, not simply how much cholesterol we have will determine our cardiovascular health.

Cholesterol is a soft, yellowish, waxy material found in every cell in our body and it's essential for our cells to function properly. Cholesterol comes from two sources, your food and your body. Your body makes all the cholesterol you need.

Your LDLs have always been regarded as the more dangerous form of cholesterol even though it's needed by your body functions such as helping to form cell membranes.

High levels of LDLs have been associated with a greater risk for heart disease. LDL's particle size is a greater concern than either total cholesterol, or LDL levels. Some particles are small, dense and dangerous because it can easily infiltrate artery walls. This can



Exercise is key to maintaining healthy cholesterol levels.

create a plaque buildup in your arteries. This can increase your risk of stroke and heart attack. If you have predominance for small LDL particles, it puts you in the category of people with a B cholesterol pattern. The other type is A LDL cholesterol pattern. They are large and buoyant. The particles are so big they can't work their way into your blood vessel walls. The A pattern can protect you against heart disease and stroke.

Two people with the same overall LDL levels can have a totally different risk for heart disease depending on whether small or large LDL particles are predominate. In a recent study they found that having an LDL level of 130-mg/dL decili-

ter to 160 mg/dL would have a moderate risk for heart disease. If 75% of your LDL particles are small and dense your risk of heart attack is far greater if then if that 75% of your LDL particles were large and buoyant particles.

You need a blood test to find out your particle size to get a clearer picture of the risk for cardiovascular disease. It has different names, but often is called a vertical auto profile (VAP). The VAP test is covered by most insurance and Medicare. You need to repeat the testing 2 to 3 times a month after starting treatment in order to confirm that the treatment is working.

To get the most out of your



High levels of LDLs (bad cholesterol) increase risk of heart disease.

cholesterol screening it is important that you understand there are a few things that can affect the accuracy of your test.

Your position before you take your test will affect your levels. You should sit down before you take your test. Prolonged standing prior to the test can elevate total cholesterol levels an average of 10%. You should be seated at least 5 to 15 minutes before having your blood drawn.

Don't do strenuous exercise for 24 hours because exercise will elevate your HDLs. This will cause an artificially elevated HDL level in your test results.

Alcoholic beverages will elevate HDL, cholesterol and triglycerides giving you inac-

curate test results. To be safe you should not drink alcoholic beverages 24 hours before you take your test.

You don't have to fast before you take your test and you don't want to change your diet. The object of your cholesterol test is to test typical cholesterol levels. Changing your diet before the test will not give a true indication of your normal levels.

Pregnancy can also elevate your cholesterol levels, especially after the first trimester. Doctors can't tell you not to have a baby, but they suggest holding off on having a cholesterol test until three months after giving birth.

The good news is that by taking steps to lower your total

cholesterol, they are the same steps to enlarge your cholesterol particle size. Diet and exercise are the key.

Diet is the single most important factor, which can help lower your cholesterol level. Cholesterol is found in meats, dairy products and some vegetable oils high in saturated fat. Foods labeled "no Cholesterol" aren't necessarily healthy, and may still be loaded with saturated fat. Saturated fat has more affect on your blood cholesterol than the amount of cholesterol you take in. Read labels and limit your saturated fat intake to 14 grams daily. If you lower your cholesterol level 2%, you lower your risk of a heart attack by 30%.

Exercise is another key. If you've never exercised before, find a beginner exercise group. A professional can help you get started. If you want to give it a try on your own, start a walking program. Walk every other day. Do callisthenic exercises on the day you don't walk. Do at least one exercise for each body part. Start your program slowly and be consistent.

Keep a diary to keep track of your progress. After a few months, you may want to get into weight training.

Before starting your fitness program, consult your physician.

# Loneliness can harm your health

By Vince Faust  
*Tips to Be Fit*

Increasingly showing persistent loneliness can have a profound effect on your physical health. Insomnia, cardiovascular disease and Alzheimer's disease can be caused by loneliness. Studies have also found that loneliness raises your risk for premature death among adults 50 and older by 40%.

It's easy to assume that anyone who is struggling with loneliness will know that he or she is lonely. That's often not the case for many people. Loneliness gives you an extreme sense of social disconnection. Loneliness will give you a feeling that no one really knows you and what your life is like. A lonely person doesn't even realize that they are lonely. Friends and family might not necessarily recognize that a friend or love one is lonely. Most of us do need some time by ourselves in solitude. We need the opportunity to find and feel quietly without distraction and demand of other people. Loneliness is very different. You spend hours alone and time on the computer, perhaps on Facebook or following the activities of friends on social media. A lonely person will have pangs of anger or envy when others around them are happy while you feel a big sense of dissatisfaction. You may even feel this dissatisfaction when you or spending time with other people. You can be alone, without being lonely. You can also be lonely when you with others. People can look happy and well connected from the outside but are still lonely. A person can invite his or her closest friends to a party and still feel empty and isolated. A romantic relationship nor marriage is a defense against loneliness.

Chronic loneliness occurs when you have feelings of loneliness that won't go away and have uncomfortable social isolation going on for a long period of time. You may also have constant and unrelenting feelings of being alone, separated or



Many people may not recognize loneliness as a health problem.

divided from others. You'll have an inability to connect with others. You'll have deeply rooted feelings of self-doubt, low self-esteem or social anxiety.

The connection between loneliness and depression has been established for quite some time, but only recently have researchers discovered that loneliness itself is linked to elevated blood pressure, increased stress hormones and an impaired immune system. Loneliness also extracts the huge toll when people turn to unhealthy behaviors to avoid the pain of loneliness. These unhealthy behaviors can include drugs, alcohol or working too many hours.

According to Cigna Health the main signs and symptoms of chronic loneliness are:

- Inability to connect with others on a deeper, more intimate level
- No close or "best" friends
- Overwhelming feeling of isolation regardless of where you are and who's around
- Negative feelings of self-doubt and self-worth

For the sake of your health and happiness here are few tips I found that could help:

- Share more about yourself. Make room for small connections. Sharing the details of your life with others shows vulnerability, which will foster a deep connection and

help minimize your loneliness.

- While quantity doesn't replace quality in relationships a momentary contact can add to your sense of being part of the social world around you. Exchange a few extra words with the cashier at your local convenient store or smile at those you pass on the street. These pleasant interactions will prime you for deeper more meaningful ones with close friends and family.

- Be part of something big. Meaningful activities will bring you in contact with like-minded people. Volunteer in a hospital, volunteer at a food pantry, tutor a child who is struggling in school or join a gardening group. Whatever activity you choose stay involve for several weeks and if you're not feeling more connected by the end of that time, then look for something else that might be more to your liking.

- Don't hold up by yourself when your life changes. Most people that have significant changes in their life such as job loss, death of a loved one, divorce or retirement use these events as an excuse to shut out others which sets them up for loneliness. It's a natural tendency to withdraw at such times. If this goes on for more than a few months challenge yourself to set up two outings a week with a friend neighbor or family member to get yourself out of the house.

- Consider getting a pet. They can be more than company. If you don't have time to care for a pet full-time consider sharing a pet. There are several sites that'll help you to meet people near you who are interested in doing this. You can also volunteer at your local animal shelter. Both of these activities are a great way to connect with animals and animal lovers.

Talk with someone who cares about you. Consider making an appointment with a professional. You may be going through a momentary depressive mood or something more serious. You don't want to take any chances.

# Conversations about cancer screening should be priority this holiday season – it can save your life

By David Ford  
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The holidays are a time to gather with friends and family for food, fun and great conversations. But imagine those conversations not going as planned and the joy of being with your loved ones overshadowed by someone sharing that they have cancer. You may not have been ready to have that discussion, yet it was happening. And you may not be prepared to talk about screenings with your loved ones, but it's necessary. As someone who has had two different cancers in my life, I cannot stress enough the importance of getting screened.

It was 2015 when I first heard those earth-shattering words, "it's cancer." I thought back to a conversation with my doctor just a few months earlier when they recommended a routine colonoscopy screening. Instead of getting it done right away, I kept putting it off. My life was busy. I had a family and was in the midst of a successful career. It just wasn't a priority for me, and all the while, I was unknowingly putting myself at risk. Then flash-forward to a critical moment with my doctor. It was too late; surgery was needed to treat my cancer.

If I'd gotten my colonoscopy, a screening for colon cancer, when it was recommended, it's possible that I could've avoided surgery, treatment and the emotional toll I put on my family. Even though the treatments saved me, I had to learn the hard way not to take unnecessary risks with my life.

So, three years later, when my doctor recommended screening for prostate cancer, I did not wait. I completed the screening immediately, and we were able to find and treat my second cancer at an early stage. Now, I am once again cancer free and sharing my story to help others understand why they should be getting screened.

According to the American Cancer Society, 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women will face a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime, yet the discussion of cancer screening remains taboo in our community. Now is the time to start having conversa-

tions about cancer screening and having it often. Be an example for your friends and family. It's okay to say, "Hey, as your buddy, I want us to be together 20 years from now. Make sure you're taking care of yourself. That includes going to the doctor and getting screened for cancer." It may be a tough conversation to have, but you may be the one that could make a lifesaving difference.

Cancer wasn't something I was prepared to factor into my life. But through my experience, I learned some tough lessons. It is important to listen to my doctor. I need to take the time to share with others so they don't make the same mistake. It's necessary to go to the doctor on a timely basis. It's okay to have scary conversations about health with loved ones. And if a doctor recommends cancer screening, get screened.

Through my work with the American Cancer Society, I have seen that cancer doesn't discriminate. It's not just older people getting cancer, anyone can be at risk. This is the reason why it is so important for you to talk to a doctor about the type of health care and screening you may need. You can't play around with your life. It's more than just a cancer screening, it's a way to help ensure that we will be around for our families. The longer we are around, the more opportunities we have to live our dreams and to see our loved ones achieve their goals.

As we prepare to gather for the holidays, whether it's a large gathering or with immediate family, I encourage you to have a conversation with your loved ones about regular cancer screening. I hope that you take the steps yourself to schedule an appointment to get screened. If you need cancer screening recommendations, resources, as well as tips to start the conversation visit [cancer.org/get-screened](https://cancer.org/get-screened). A small discussion can make a lifesaving difference, so please don't wait.

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P R E S E R V E D

# Between where I've been and where I'm going

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



A number of years ago, I had surgery that quite frankly terrified me. The surgery was necessary, but I was extremely nervous. I wasn't concerned as much about the surgery itself. After all, I'd be sedated and wouldn't feel anything. What I was most concerned about was how I'd feel after the surgery. Even though the doctor reassured me about everything after the procedure, I was still very fearful. I knew the scriptures about God not giving us a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7) but I couldn't shake it.

I even had a good friend pray with me before the surgery. As I sat waiting for the sedation medication to kick in, I slowly started to drift off to sleep. When I woke up, I was in a little bit of

pain but was so groggy that the pain didn't matter. Then the most important part took place: the healing process. This was the place of "in the meantime" for me physically. Strange thing was that even though I'd been fearful of the surgery, I was now a little impatient to get beyond the healing so I could be completely restored.

According to doctor's orders, I was to rest as much as possible and not do anything physically strenuous. She made it clear that what I did or did not do would have the biggest impact on how quickly and successfully my body healed. So, I did my best to rest and stay stress free.

Maybe it's being so close to the start of a new year or me getting more reflective as I get older, but I've been fascinated lately more by what happens in this place of "meantime." By the meantime, I mean that particular place that's between

where I've been and where I'm going. Gospel artist Kim Burrell sings about it in her song, "Special Place:" "In between where I've been and where I'm going to a special place, designed just for me. Between where I've been, so closer to knowing my search is over, I think I see me."

I love those words because they explain where I and so many of my friends are during that crucial time at the end of an old year and the beginning a new year. Even though we may have achieved in our personal, professional and spiritual lives, that place of complete healing sometimes seems so hard to find. Or when we find it, we want to rush through the process so we can enjoy restoration.

We forget that healing is not just about length of time but also about how we manage our time and pace ourselves during the process.

In Psalm 41:3, we are reminded: "The Lord sustains

him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health." I think sometimes God may allow us to enter a place of "meantime" As he prepares to bless us with complete restoration. We may have prayed for God to restore emotionally, physically, financially and spiritually perhaps not realizing that before there is complete restoration and a new beginning, we must submit to the healing process.

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P A R T 2

# The unity of the church

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



We read in Acts 2:41-47 these words, "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

This is the first record of the three thousand souls saved on the Day of Pentecost. What did they do? They gathered themselves

together in the temple, continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and teachings and were in one accord, which is the perfect picture of the Church of God.

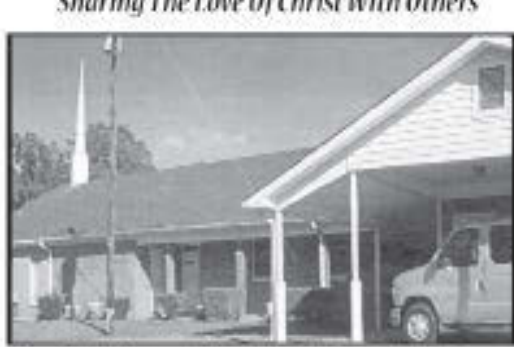
Today, when individuals are supposedly saved at the altar of prayer but only appear once and a while, one may question or wonder if he/she really got saved. I know that everyone is different, but when I got saved, I had the desire to be in the house of God every time the doors opened.

Read the words of Amos, a minor prophet in Amos 3:3. It says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" This Scripture does not mean what we may think. God was asking Old Israel a question, and the question is good for us today. We cannot walk together unless we agree with God. God is not going to change His mind or change His Word to suit us.

Psalms 119:89 says, "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." As long as we both walk in the light, there is perfect fellowship. Walk in the light, that beautiful light!

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## The ideal holiday: Family, food, football and forgiveness

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.  
Guest Writer



Most people believe that the ideal holiday includes family, tasty food and football. In fact, much effort and emphasis are made to ensure that our families will have the joy and luxury of having an unforgettable holiday experience. However, many married couples in Mississippi and across the United States are losing out on the joy of gathering with families due to unforgiveness. In many instances, unforgiveness is a decision made from a refusal to display grace and mercy for another one's wrongs, feelings of resentment, despair and deeply rooted pain in most instances against the spouse who caused the pain and offense. For this reason, unforgiveness has led and is leading to countless separations, divorces, broken families. In addition, unforgiveness has led to untimely tragedies such as suicides and homicides. Nevertheless, unforgiveness is destroying marriages daily, and the peace and joy that often accompanies the holidays.

Forgiving your spouse, who has hurt and offended you is not an easy task. However, forgiving your spouse is possible. Because forgiveness does not come naturally, we must be willing to weigh out the benefits of forgiveness and ask God to help you forgive. The benefits of forgiving your spouse are as follows: increases self-healing, may heal and sustain your marriage, it promotes love, it promotes peace, frees you, frees your spouse, promotes reconciliation and restoration for your relationship, and it promotes self-growth and maturity.

I am asking you to forgive your spouse even if they have not asked you for forgiveness. I am aware that some of you are being asked to forgive the following: infidelity, love child from an affair, verbal, mental and physical abuse, absenteeism in you and your children's lives, abandoning you and your children, massive purchases without your input, forgetting your birthday or special occasions, eating your last snack, ruining your favorite clothing, not answering your call, not responding to your text messages. I know that forgiving some of these actions is almost impossible but not forgiving your spouse will not change what occurred in most of these situations.

Many struggles with forgiving their spouse because they feel that it will free their spouse. Yes, that is correct, you free your spouse for God to deal with them accordingly but most importantly you free yourself. I learned a long time ago that we give the person(s) power when we do not forgive, and we still let the hurt or offense they caused to control our lives but most importantly we put ourselves in positions not to be forgiven by God.

Why should you forgive your spouse? Matthew 6:14-15: For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Do not allow your spouse to cause God not to forgive you of your sins. Remember, no one is perfect. We all sin. Therefore, we need God's grace and forgiveness. If God, or better yet, because God forgives us of our sins, and even our spouses' sins; who are we not to forgive our spouses?

In conclusion, life is short. Life is not promised to any of us, and people are dying every day with no notice or warning. I have recently heard so many sad stories of people losing their spouses unexpectedly; leaving the spouse who refused to forgive, guilty, in turmoil, broken, and devastated to say the least. Therefore, let pride, bitterness, agony, hate, wrath and anger go, so that you can forgive your spouse. Please keep in mind too, that you have hurt or offended your spouse too at some point too; may not measure to what your spouse did to hurt or offend you, but you needed their grace and mercy too.

Although, not easy, I have forgiven my husband for hurt and offenses that he has caused me, and he has also forgiven me for hurt and offenses I have caused him, because we want God to forgive us both. I hope and pray that you will find it in your heart to forgive your spouse soon – today, so that you and your family can be together in peace for the holidays. The ideal holiday includes family, food, football and forgiveness – Oh My!

Next week, we will examine forgiveness further by analyzing the following question – does forgiving your spouse mean that you cannot pursue a divorce?

# Opt-ed: Burl Cain, a man of vision

By Keith Starrett  
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Southern District of Mississippi

Not since the last time I watched the opening monologue of the classic movie Patton have I observed a leader address his staff in the passionate, direct, and “lay it all out” manner that Commissioner of Corrections Burl Cain did when he spoke October 17, 2022 in Jackson. He is definitely a man with a mission. I was the only non-Department of Corrections (DOC) employee there, having been invited by the commissioner as an observer for the Mississippi Reentry Council.

**Some background:** The Mississippi Reentry Council was established by the Legislature on the recommendation of former Chief Justice Bill Waller Jr. Its specified purpose is to “create effective strategies to assist former inmates in their return to the general population, to reduce the recidivism rates of inmates, to increase public safety, and to reduce budgetary constraints presently created by prison-related costs.” MCA §47-7-101. The council is led by a steering committee made up mostly of state and federal officials. A few weeks before this meeting, members of the steering committee met with Cain and other corrections officials to discuss the agendas for the DOC and the council. Out of this came the invitation to observe the October 17 meeting.

**The Commissioner's Speech**  
Promptly at 9 a.m. Commissioner Cain began. His first admonition was that “many of us are working against one another.” His specific language was that we are “grinding the gears” of the truck and getting nowhere. “We must all get on the same page.” He then admonished the group about the absence, or delay, in getting departing inmates driver's licenses or suitable IDs, a necessity for getting a job. Ten inmates were denied release the week before for this reason. He stressed

that a job is a necessity, and he then went straight into finding out from the Parole Board 2 who would be considered each week so inmates could be fully prepared for release and employment. He looked straight at the superintendents and wardens and said, “You are in charge of your institution, and the buck stops with you. Get it done.”

**Hope (Helping Offenders Prepare for Employment) Grant:**

Next came the main reason for the meeting – the project funded by a 4.2 million dollar grant. The commissioner had previously told the council about the project and that he had spent over 30 years learning about corrections and developing the program, but this was the first opportunity he had had to implement it with adequate funding. At our first meeting in September, the Reentry Council presented him a list of our priorities. He advised that the project addressed each of them, and he laid out the immediate goals of the project.

1. “Get teachers certified.” The academic portion of the project requires teachers, and to be able to issue diplomas or certificates, the teachers must be certified. He addressed the persons in charge and said, “Get it done.”

2. “Search the prisons for former plumbers, carpenters, truck drivers and mechanics.” The ones with longer sentences would be teachers of those with shorter sentences, and a member of the staff, a former inmate at Angola, was replicating a program there that listed 13 different vocations where certifications could be given, including welding, truck driving, small engine repair, auto and diesel repair, culinary arts, and others – all needed and much in demand.

3. He addressed character building and religious training and talked about field ministers (current inmates who had completed appropriate training who were sent out to other prisons as missionaries), a program used in Louisiana prisons

that is extremely successful.

4. Violence in the prisons – getting firm with gangs – break them up and send the leaders to other institutions.

5. Stopping extortion of inmates by other inmates and stiff consequences for gang activities. This is a real problem in many institutions. His exact language was: “Get off your a \_\_ and stop it, respond quickly to violence. Use drug dogs every day. We are going to have prisons and schools with the wardens leading the fight.” He continued, “Increase shake-downs, have body cameras so that staff knows that if they do something illegal that they won't get away with it.”

6. Stop political favors. “Quit moving inmates. The inmates don't need their schooling and programming interrupted.”

7. Work closely with the Department of Employment Security, a necessary partner. Utilize best corrections practices – evidence-based programs that have been proven to reduce recidivism. Build additional partnerships with employers and train inmates for promised jobs before they are released so that they can immediately go to work. Improve our skills as corrections officers and enforce the dress code – take our system to the next level.

**The Grant:** The funding for the proposed program is sufficient for 2500 inmates to complete a sixmonth program. After receiving a certification, an inmate can receive a cash award to be used to help with their move back into the outside world. Also, some cash assistance is available upon release for basic cell phones and other necessities for life in 2022.

Probation Officers are being reclassified to be called reentry counselors where their primary task is to assist returning inmates in successfully completing their community supervision. The commissioner has also proposed a program called “One Day with Dad”

when children of inmates go to the institutions and spend the day with their dad to help them reconnect and prepare for the homecoming.

The commissioner's dream program is laudable, and I fully support it, but it needs unified support for it to succeed. Crime is on everyone's mind these days, and with good reason. This is an election year, and the members of the Legislature will have to make some tough choices about their positions.

But what is the goal? Community safety and enforcing the rule of law should be the number one objective of responsible government leaders. 98% of prisoners are going home to communities throughout our state. (Go to the DOC website and see how many are returning annually to your county.) The question is – will those released be better and safer or will they return to a life of crime? Reducing recidivism saves lives, money, families and communities.

It will take courage for the Legislature to stand up for prison reform and properly fund it. In 2014 House Bill 585 was implemented, which allowed several thousand inmates to be quickly released, and prison numbers dropped. But one thing didn't change – the number of community corrections officers to supervise them, and the prison population is on the rise. The Legislature promised that the money saved would be used in corrections, but that promise is yet to be fulfilled. Our state is potentially on the cusp of substantial prison reform, but will we only have business as usual? Time will tell.

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## How we can influence the courts that influence our lives?

By Ben Jealous  
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As I write this, the final few races are being called in the midterm elections that were held weeks ago. It's clear that that the House will be closely divided, with Republicans holding a very small majority. History shows that in midterm elections, the party that doesn't hold the presidency typically gains a lot of seats in Congress – oftentimes in a wipeout of the party in power. Republicans' gains were comparatively tiny this year – but they probably should have been even tinier. The reason is the far-right Supreme Court, and two rulings that hurt black voters this cycle.

Two Deep South states, Alabama and Louisiana, redrew congressional maps months before the midterms. Incredibly, given the high proportion of black voters in those states, the maps allowed for only one majority-black congressional district in each state. That is almost certainly a violation of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits states from packing minority voters into fewer districts in a way that reduces their power. And you don't have to take my word for it; federal courts

said the same thing and ordered both states to redraw their maps.

But state officials opposed to black voting power fought back. And in both instances, the Supreme Court allowed them to go ahead with this year's midterm elections with maps that just happened to preserve “safe” Republican seats.

It's infuriating. And those are only two of the infuriating decisions that have come out of this court since Donald Trump and Mitch McConnell succeeded in stacking it with enough ultraconservative justices to make a supermajority.

I know that the inner workings of the courts, especially the Supreme Court, can seem really remote in our day-to-day lives. Most people don't know any judges, and if they meet one in court it's probably happening on a very unpleasant day. In fact, my guess is that a lot of people would rather not think much about the courts at all. But we have to.

We need to pay attention to who sits on our courts and how they get there, because there is such an enormous impact on our lives whether we realize it or not. The Supreme Court's impact on the House majority is just one example. Those actions by the court will affect what business gets done in Congress and

what laws get passed – or not passed – that impact how we live and what rights we have.

Judges get their seats in different ways, especially at the state level. If you live in a place where state-level judges are elected, it's critically important to get informed and vote in those judicial elections. When it comes to federal judges, the Senate decides who will be confirmed. So every time you cast a vote for a senator, it should be for the candidate who will vote to confirm fair-minded judges with a commitment to civil rights. The Biden administration has been doing a very good job nominating diverse, highly qualified judges who have this commitment. I believe in supporting senators who have voted to confirm these judges and withholding support from those who haven't.

The same goes for the presidential election, which we will face again in less than two years. In 2016, Donald Trump ran on a platform to name far-right judges to the Supreme Court who would ultimately overturn *Roe v. Wade*. That's exactly what happened when he won, and now the court is moving on to do other damage, too – like denying black voters fair representation in Congress.

So what do we do? We get in-

formed, we organize and we vote in the next election – the same thing we do to confront so many issues this country faces.

Next election seems too far away? There is something you can do in the meantime. Call your senators and tell them to confirm the federal judicial nominees that are still waiting for a Senate vote between now and the end of the year. There are literally dozens of nominees picked by President Biden, including many people of color and nominees with strong civil rights backgrounds, just waiting for Senate action to take their seats on the courts. We can show we care by calling our senators and telling them to confirm these nominees now.

Courts are going to keep showing us how much of an impact they have on our lives. We need to exercise every option we have to impact who sits on them.

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## LEGAL

DECEMBER 10, 2022

AUCTION OF CITY OF JACKSON  
IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

To all interested parties, known or unknown,

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

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

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

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200	41711	2019-082480	1989 CHEVROLET VAN (BLU)	ABANDON
201	41717	2019-062038	1994 CHEVROLET CAMBIO (BLACK)	ABANDON
202	41721	2019-083922	2004 JAGUAR X-TYPE (TAN)	EVIDENCE
203	41728	2019-084811	2006 MERCEDES E350 (MAROON)	STOLEN
204	41732	2019-085537	2004 SATURN ION (GRAY)	ARREST
205	41748	2019-079384	2006 HONDA ACCORD (GRAY)	ABANDON
206	41752	2019-087736	2005 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER (BLACK)	STOLEN
207	41754	2019-087745	2004 INFINITI G35 (WHITE)	STOLEN
208	41765	2019-088232	2012 CHRYSLER 300 (WHITE)	STOLEN
209	41766	2019-089654	2006 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER (GRN)	EVIDENCE
210	41767	2019-088145	2011 KIA OPTIMA (SILVER)	STOLEN
211	41774	2019-090086	2009 NISSAN RADIXA (BLACK)	EVIDENCE
212	41782	2019-092136	2016 NISSAN ALTIMA (WHITE)	ABANDON
213	41787	2019-090451	2008 CHEVROLET TAHOE (BLACK)	STOLEN
214	41788	2019-093496	2005 HONDA ACCORD (GRAY)	ABANDON
215	41801	2019-092952	2006 FORD ESCAPE (LT BLUE)	ABANDON
216	41812	2019-095334	2005 LEXUS ES 300 (BLACK)	ABANDON
217	41813	2019-095326	1988 BUICK PARK AVENUE (BROWN)	ABANDON
218	41815	2019-095804	2011 CHEVROLET AVEO (WHITE)	ABANDON
219	41831	2019-097999	2008 HONDA ACCORD (WHITE)	ABANDON
220	41853	2019-099356	2008 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE (GRAY)	EVIDENCE
221	41854	2019-099396	2006 HONDA ACCORD (BLUE)	ABANDON
222	41859	2019-100616	2014 FORD FOCUS (BLACK)	ABANDON
223	41876	2019-103001	2012 CHEVROLET MALIBU (BLK/WHY)	ARREST
224	41877	2019-103226	2017 DAI DAI MORGUE (BLACK)	STOLEN
225	41878	2019-103258	2005 PONTIAC G6 (RED)	ABANDON
226	41885	2019-103875	2008 JEEP PATRIOT (BLUE)	ABANDON
227	41902	2019-106212	2011 GMC YUKON (BLACK)	ABANDON
228	41905	2019-106239	2006 SATURN OUTLOOK (BLACK)	ABANDON
229	41917	2019-107636	2004 FORD RANGER (BLACK/BLUE)	ABANDON
230	41926	2019-109120	2004 HONDA ACCORD (SILVER)	ABANDON
231	41931	2019-092900	2012 HONDA ACCORD (GRAY)	ARREST
232	41934	2019-110711	2013 FORD TAURUS (GRAY)	ABANDON
233	41937	2019-111306	2007 CADILLAC CTX (SILVER)	ABANDON
234	41944	2019-112316	2007 CADILLAC SRX (TAN)	ABANDON
235	41951	2019-113311	2008 CADILLAC CTX (GOLD)	ABANDON
236	41954	2019-113395	2013 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA (BLACK)	EVIDENCE
237	41959	2019-114317	2008 DODGE NITRO	ABANDON
238	41971	2019-115681	2016 NISSAN VERSA (BLUE)	EVIDENCE
239	41977	2019-116002	2015 HONDA ACCORD (BLACK)	ABANDON
240	41981	2019-116910	2016 DODGE CHALLENGER (BLACK)	EVIDENCE
241	41981	2019-117040	2006 HONDA ACCORD (SILVER)	ABANDON
242	41991	2019-118225	2006 KIA SPECTRA (BLUE)	ABANDON
243	42012	2019-120666	2010 DODGE AVENGER (BLACK)	ABANDON
244	42019	2019-120919	2011 DODGE DURANGO (WHITE)	ABANDON
245	42019	2019-120966	2005 NISSAN SENTRA (TAN)	ABANDON
246	42019	2019-121474	2006 CHEVROLET COBALT (GRAY)	ABANDON
247	42018	2019-122436	2009 DODGE JOURNEY (WHITE)	ABANDON
248	42054	2019-122641	2018 CADILLAC CTX (BLUE)	ABANDON
249	42055	2019-125728	1998 TOYOTA COROLLA (TAN)	ABANDON
250	42065	2019-126997	1983 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER (BRONX)	ABANDON
251	42066	2019-126704	2001 LEXUS ES 300 (BLACK)	ABANDON
252	42069	2019-126448	2011 NISSAN SENTRA (WHITE)	ARREST
253	42072	2019-127275	2011 KIA SORENTO (WHITE)	ABANDON
254	42081	2019-127614	2015 NISSAN VERSA (WHITE)	ABANDON
255	42088	2019-128837	2008 HONDA CIVIC (RED)	ABANDON
256	42117	2019-133231	2001 FORD F150 (BLACK)	ARREST
257	42123	2019-133887	2004 TOYOTA CAMRY (WHITE)	ABANDON
258	42132	2019-135504	2003 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN (GRAY)	EVIDENCE
259	42147	2019-139852	2004 HONDA CAMRY (WHITE)	EVIDENCE
260	42153	2019-138313	2017 FORD MUSTANG (RED)	ARREST
261	42166	2019-170371	1994 DODGE RAM (GREEN)	ARREST
262	42173	2019-139934	2014 HYUNDAI ACCENT (BLUE)	STOLEN
263	42180	2019-140482	2010 FORD CROWN VICTORIA (BLK/WHY)	ABANDON
264	42186	2019-141300	2006 PONTIAC G6 (BLACK)	ABANDON
265	42194	2019-141701	1991 FORD F350 BLU (WHITE)	ABANDON
266	42195	2019-141930	2009 TOYOTA COROLLA (RED)	ABANDON
267	42196	2019-141942	2007 TOYOTA CAMRY (GRAY)	ABANDON
268	42198	2019-133194	2014 DODGE DART (SILVER)	STOLEN
269	42204	2019-140716	1995 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN (GREEN)	EVIDENCE
270	42207	2019-142463	2002 TOYOTA CAMRY (WHITE)	ABANDON
271	42210	2019-143178	1996 HONDA ACCORD (MAROON)	ABANDON
272	42215	2019-144139	2004 FORD EXPEDITION (BLACK)	ABANDON
273	42221	2019-145010	1990 CHEVROLET L300 (GREEN)	ABANDON
274	42223	2019-145583	2017 HONDA ACCORD (SILVER)	ARREST
275	42225	2019-142560	2006 FORD F150 (BLACK)	EVIDENCE
276	42231	2019-146068	1997 FORD F150 (TAN)	ABANDON
277	42235	2019-146485	2010 FORD RANGER (GREEN)	ABANDON
278	42242	2019-148059	2008 YAMAHA R6 (BLACK)	EVIDENCE
279	42244	2019-148367	2010 HONDA ACCORD (BLACK)	ABANDON
280	42247	2019-000229	2010 MERCURY MARINER (SILVER)	ABANDON
281	42249	2019-000076	2010 MERCURY MARQUIS (BROWN)	ABANDON
282	42256	2019-091854	2010 HONDA CIVIC (RED)	STOLEN
283	42257	2019-001563	2008 FORD EXPLORER (WHITE)	ARREST
284	42261	2019-121709	2013 FORD F150 (GRAY)	STOLEN
285	42262	2019-001920	2006 SATURN ION (GREEN)	ABANDON
286	42267	2019-001949	2007 HONDA ACCORD (GREEN)	ABANDON
287	42269	2019-001963	2002 CHEVROLET TAHOE (GREEN)	ABANDON
288	42280	2019-002095	2007 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN (WHITE)	ABANDON
289	42281	2019-003378	2007 TOYOTA CAMRY (BLACK)	ARREST
290	42283	2019-003511	2008 VOLVO S60	ABANDON
291	42286	2019-002635	2007 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO (RED)	ABANDON
292	42290	2019-004500	2007 CHEVROLET MALIBU (GOLD)	EVIDENCE
293	42293	2019-140002	2012 TOYOTA CAMRY (BLUE)	STOLEN
294	42294	2019-004714	2001 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX (BLACK)	ABANDON
295	42295	2019-004781	2014 FORD FOCUS (SILVER)	ARREST
296	42298	2019-003427	1998 FORD RANGER (BLACK)	STOLEN
297	42307	2019-005081	2007 DODGE CHARGER (BLACK)	EVIDENCE
298	42308	2019-000000	2004 FORD EXPEDITION (BLACK)	UNKNOWN
299	42314	2019-002092	2004 HONDA ACCORD (GREEN)	ABANDON
300	42316	2019-002074	2016 FORD FUSION (GRAY)	EVIDENCE
301	42329	2019-008402	2002 LINCOLN LS (WHITE)	ABANDON
302	42334	2019-007499	1999 TOYOTA CAMRY (TAN)	EVIDENCE
303	42338	2019-002068	2004 FORD EXPEDITION (BLACK)	ABANDON
304	42339	2019-004010	2001 VOLVO S60 (SILVER)	ABANDON
305	42343	2019-005949	2019 NISSAN ALTIMA (BLUE)	ABANDON
306	42352	2019-000076	1978 CHEVROLET BONANZA (WHITE)	ABANDON
307	42356	2019-001932	2003 BUICK LESABRE (TAN)	STOLEN
308	42357	2019-156633	2000 NISSAN URANO (ORANGE)	ARREST
309	42359	2019-001932	2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE (BLACK)	ABANDON
310	42360	2019-001970	2007 ACURA TSX (WHITE)	ABANDON
311	42361	2019-011044	2002 CHEVROLET TAHOE (MAROON)	ARREST
312	42364	2019-011390	2000 GMC SIERRA (WHITE)	STOLEN
313	42369	2019-011613	2011 FORD CAMRY (GRAY)	OTHER
314	42371	2019-011914	2006 BMW 320D (BLACK)	ABANDON



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS  
A. NEW BUSINESS

CASE NO. HPNC-22-33  
LOCATION: 1816 ST. ANN ST. (PARCEL 9-80)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN  
APPLICANT: LAUREN BRADLEY  
REQUEST: REPLACE THE EXISTING RED TILED ROOF OF THE HOUSE WITH A SIMILAR COLORED (TERRRA COTTA) SHINGLES.

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

II. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
ADJOURNMENT

11/24/2022, 12/1/2022

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
City of Jackson Colonial Circle Bridge Replacement Project  
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, January 10, 2023, at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of City of Jackson Colonial Circle Bridge Replacement Project. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

Contract time for this contract shall be 90 consecutive calendar days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed for each consecutive calendar day the Work has not achieved Final Completion. The amount of liquidated damages per day will be \$500.00 plus any additional actual costs above \$500.00 incurred by the Owner. These actual costs include, but are not limited to, engineering, inspection, and other construction related costs resulting from the Contractor's failure to complete the work on schedule.

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Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal forms to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "City of Jackson Colonial Circle Bridge Replacement Project" Each bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal.

Bids and EBO plans shall be submitted in triplicate (bound/stapled separately), sealed and deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Official Bid Documents, including the Contract Documents and Drawings can be downloaded from Central Bidding at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). Electronic Bids may be submitted at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). For any questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810.4814.

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The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that minority and women business enterprises are solicited to bid on these contracts as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, material and/or supply needs.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on December 14, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. local time, in the 1st floor conference room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

Robert Lee, PE  
City Engineer

12/1/2022, 12/8/2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING  
ZONING CASE NO. 4195

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Aaron Honeysucker has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Re zoning from C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District and C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District with a Use Permit to allow for an events venue (community recreational center) for property located at 1990 Pleasant Ave. (Parcel: #99-30) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, on the east side of Pleasant Avenue, formerly Livingston Road, fronting 75 feet on said avenue and running east between parallel lines 522 feet, more or less, to the center of Potter's Creek, said property being bounded on the north by property formerly owned by Ida Sayles, subsequently owned by Rebecca Fleming and Maggie Little, bounded on the south by property formerly owned by J B Van Zandt, and being a of the Charles Phillips property and purchased by W A Sayles at a commissioner's sale and also conveyed to him by Mary Tanner, as shown by deed recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in Book 225, at page 355, and being the same property conveyed by William A. Sayles to William W. Sayles on February 19, 1951, by deed recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid in book 698 at page 431, and being the same property conveyed by William W. Sayles to A. D Fobbs by deed recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk dated August 3, 1951, and recorded in Deed Book 718 at page 619 of said records, reference to all of said records being hereby made in aid of this description.

And being the said property as described in warranty deed recorded in Book 7186 at page 4631,

(the "property").

The property is conveyed subject to, and there is accepted from the warranty of this conveyance, those certain recorded oil, gas or mineral leases, royalty reservation or other mineral conveyance, all recorded restrictive covenants, building restriction, right- of-way, zoning ordinance or easement affecting the property.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO DECEMBER 14, 2022.

WITNESS my signature this 24th day of November 2022.

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

12/1/2022, 12/15/2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING  
ZONING CASE NO. 4196

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that David Spradlin has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Re zoning from C-3 (General) Commercial District to I-1 (Light) Industrial District to allow for compliance for a cannabis cultivation facility for property located at 1369 College Hill Dr. (Parcel: #808-28-1) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 White Rock Subdivision, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 24, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

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Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

12/1/2022, 12/15/2022



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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
City of Jackson - McRaven Road Bridge Replacement Project  
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, January 10, 2023 at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of City of Jackson McRaven Road Bridge Replacement Project. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

Contract time for this contract shall be 90 consecutive calendar days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed for each consecutive calendar day the Work has not achieved Final Completion. The amount of liquidated damages per day will be \$500.00 plus any additional actual costs above \$500.00 incurred by the Owner. These actual costs include, but are not limited to, engineering, inspection, and other construction related costs resulting from the Contractor's failure to complete the work on schedule.

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City Engineer

12/1/2022, 12/8/2022

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NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY  
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Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: parcel 99-24 located on Dewitt Avenue in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at \$500.00. The City will retain all mineral rights it owns, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same from said property. For additional information or for a "bid form", contact Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail [vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us](mailto:vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us).

BID INSTRUCTIONS: All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the City Clerk of the City of Jackson (located in City Hall at 219 S. President St. Jackson, Mississippi 39201). The outside of the envelope must be plainly marked to identify the parcel number being bid on along with the bidder's name. Enclose one (1) original and one (1) copy of the bid. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Preferential preference will be granted to all equivalent high bidders that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee. If multiple equivalent high bidders submitted applications, a re-bid process utilizing the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) between those bidders will be granted to determine a winner. If multiple equivalent high bidders persist after BAFO, the re-bid process will be repeated, if necessary, until a sole high bidder is certified.

If multiple equivalent high bidders did not submit applications to the Surplus Property Committee, a re-bid process utilizing the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) between those bidders will be granted to determine a winner. If multiple equivalent high bidders persist after BAFO, the re-bid process will be repeated, if necessary, until a sole high bidder is certified.

If multiple equivalent high bidders consist of, one equivalent high bidder that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee and the other equivalent high bidder(s) that did not submit an application to the Surplus Property Committee, preferential preference will be granted to the bidder that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee.

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TSA MAGAZINE PAD  
AT THE  
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
  
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JMAA will publicly open and read all bids on Monday, January 09, 2023 at 4:05 p.m. (CST) (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

Questions and communications regarding the bidding procedure and schedule on this project should be directed to: Marvin Buckhalter, Director of Procurement, mbuckhalter@jmaa.com, and 601-664-3516.

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JMAA will not consider any submissions, including bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received, after the Bid Deadline for any reason whatsoever.

JMAA will award the Work to the lowest and best bid as determined by JMAA in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Information for Bidders. Plans and specifications related to the Work are considered part of the Agreement. Any Addenda issued clarifying and/or changing plans and specifications; clarifying and/or changing instructions in the Instruction to Bidders; and/or answering questions in relation to the Instructions to Bidders shall become part of the Information for Bidders.

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JMAA has established a Disadvantage Business Enterprises participation goal of 0% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

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## November 2022's Principals of the Month

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Each month, JPS leadership honors principals who exhibit the core values of equity, excellence, growth mindset, relationships, relevance and a positive and respectful culture. This month's group has over 60 combined years of educational experience and continues to exemplify what it means to be an excellent educator.

Congratulations to the following educators on being named November's Principals of the Month:

**Elementary Division I – Catrina Crawford, Isable Elementary.** Crawford is the principal of Isable Elementary School and has served the educational community of Mississippi for the past 23 years. She has served as a classroom teacher and assistant principal for Jackson Public Schools and as a classroom teacher in the Hinds County School District.

Crawford is a proud graduate of Forest Hill High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Jackson State University and her master's degree in educational leadership from Mississippi College. Her educational experiences have afforded her the opportunity to collaborate with a diverse group of people to meet the common goal of increasing student achievement and teacher professional development.

During her 6-year tenure at Isable, the school's rating moved from an F to a C. Crawford's educational philosophy



Catrina Crawford

is based on her uncompromising belief that all scholars can learn. She espouses that with a positive learning environment, strong and knowledgeable leadership, a committed and focused educational team, an encouraging community and a supportive family, scholars can become contributive and productive citizens in society.

**Elementary Division II – Carla Thomas, Clausell Elementary.** Thomas is the leader of Clausell Elementary and has served in the educational arena in various capacities for over 20 years. She holds a specialist degree in both elementary education and educational leadership.

Thomas' teaching career began as a second-grade instructional assistant prior to becoming a first-grade teacher for three years. She served as a lead teacher, a position that she held for the next three years. Following that, she became the literacy coach/interventionist at George Elementary



Carla Thomas

for seven years. After serving as assistant principal for one year, she returned to George Elementary as school principal until she was named the current principal of Clausell.

Thomas views her scholars as roses in a rose garden with educators as the gardeners. "We have to know our roses and provide them with just the amount of nurturing needed to allow them to bloom to their fullest potential," she explained. "Just as no two roses are identical, we must accept the differences and adjust what we do on a daily basis if we are to achieve our district's mission of 'Every Scholar, Every Day, Ready for Life!'"

**Middle School Division – Candace Beasley, Cardozo Middle.** Beasley is the lead educator of Cardozo Middle School and has 19 years of experience in the field of education, with nine years as a team member with Jackson Public Schools. Her educational experience began in Moss Point



Candace Beasley

at Kreole Elementary as a fifth-grade science teacher. She went on to serve as a math teacher and bus driver at Gulfport High School, Crystal Springs Middle School and Crystal Springs High School. She has also been employed by Hazlehurst School District at Hazlehurst Middle School as a math instructional coach and later moved to JPS as a math interventionist at Brinkley Middle School and Rowan Middle School.

Beasley also served at Siwell Middle School and Cardozo Middle School as assistant principal and Boyd Elementary School as principal. Although she is a native of Jackson, Mississippi, she completed her high school studies at Harrison Central High School in Gulfport, Mississippi. She attended the University of Southern Mississippi and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in elementary education with an emphasis



COL Frederick Brown

in math and science, and she earned a Specialist Degree in educational leadership. She also earned a Master of Science Degree in elementary education from Jackson State University. Beasley has also received leadership training through the National Institute of School Leadership (NISL). Beasley has a passion for teaching and learning and believes that children are entitled to the best education professionals have to offer, including providing the proper support for each child.

"Every child has a right to have an opportunity to be successful in life and to be competitive to earn the best jobs available," said Beasley.

**High School Division – COL Fredrick Brown, director of Army Instructions, JROTC.** Brown is the director of the JPS JROTC program. Brown is a native of Natchez, Mississippi. In 1980, he enlisted in the 95th Infantry Army Reserve Corps (Mon-

roe, LA). Upon completion of ROTC as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1985, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in sociology from Northeast Louisiana University at Monroe.

Brown also holds a Master of Arts Degree in business administration from Central Michigan University at Mount Pleasant. His military education includes the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, CAS3, Logistic Management Course, Air Assault Course, Support Operations Course, and Army Command and General Staff College.

His assignments include Department of the Army, G-4, Pentagon as a Division Chief for the Logistic Operations Center, G3 13th Expeditionary Command Fort Hood Texas, and Chief of Staff 13th Expeditionary Command.

Upon retirement, he served as the senior army instructor at Callaway High School.

Brown's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), DMSM (1OLC), MSM (2OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia and Kuwait), Overseas Services Ribbon, and the Air Assault Badge.

## LHSNAA receives \$4,000 grant from the Camilla Chinn-Hampton Foundation

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

The Lanier High School National Alumni Association received a \$4,000 grant from the Camilla Chinn-Hampton Foundation. The grant will be used to support the Lanier Teen Wellness Clinic and Teen Wellness Ambassadors.

The check was presented to Alvin Thomas, LHSNAA board chair, and Denise Bynum, LHSNAA president, by Jacquelyn Hill, LHSNAA board member. The grant will be used to support the Lanier Teen Wellness Clinic and Teen Wellness Ambassadors.

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Jacquelyn Hill (left) along with Lanier Teen Wellness Clinic students. Also pictured (from far right to left) Lanier Assistant Principal Dr. Brad Blake, Alvin Thomas, Lee Bernard and Denise Bynum

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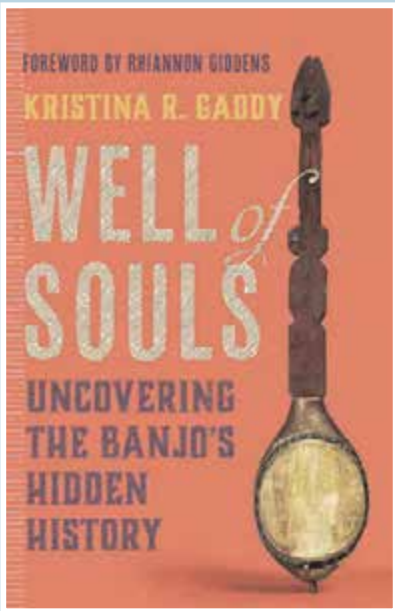
men and health services.

Thomas said "We all are in this together to make sure our students have a chance in the real world. We are committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure a positive outcome for the students of WHS. Lanier High School."

In the long tradition of LHSNAA, "If we do it right, we can make a difference in the lives of our students. We are looking to make sure that the streets of LHSNAA will be a safe place for all of our students."

The Lanier High School National Alumni Association's mission is to support the academic, social and economic needs of Lanier High School students, and to help families participate in the education of their children.

Lanier High School is located at 8 Maple Street in Jackson, Mississippi.



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# McCray leads Southern past Grambling 34-17 in Bayou Classic

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The Associated Press

Besane McCray scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 22-yard run and Southern pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat Grambling 34-17 in the Bayou Classic Saturday at the Superdome.

It was a back-and-forth affair until McCray capped a 12-play, 60-yard drive for Southern (7-4, 5-3 Southwestern Athletic Conference) with his scoring run. The Jaguars took the first two-score lead of the game when Kriston Davis picked off a Julian Calvez pass and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown and a 28-17 advantage.

Calvez, a freshman, staked Grambling to a 7-0 lead with 43 seconds left in the first quarter on a 4-yard touchdown pass to Lyndon Rash.

Freshman Karl Ligon pulled Southern even on a 2-yard touchdown run midway through the second quarter. Grambling (3-8, 2-6) went ahead 10-7 on Garrett Urban's 44-yard field goal with 3:17 remaining, but the Jaguars answered with freshman Kendric Rhymes' 5-yard touchdown run with 25 seconds left to take a 14-10 lead into halftime.

Calvez had the only score of the third quarter, capping a nine-play, 94-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run and the Tigers grabbed a 17-14 lead.

McCray completed 7 of 17 passes for 75 yards and led the Jaguars with 93 yards on 17 rushes.

With the victory, Southern wins the SWAC West and will face Jackson State in the SWAC Championship game Saturday, December 3.



## Hinds County School District Weekly Update

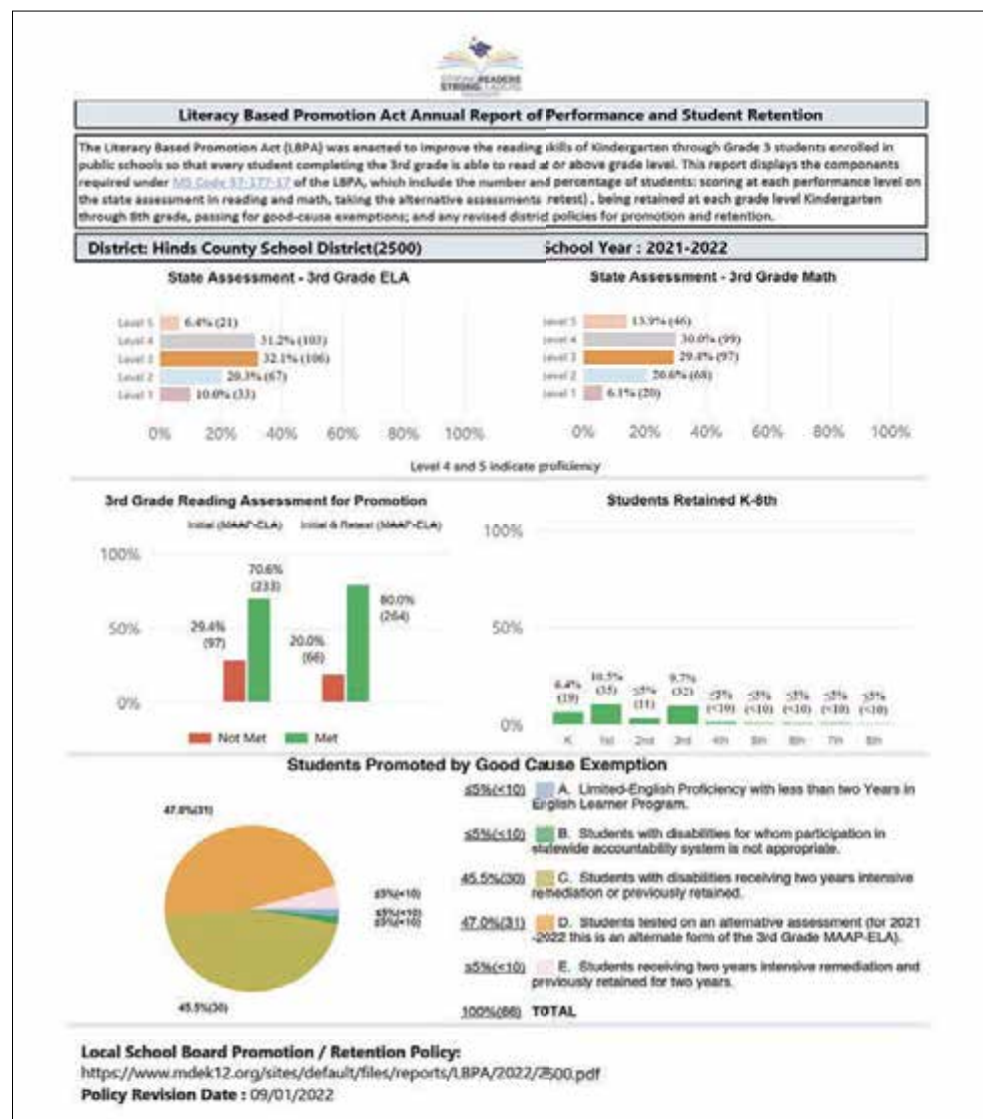
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### Pastor/Municipalities Luncheon

Hinds County School District hosted a Pastor/Municipalities Luncheon to meet and greet pastors, mayors, senators and representatives who serve in the Hinds County School District area. Dr. Delesicia Martin, superintendent of Hinds County School District, provided information to this body on the great successes of the district and encouraged them to be involved in making the district the best it can be. They were given a tour of the Raymond High School Performance Arts Building and the new basketball gymnasium. Everyone was impressed with the improvement and success of the Hinds County School District.



### Literacy Based Promotion Act Annual Report of Performance and Student Retention for Hinds County School District.



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