

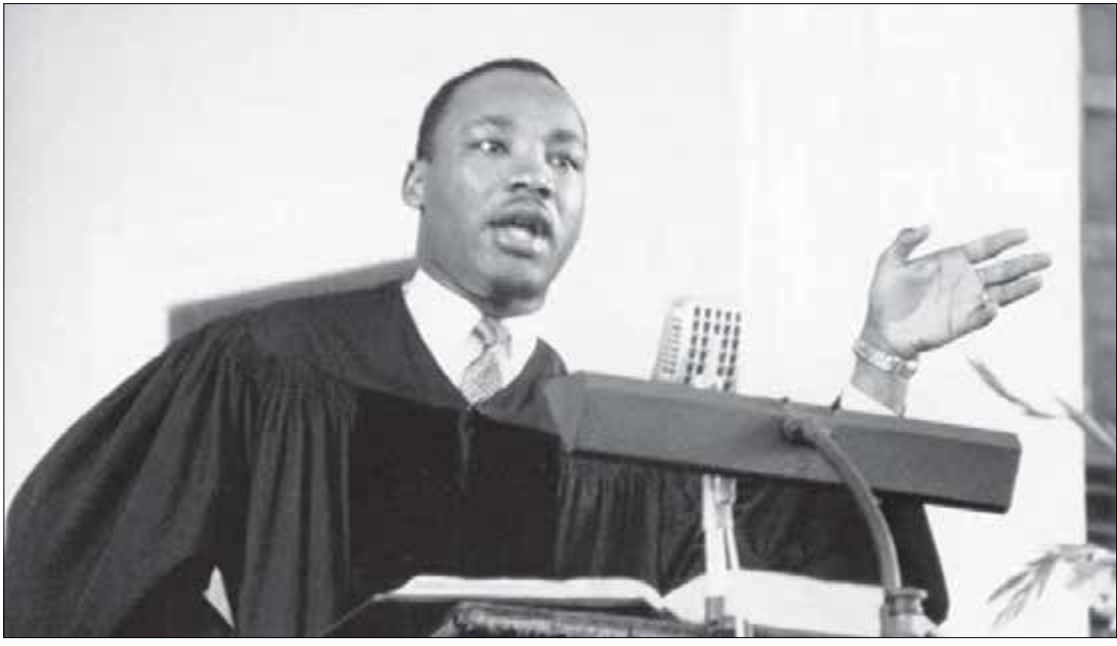
# Timeless counsel from our revered Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Rediscovering Lost Values

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

Second Baptist Church at 441 Monroe Street in Detroit is the oldest African-American congregation in Michigan, and some sources say in the Midwest. It has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1975, and Michigan Historic Sites since 1974. Their leaders worked with John Brown, Sojourner Truth and Frederick Douglas ferrying fugitive slaves via the Underground Railroad to stop there, less than three miles from the Canadian border. By some reports, over 500 in a 30-year period.

Many notables have held membership at Second Baptist Church, including Dr. Ralph Bunche who became the first African American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950. He was born in Detroit in 1904 and was baptized there. Another luminary, who would receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, visited Second Baptist Church to deliver a sermon entitled “Rediscovering Lost Values” on February 28, 1954. His name was Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Evoking the story of a twelve-year-old Jesus being left behind in Jerusalem (Luke 2:41), King laid the foundation of his sermon, “And so that was the thing that Jesus’ parents realized, that, that they had to go back and find this mighty precious value that they had left behind, in order to go forward. They realized that. And



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so they went back to Jerusalem and discovered Jesus, rediscovered him so to speak, in order to go forward to Nazareth.”

Sixty-nine years later we are surrounded by examples of leaving precious values behind. In many instances suffocated by our own self-serving interests while trying to move forward, shackled by what we have failed to bring with us from the past – precious values of who and what we truly are.

We watch as our own youth kill one another, having somehow lost their sense of certainty of the love and support of family. Why do you feel you are on

your own? How are you allowed by your family to feel you are on your own? Have the dog-eat-dog pressures and stresses of moving forward in today’s society caused parents to loosen their values and dedications to ensuring their lambs make it from cradle to independence insulated from the wolves of the world?

We watch as our babies have babies. Did we forget that we cannot leave our precious values behind? Each phase of our human development is essential and adolescence, a well-established period of identity crisis, requires guidance and nurturing to successfully navigate. Rather than surrender parental control because it is so hard, we must

double-down with love – we must halt the forward movement and return to our true roles and values, in King’s words from 1954, “all reality hinges on moral foundations.”

We watch as legislators here allow the largest city in Mississippi, and with the highest population of African Americans, be methodically starved of the resources to provide clean safe water to fellow citizens. Shameless oppression, diametrically opposed to the teachings of Christ, by those who have bartered their values for a sense of superiority. Precious values abandoned, and some even claiming sadness that

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# Amid the chaotic speakership debate in the House, a star is born

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

It’s possible that after the bitter campaign for House Speaker ended on January 7th, Americans – especially black Americans – felt a strong sense of déjà vu.

New York Democratic Rep. Hakeem Jeffries provided a masterclass on leadership and served up a clear reminder of what an up-and-coming senator from Illinois named Barack Obama once did during a divided America.

“Progress asserted itself tonight, manifested in [Hakeem] Jeffries, even amidst a hostile takeover of the House by neo-fascists,” Jason Randolph of Vote.org commented. Randolph said Jeffries delivered “what’s likely the best political speech not given by Obama in generations.”

On July 27, 2004, during the



Jeffries

Democratic National Convention in Boston, a 42-year-old Barack Obama, who a few months earlier won a Senate primary in Illinois, spoke eloquently and inspiringly about

the divide facing America.

“Now even as we speak, there are those who are preparing to divide us, the spin masters, the negative ad peddlers who embrace the politics of ‘anything

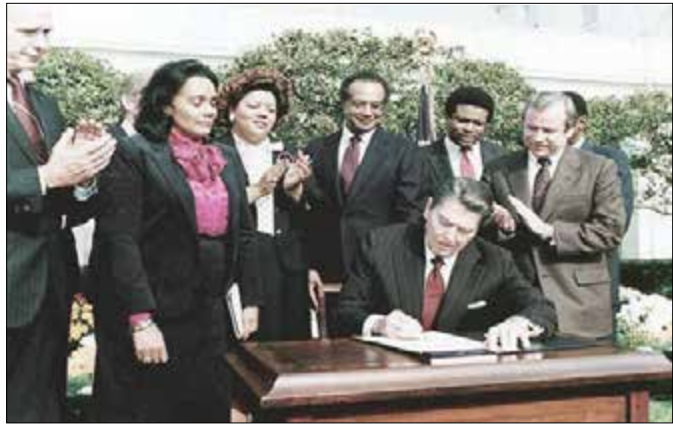
goes,’” Obama asserted. “Well, I say to them tonight, there is not a liberal America and a conservative America; there is the United States of America. There is not a Black America and a White America and Latino America and Asian America; there’s the United States of America.”

Nineteen years later, in 2023 where many say politics are as divisive and dangerous as ever, Jeffries, 52, channeled Obama by providing a masterclass on leadership.

He called for “maturity over Mar-a-Lago,” a direct shot at new House Speaker Kevin McCarthy’s praise of Trump. Throughout Jeffries’ speech, Trump supporting Republicans jeered while Democrats rose to applaud the Brooklyn born congressman.

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## A glimpse of activities in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



President Rondald Regan signs legislation to create a federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Rose Garden Nov. 2, 1983. PHOTO BY NATIONAL ARCHIVES

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

The campaign for a federal holiday in honor of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began just 4 days after his assassination on April 4, 1968. U. S. Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) introduced legislation to establish the holiday just four days after Dr. King was killed, but Congress took no action on the bill. It took 15 years of fighting for MLK Day to be declared a national holiday.

On November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the Kind Holiday into law, designating the third Monday in January a federal holiday in observance of Dr. King. Today, it is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer and improve their communities.

It is a time when civic and church organizations give of their time and resources to help others by giving to the homeless, having clean-up campaigns and sponsoring special events to recognize the work of Dr. King.

Several activities have already taken place at schools and churches such as ‘School Day’ at Jim Hill High School (Jan. 9th), Provine High School (Jan. 10th), Lanier High School (Jan. 11th) and an MLK observation at True Believers Church.

A glimpse at some of the additional events leading up to the celebration of Dr. King’s holiday include the following:

**Friday, January 13, 2023:** Talent Show at Lanier High School

Talent Show with WJMI, WKXI, & WOAD will be held at 6 p.m. at Lanier High School located at 833 Maple Street in Jackson

**Saturday, January 14, 2023:** 55th Annual Mlk Convocation and 28th Annual For My People Awards

The 55th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Convocation will begin at 9 a.m. in the M.W. Stringer Grand Lodge auditorium at 1072 John R. Lynch Street.

**Saturday, January 14, 2023:** Mlk, Jr. Parade

The parade begins at Freedom Corner, Medgar Evers & M. L. King, Jr. Drive intersection at 10 a.m. The route will proceed south on Rev. Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Drive, ending at Historic Lanier High School.

**Sunday, January 15, 2023:** Gospel Celebration, Medgar Evers Library. This celebration in honor of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will begin at 2 p.m., in the library located at 4215 Medgar Evers Blvd.

**Monday, January 16, 2023:** 32ND Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer and Celebration – 7:30 a.m. at New Horizon Church, 1750 Ellis Avenue hosted by The Hinds County Legislators, Corporate Sponsors and Community Service organizations of Jackson

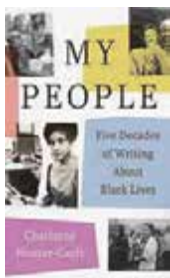
**Monday, January 16, 2023:** 10 a.m. Laying of the Wreaths, Freedom Corner; 12 noon: Birthday Bash, City Hall

**Monday, January 16, 2023:** Mlk Celebration: Night Of Culture. The annual MLK Night of Culture at the Two Mississippi Museums, will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This year’s theme is inspired by the Black Empowerment gallery of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum which highlights the unity and determination of black Mississippians demanding their civil rights in the late 1960s.

**Monday, January 16, 2023:** Voices Of Freedom: A MLK Day Celebration. Voices of Freedom: A Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Duling Hall, 622 Duling Avenue. This event is an exploration of Black Culture and the Civil Rights Movement through stories, spoken words and song for the purpose of understanding, uplifting, and unifying.

**Monday, January 16, 2023:** Millsaps College And Touga-

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# Surprise birthday bash overwhelms Johnny Taylor

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent, Ph.D.  
Contributing Writer

“This year will make 19 years that he’s had his kidney transplant, still no complications. God is good.” That’s what Sheena Taylor said about her dad, seventy-one-year-old Johnny Taylor (JT), who was given a surprise birthday bash by her Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Rhonda Taylor, Sheena’s oldest sister, told JT that she was treating him to dinner for his birthday. He was knocked off his feet when he was led through the doors of The Stellar Venue (731 South Pear Orchard Rd, Ridgeland, Miss.) which was filled with family and friends who yelled, “Surprise” when the darkness burst into light from a flipped switch.

JT loves sports and played football when he was in high school. He attends football games and cheers for his favorite teams. Hence, he was surprised with a tailgate themed birthday party. Décor depicted outdoor scenery that reminded loved ones of a football field loaded with footballs, balloons and grass, a football birthday cake table, a huge birthday gift bag table and a concession stand



Taylor reacts to his surprise birthday bash as daughter Abbey Taylor, her children Amiyah, Quentin and daughter Sheena look on.

that had a tantalizing aroma of vegetables, meats, sandwiches and sauces.

“He was totally shocked. If you know my dad, you know he loves his sports. Everything was perfect. The feeling in that room was indescribable,” recollected Sheena.

In a room filled with laughter, tears and dance, the birthday

man, family and friends had “a good ole time.”

“This is a cycle to get ready for the next chapter in your life. The kids and I love and appreciate everything you have done for us, and it was never taken for granted. I will forever remember why you did everything that you did for me. Amiyah, Quentin and I love you and wish you another



Taylor surrounded by sisters Gloria Taylor, Betty Anderson, Hattie Threatt, Barbara Taylor and Dorothy Taylor.

beautiful day of life,” stated JT’s baby daughter, Abbey Taylor.

Rhonda added, “God truly has a purpose for you. You’re a great dad, and no matter what you’re going through, you’re always going to come through for us and anyone else if [s/he] needs you. We pray that you will be here for many more [days] to come.”



DJ Grip entertains family and friends at Taylor's 71st birthday bash held at the Stellar Venue in Ridgeland. PHOTOS BY JANICE K. NEAL VINCENT

Among many who spoke about JT’s spirit of compassion from their childhood to present day were his five sisters: Gloria Taylor, Betty Anderson, Hattie Threatt, Barbara Taylor and Dorothy Taylor.

When called upon to speak, a tearful JT needed a moment to collect himself. “You surprised me. It really stunned me. You

pulled this off. I never thought anybody would surprise me.” He cautioned men to respect their wives and to never “tell your children that their mothers are no good.” He then addressed his comments of appreciation to each table of family and friends.

The Taylor sisters each danced with their dad to the song, Dance with My Father, composed by Luther Vandross and Richard Marx.

During the celebration’s closing, hostess Sheena thanked everyone who attended and helped. She later reminisced, “Hearing all the good things people had to say about my father touched me because I can only pray that I can reach that level one day. My dad was a hard worker and provider, and I’m so glad we gave him his flowers while he’s still on this earth. He is a living miracle.”

Looking back at what was done in his honor, JT concluded, “This is one special night that I will never forget.”

DJ Grip entertained the crowd with soulful hits that made for easy chair rocking, head nodding, finger popping and smooth dancing.

Catering was provided by Al-low Cornell Catering.



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Second Baptist Church at 180th anniversary in 2016. PHOTO BY BRANDY BAKER, THE DETROIT NEWS

this state is viewed nationally as so backward rather than use their strengths to apply corrective values.

King pressed on in 1954 at Second Baptist Church, “But I’m here to say to you this morning that some things are right and some things are wrong. Eternally so, absolutely so. It’s wrong to hate. It always has been wrong and it always will be wrong. It’s wrong in America, it’s wrong in Germany, it’s wrong in Russia, it’s wrong in China. It was wrong in two thousand B.C., and it’s wrong in nineteen fifty-four A.D. It always has been wrong, and it always will be wrong.”

Tragically, Dr. King’s sermon is lost here in Mississippi, despite it coming from the Gospel. It will take divine intervention and friends of righteousness finding their voice, to bring about change. A voice to go back to our basic values. A voice to address poverty and child poverty in the poorest state in the land. A voice to cease the inherent discrimination at the core of private school funding at the expense of our public schools. A voice to hold those accountable for boldly stealing millions intended for the least of these, leading straight to the Governor’s mansion. A voice that no longer tolerates politics that facilitate the deaths of new mothers simply because they are poor and cannot afford insurance. A voice of the currently silent to shift the trajectory of this state from one of godless behavior to one of godly behavior, having seen the vital importance of going back to reclaim core values in order to effectively move forward in and toward justice.

As we prepare to celebrate the only non-president to have a National Holiday named in his honor, take one hour with your family and friends to read or listen to Dr. King’s sermon at Second Baptist Church, and decide which values you may have let slip away and resolve to go back and reclaim them.

The full text of the sermon can be found at The Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project at [www.stanford.edu](http://www.stanford.edu) or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCyNCUSiWi4>.



Original Second Baptist Church, photo: Michelle Isenhoff, Pinterest



Dr. King at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL, 1954.

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loo College present “A Call To Conscience: Let Us Be Disatisfied.” This collaborative event will take place at 5 p.m. Monday, January 16, in Yates Chapel, located in the Selby & Richard McRae Christian Center on the campus of Millsaps College, hosted by Reverend CJ Rhodes.

Friday, February 3, 2023: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Banquet. The M.L.K. Jr. Awards Banquet will be held at 6 p.m., in the Jackson State University Ballrooms.

# Jeffries

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Jeffries smoothly went through the alphabet to capture all that ails America, and what’s needed to repair the divided nation. “House Democrats will always put American values over autocracy, benevolence over bigotry, the Constitution over the cult, democracy over demagogues,” Jeffries asserted. “Freedom over fascism, governing over gaslighting, hopefulness over hatred, quality of life issues over Q’Anon, reason over racism, substance over slander, triumph over tyranny, understanding over ugliness, and voting rights over voter suppression.”

Earlier, the Republican Party did, in fact, select a speaker, albeit grudgingly; however, given the 15 rounds it took for McCarthy to secure the necessary votes, it’s possible that his tenure as speaker won’t last.

Whether or not McCarthy remains speaker, his ascension to the top post in the chamber is unlikely to be remembered as the 118th Congress’ defining moment.

McCarthy, despite multiple defeats before winning the speakership race and his previous condemnation of former President Trump’s role in the 2021 insurrection, still praised Trump.

The person elected to lead Congress and look out for America’s best interests praised an alleged would-be over thrower of the U.S. government just two years and one day after the Trump-inspired insurrection in which several lives were lost.

Although a congressional committee recommended criminal charges and numerous members of Trump’s inner circle testified to the committee about the former president’s guilt. McCarthy, upon being presented with the speaker’s gavel, remarked, “I do want to especially thank President Trump.”

“Do not doubt, in my opinion; in fact, no one should doubt his influence. He was with

“Everybody can be great... because everybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.”

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

me from the beginning. So, thank you, President Trump.

However, two years earlier, McCarthy held that “the President bears responsibility for Wednesday’s attack on Congress by mob rioters. He should have immediately denounced the mob when he saw what was unfolding.”

McCarthy’s moments aside, many people who watched the inauguration of the 118th Congress said that Jeffries, the first African American to lead a major political party in Congress, demonstrated true leadership.

“McCarthy’s speech should have contained some of the words Jeffries spoke,” Dean Obeidallah, a lawyer and host of a self-titled SiriusXM show, opined.

“[McCarthy] should have made it clear he denounces autocracy, fascism and the grave threats facing our democracy by Trump and the MAGA wing of the Republican Party,” Obeidallah insisted.

The radio host wasn’t alone. “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries speaks truth to power,” declared attorney Ben Crump.

“Politicians must remember that they represent the U.S., all of us. Let’s encourage our lawmakers to work together and pass policy that helps all American people and that preserves our democratic form of government,” Crump said. “This is what leadership looks like, sounds like and does,” podcaster Chris Hahn tweeted.

Strategist Steve Schmidt added, “The early morning hours of January 7 marked the rise of a new American leader: Hakeem Jeffries. The thunderclap was the magnificence of his voice rising in defense of the American creed and his taking his place in a long line of liberty’s defenders.”

Actor Rob Reiner simplified the outpouring of accolades resulting from Jeffries’ speech.

“A star is born,” Reiner declared.

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# ‘Common-sense ideas:’ Black Caucus outlines legislative agenda

By Geoff Pender  
Mississippi Today

The Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus Wednesday presented its 2023 agenda, saying lawmakers should focus on helping “everyday Mississippians,” with healthcare, education, justice and equity, tackling government corruption and providing basic necessities such as clean drinking water.

“These are common-sense ideas,” said Sen. Angela Turner Ford, D-West Point, chairwoman of the caucus. “... We want to assist in the passage of legislation that improves the quality of life for everyday Mississippians.”

There are 51 black lawmakers in the 174-member Mississippi Legislature, which is controlled by a white, Republican supermajority.

“We simply do not have the numbers to impact legislation like we would like, but that does not mean we are not working,” said Ford, who noted the group’s agenda was drafted in part from town-hall meetings with communities across the state.

The 2023 caucus agenda includes:

**Healthcare:** With Mississippi ranking worst or near-worst in nearly every health category or study, the caucus reiterated its support for expansion of Medicaid to help provide health coverage for the working poor.

“The (legislative leadership) has refused to call that policy up on the floor in the Senate and House for a vote or debate on that important policy,” Ford said. “... With our hospitals facing closure or partial closure, now is the time to act.”

**Education:** The caucus proposes



Sen. Angela Turner Ford, D-West Point, chairwoman of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus, center, gives an outline of the group’s 2023 legislative agenda during a press conference at the Capitol in Jackson, Miss., Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Credit: Eric Shelton/MississippiToday

full funding of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program. This funding formula, set in law, is supposed to provide schools statewide with equitable funding to cover basic education needs. But lawmakers have rarely funded the program even though it is law, typically shorting it by hundreds of millions of dollars a year. The caucus also said that in recent meetings with the Mississippi State Department of Education and parents, it discovered many parents and students do not know about services the agency offers, such as 24-hour tutoring, and wants to direct the agency to better disseminate information.

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**Infrastructure:** The caucus agenda says “clean drinking water and high-speed internet are necessities that should be enjoyed by every Mississippian,” and that “the digital divide must be closed.” While the GOP legislative leadership has said it is reluctant to provide more money to the City of Jackson to address its water crisis because it is receiving large amounts of federal money, Ford said the caucus plans to push for more state help.

“People should have clean drinking water,” Ford said. “This is 2023, and that is not something we should have

to argue or debate.”

**Election reform:** The caucus supports removing barriers to voting, and notes, “Mississippi was ground zero for instituting the voting rights we have access to today.” The caucus supports early voting and wants to change Mississippi’s Jim Crow era restrictions on restoring the voting rights of convicted felons who have served their time.

**Restoring ballot initiative:** The caucus supports restoring Mississippians’ right to place issues on the ballot for popular vote. This initiative process was shot down in 2021 by a state Supreme Court ruling on medical marijuana. Numerous legislative leaders have vowed to restore the process, but have failed to do so after arguing over details.

**Economic justice and racial equity:** The caucus said numerous studies and reports have shown racial and other inequity in state spending and numerous other areas that should be addressed. The caucus supports child care tax credits and tax rebates for families with children, increasing the minimum wage and laws that combat discrimination in hiring, banking and finance and other areas. The caucus agenda calls for passage of “Crown Act” legislation enacted in other states that would forbid hiring or firing based on someone’s hair style, and also calls for Juneteenth to be recognized as a state holiday.

**Criminal justice reform:** The caucus has for years pushed for criminal justice reform, with some success but much more work needed. Its agenda calls for release of people locked up

for non-violent offenses, juveniles sentenced to life without parole. The caucus also wants more reform of habitual offender laws. It continues to push for improved prison and jail conditions and called for simple possession of marijuana to cover civil penalties only, after the state enacted a medical cannabis program.

**TANF reform:** Mississippi’s welfare scandal should be a call for lawmakers to root out government corruption, and the caucus wants reform in how the state manages the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to ensure it helps the poor people it’s designed to help. Ford said one proposal members have discussed is having an appointed governing board to oversee how the Mississippi Department of Human Services spends the money.

**ARPA funding:** The caucus wants a say in how remaining federal American Rescue Plan Act pandemic relief money allocated to Mississippi is spent. It wants the Legislature to keep to the intended purposes of the money – including public health, helping communities recover financially, water and sewer infrastructure and broadband access and helping “those counties and cities that did not receive enough funds to complete critical water and sewer projects.”

The caucus noted that much of its agenda has been introduced in previous years and it will continue to discuss its priorities with leadership.

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# Jury chosen to hear Proud Boys Jan. 6 sedition trial

*The Associated Press*

A jury was chosen Monday for the seditious conspiracy trial of former Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio and four other far-right extremist group members charged with plotting to stop the transfer of presidential power by attacking the U.S. Capitol after the 2020 election.

Jurors are expected to hear attorneys' opening statements in Washington's federal court Wednesday after the panel is sworn in, defense attorney Carmen Hernandez said. It's one of the most serious cases to emerge from the insurrection that halted Congress' certification of President Joe Biden's victory.

Jury selection took 10 days of questioning as many potential jurors expressed negative views about the Proud Boys. The panel ultimately chosen includes seven men and nine women, WUSA-TV reported.

Tarrio and his co-defendants could face up to 20 years behind bars if convicted of seditious conspiracy. Opening statements will begin more than a month after a jury convicted two leaders of another extremist group, the Oath Keepers, of seditious conspiracy for what prosecutors said was a separate plot to stop the transfer of presidential power.

The Nov. 29 guilty verdicts for Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes and Florida chapter leader Kelly Meggs were the first seditious conspiracy trial convictions in decades. A trial for four other Oath Keepers charged with seditious conspiracy started earlier this month in Washington.

Tarrio, of Miami, was the national chairman of the Proud Boys when a mob that included several of its members stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6.

Defense attorneys have said there was never any plan to go into the Capitol or stop Congress' certification of the vote.

The others on trial – Ethan Nordean, Zachary Rehl, Dominic Pezzola and Joseph Biggs – also are charged with other riot-related crimes besides seditious conspiracy. The sedition charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

Tarrio wasn't in Washington Jan. 6. Police had arrested him two days earlier on charges that he vandalized a Black Lives Matter banner at a historic black church during a December 2020 protest. Tarrio left the nation's capital on the eve of the riot.

Prosecutors allege that even after his arrest, Tarrio kept command over the Proud Boys who attacked the Capitol Jan. 6 and cheered on their actions from afar. As rioters stormed the building, he posted "don't (expletive) leave" on social media, and then later "We did this..."

Nordean, Pezzola, Biggs and Rehl were part of the first wave of rioters to push onto Capitol grounds and charge past police barricades toward the building, according to prosecutors. Pezzola used a riot shield he stole from a Capitol police officer to break a window, allowing the first rioters to enter the building, prosecutors allege.

Nordean, of Auburn, Washington, was a Proud Boys chapter president. Biggs, of Ormond Beach, Florida, was a self-described Proud Boys organizer. Rehl was president of the Proud Boys chapter in Philadelphia. Pezzola was a Proud Boys member from Rochester, New York.



**Proud Boys chairman Enrique Tarrio attends a rally in Portland, Ore., Aug. 17, 2019. Jury selection for the seditious conspiracy trial of former Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio and four lieutenants will resume in early January after a holiday break. The judge presiding over the case against the far-right extremist group members questioned prospective jurors for a fifth day on Friday, Dec. 23, 2022. AP PHOTO/NOAH BERGER, FILE**

# Georgia Grand Jury investigating Trump completes its work



**By Stacy M. Brown**  
*NNPA Newswire Correspondent*

The Georgia special purpose grand jury that was convened in June to investigate allegations that President Trump illegally attempted to influence the outcome of the 2022 election has been disbanded. Their final report is due this month per a judge's order.

Fani Willis, the district attorney for Fulton County, has already indicated that she intends to pursue crim-

inal charges. Indictments cannot be handed down by special grand juries in Georgia.

However, Willis can now ask a regularly empaneled grand jury to seek indictments against the ex-president, who she claims tried to pressure Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to "find" him more votes in the presidential election in Georgia.

Democrat Joe Biden unseated Trump in the 2020 election.

Later, Willis broadened her probe to include state legislators and others suspected of participating in a fake elector scheme.

On January 24, Willis and others may appear before a judge to argue for or against releasing the special grand jury's report.

"It is the ORDER of this court that the special purpose grand jury now stands dissolved," wrote Judge Robert McBurney after the special purpose grand jury submitted its final report.



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# Democrat Shuwaski Young declares Secretary of State candidacy

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

A 5th generation Mississippian, educated in public schools, already with a substantial pedigree of public service to his name, is set to turn forty next week. Hailing from Philadelphia, in Neshoba County, he began doing campaign outreach and interned at the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office. He worked on campaigns of Obama for America, Hillary for America, and for the Department of Homeland Security. For a time, he moved to California working directly with the California Democratic Party before returning to Mississippi and running for Congress last year.

Despite being fresh off a 72,383 vote defeat for Mississippi's 3rd Congressional District, Shuwaski Young declared his candidacy for Secretary of State under sunny skies on the south steps of the Mississippi Capitol on Tuesday morning.

"Today I stand here before you, humbled and also privileged, to announce my candidacy for Secretary of State for the State of Mississippi. This moment is particularly special to me because the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office is actually where I began my career and also my start in government. It's a place where I learned to be effective and as I think back to about seventeen years ago, I was in my senior year at Jackson State Univer-



Young declaring his candidacy for MS Secretary of State. PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER YOUNG

sity, studying political science. I was young, inexperienced, and working as a waiter at Chili's restaurant on I-55 North right here in Jackson."

"One of the things that you can count on is that I will be someone who will give you honest leadership. I'll be someone that produces policies that work well for all people, because the people that I know that are public servants, don't care about political bickering; they care about getting results for people. And it's with that same spirit of inclusiveness and commitment that I run for the office of Secretary of State."

"We have an opportunity to

continue the positive change that we all seek for our state. Not through shallow political ambitions or ego, but through policies deeply rooted in conviction. That challenge and that change starts with us here today. It starts with each and every one of us, because at the end of the day, it's what we say about ourselves that determines our future, not what the rest of the country thinks. We must have a new creed – one of humanity and one of fairness, and one of economic prosperity for all; one Mississippi – one shared value of respect and equality, especially at the ballot box and in the business arena."



Rep. Zakiya Summers, House District 68, making supportive remarks as Young looks on.

He continued to express his vision for the office he is seeking.

"Here in Mississippi we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. I love Mississippi because Mississippi is a place where we can hunt together, play sports together, listen to the blues together, and celebrate our accomplishments in business and the arts together. This is a place where I want to raise my own daughter, not only to be seen, but also to be embraced and loved, as I have....to those who seem to live in the past, yes, I am black and yes I am a Democrat – but I'm asking you to ignore that fact Mississippi, because I'm asking

you to view me as a Christian, as a Mississippian, and as an American who loves this country and loves this state."

"Here's another thing, we are going to stop the stealing that is taking place here in Mississippi. Governor Tate Reeves, Phil Bryant, Bret Farve owe Mississippi an explanation. And if I'm your next Secretary of State I'm going to get answers under oath. It's clear that charities under the auspices and under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State's Office have played some role in the unfolding, unprecedented corruption that we are seeing and hearing about. My campaign

commitment to you is that on my first day in office as Secretary of State I will meet with the FBI, the United States Attorney, and our state auditor and we will open an investigation and we will get to the bottom of what happened with the state's funds."

Young also addressed issues related to voting and voter disenfranchisement, before encouraging Mississippians to go to his website – [www.youngforsos.com](http://www.youngforsos.com) and then answering questions.

He invited Representative Zakiya Summers to make comments, especially on voting issues which she has long been passionate about.

*The Mississippi Link* newspaper asked Young, "You have placed so much emphasis on the welfare scandal, and I can't help but think, what is it saying about the electorate of Mississippi that the Republicans can't even muster a hearing on the issue to date?" He responded, "I think it tells us more so about the people that we have in office than it does about the electorate – those are the folks that are supposed to hold people accountable. What we have seen come out of the state auditor's office has been an effort to do so but it pretty much stopped there. We see the person at Mississippi Today that actually broke the story. I'm pretty sure they're going to get a Pulitzer at the end of the day as they deserve."

## Mississippi agency denies NAACP's water discrimination claim

By Michael Goldberg  
Associated Press

A Mississippi environmental regulator has denied claims that the state agency he leads discriminated against the capital city of Jackson in its distribution of federal funds for wastewater treatment.

In a recently unearthed letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director Christopher Wells wrote that the NAACP has "failed to allege a single fact to support" its argument that the agency discriminated against Jackson. He said he believed the ongoing civil rights investigation into the matter was politically motivated.

"Jackson received a loan for every completed application it submitted," Wells wrote. "And, because the amount of the loan is based on the cost of the project, no loans were reduced for any reason that could be considered discriminatory."

Disruptions to Jackson's water services have ailed the city for years, and its system nearly collapsed in late August after heavy rainfall exacerbated problems at the city's main water treatment plant. Most of Jackson lost running water for several days, and people had to wait in lines for water to drink, cook, bathe and flush toilets.

Wells' Dec. 16 letter was sent almost three months after the NAACP filed a federal complaint under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which forbids federal fund recipients from discriminating on the basis of race or national origin.

The complaint said that Mississippi officials "all but assured" a drinking water calamity by depriving Jackson of badly needed funds to upgrade its infrastructure.

Over 25 years, Jackson received funds from an important federal program only three times, the NAACP said. When Jackson tried to fund improvements itself, those efforts were repeatedly blocked by state political leaders, according to the complaint.

The EPA announced Oct. 20 that it was investigating whether Mississippi state agencies discriminated against the state's majority-black capital city by refusing to fund improvements to the water system. EPA Administrator Michael Regan has visited Jackson multiple times and has said "longstanding discrimination" has contributed to the decline of the city's water system.

The federal agency could withhold money from Mississippi if it finds wrongdoing – potentially millions of dollars. If the state agencies don't cooperate with the investigation, the EPA could refer the case to the Department of Justice.

In his letter, Wells wrote that alleged Title VI violations are "based on unarticulated and evolving standards" and would run "counter to this nation's system of federalism," WLBT-TV reported.

Wells wrote that the EPA investigation is "part and parcel of a political effort to divert attention away from the city of Jackson's own failures." He contends that Jackson's water woes are results of city mismanage-

ment rather than discrimination by the state.

The EPA had been aware of Jackson's water problems for years, including when the city entered into a consent decree with the agency in 2012 after it was cited for violating the Clean Water Act, Wells wrote.

Competing claims over the cause of the capital city's water trouble has ignited tension between local officials in Jackson, a Democratic stronghold, and Mississippi's Republican state leaders.

The AP reported in September that when Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves was the state treasurer in 2011, he touted his own track record of fiscal conservatism by citing his opposition to spending state money for water and sewer projects in Jackson. The EPA is not investigating Reeves.

Ahead of the water crisis last summer, people in Jackson had been advised to boil water before consuming it because health officials obtained samples that showed the water could be dangerous to consume. That advisory remained in place until mid-September.

The problems returned again during Christmas weekend when frigid weather caused water lines to break and the city's water distribution system failed to produce adequate pressure. Boil water notices in some city neighborhoods remained in place until Jan. 7.

Jackson is set to receive nearly \$800 million in federal funds for its water system, the bulk of which comes from the \$1.7 trillion spending bill that Congress passed in December.

## Farms settle suits on using immigrants over black US workers

Mississippi Link Newswire

Two agriculture businesses in the Mississippi Delta and some black farm workers have settled the workers' lawsuits over claims that the farms hired white laborers from South Africa and paid them more than the local black employees for the same type of work.

Federal court records show the two lawsuits were settled in December, with terms of the settlements remaining private.

"This particular form of discrimination is a recent manifestation of the age-old problem of exploitation of black labor in America and particularly in the Delta," Rob McDuff of the Mississippi Center for Justice, one of the attorneys for the workers, said in a news release Thursday. "These settlements are an important step and we are going to keep moving forward in an effort to eradicate these abuses throughout the Delta."

Southern Migrant Legal Services and the Mississippi Center for Justice filed one of the lawsuits in September 2021 on behalf of six workers against Pitts Farms Partnership, which grows cotton, soybean and corn. Two more plaintiffs joined the suit in November 2021.

The groups filed the other lawsuit in April on behalf of five workers against a catfish grower, Harris Russell Farms.

Both farms are in Sunflower County, about 100 miles (161 kilometers) northwest of Jackson.

Court records show U.S. District Judge Debra M. Brown filed the settlement order in

the Harris Russell Farms case Dec. 6, and U.S. Magistrate Judge David A. Sanders signed the settlement order in the Pitts Farms case Dec. 22.

Amal Bouhabib, a Southern Migrant Legal Services attorney who also represented the workers, said the plaintiffs will be compensated "for the discrimination they suffered at these two farms."

"But many other Delta farms are engaging in these unlawful practices and more suits will be coming against those who do not pay fair wages to the local workers," Bouhabib said.

Tim Threadgill, an attorney for Pitts Farms, said Friday that the business "is glad to have reached a mutual settlement with the plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the farm."

"Pitts Farms denied liability, but litigation is expensive and the farm believed it was in everyone's best interest to settle if the parties could reach mutually agreeable terms, which they did," Threadgill said.

The Associated Press left a phone message and an email message Friday for attorneys representing Harris Russell Farms.

The lawsuit against Pitts Farms said the business started bringing in white workers from South Africa in 2014, using a placement firm to hire seasonal labor, and that from 2014 to 2020, the farm did not make the same effort to recruit U.S. workers as it did to obtain immigrant workers.

"The H-2A program allows U.S. farmers to hire foreign

workers when no U.S. workers are available, but it does not allow farmers to pay American workers less than the foreign workers," Bouhabib said.

Southern Migrant Legal Services and the Mississippi Center for Justice also contacted the U.S. Labor Department, which investigated allegations of wage theft and displacement of U.S. workers. In November, the department announced it had recovered \$134,532 in unpaid wages for 54 workers at 11 farms in the Mississippi Delta and set fines of \$122,610 against those farms.

Mississippi Center for Justice president and CEO Vangela Wade said the lawsuits and the Labor Department's enforcement "worked in tandem to improve the lives of many of these local farm workers."

"We look forward to continuing this campaign in the Delta and bringing some measure of justice to the workers who have been underpaid and mistreated for many years," Wade said.

Mississippi is a largely rural state with poultry, soybeans, timber, cotton and corn as the top agricultural products.

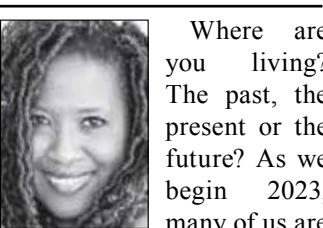
In August 2019, U.S. immigration agents raided seven chicken processing plants in Mississippi and arrested 680 mostly Latino workers in the largest such operation in at least a decade. Two years after the raid, Mississippi Center for Justice said about 230 people had been deported because of previous immigration orders or other causes, and about 400 were awaiting hearings.



P R E S E R V E D

# Living in the present

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



Where are you living? The past, the present or the future? As we begin 2023, many of us are still looking at 2022, 2017 or even further back. There is nothing wrong with being nostalgic and thinking about great memories. However, there is a problem when looking back causes us to get stuck overanalyzing past events and experiences. Or worse, if we are living in the future, we may find ourselves becoming anxious about what could happen and what ifs.

Think about Lot's wife... she had her own battles with struggling with living in the past and in the future. Genesis 19 describes how the angels came to Lot and warned him of the impending destruction of Sodom and

Gomorrah. They specifically told him not to look back at the punishment that was to come to the wicked city. Lot, who was hesitant, had to be urged by the angels to flee and not look back. Hearing all of this, Lot's wife was probably asking herself, "Why do we have to leave now? Surely it can't be that bad." The next thing you know she was a pillar of salt.

She was afraid of what was ahead but also afraid of leaving the familiar behind. Genesis 19:26 says, "But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt."

The New Testament also speaks of the issue of looking back in Luke 17:31-33, "On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will pre-

serve it."

Looking at my own life and some recent circumstances, I can understand how Lot's wife was tempted to look back. It's sometimes seems easier to focus on what you are familiar with than to embrace the unfamiliar. What I've learned is that at those times when it is hardest to stop looking backwards, we have to rely on faith to live with gratitude and acceptance in the present.

Through a recent chain of unexpected events, I also found myself tempted to look back and wonder what I was leaving behind. Despite the fact that God had made it clear in a number of ways that it was time to move on, I still was fighting the nagging urge to move forward. I knew they weren't the best circumstances, but I still wasn't ready to move on. And the future is scary.

Now I realize that living with regret of the past and

fear of the future is rooted in unresolved issues including insecurity and rejection.

Isaiah 43:18-19, reminds us to "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

I continually strive to be intentional about living in the present. I have to be grateful for what is and not be distracted by fears of what could happen.

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# Freedom from the bondage of sin

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



God has a purpose for everything He does. We read in Psalm 102:19-20, "For he hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; To hear the groaning of the prisoner." God saw that people were going to be in sin. He looked down through the corridors of time and saw us in the prison of sin, and He heard the groaning and wanted to loose us. Man was appointed to the second death of hell. If you are in sin right now, you have an appointment with death and hell, and you do not know when that appointment will be met. Friend, you have no lease on life.

God expects you to do square business with Him. If you do square business with God, then you must acknowledge your condition. If you are in sin, you are a prisoner. I was a prisoner to many vices of sin, but when God saved my soul, He broke every fetter of sin and made a new creature out of me. God will do the same for you. It makes no difference how deep you are in sin; He sees the groaning and the crying of your soul for help. God will come down, break those fetters,

and set you free.

You will be free to praise God, free from the habits of life, and free from bondage. What does God want in return for your deliverance? Psalm 102:21 says, "To declare the Name of the Lord in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem."

God wants His people to gather together in the kingdom to serve Him. This is the reason He did it. He wants you to serve Him, praise Him, sing the songs of Zion, and tell others of how God delivered you. My friend, has God saved your soul, set you free from sin, broken the old habits of life and paid for the appointment of death for you?

Are you attending services at the house of God to declare the Name of the Lord? Why do you go to church? Do you go to sow discord or to work against the pastor? Do you go to hear gossip and spread rumors? You need to go to the house of Zion to declare the Name of the Lord, to praise Him. Do not be afraid to use your voice and say amen to the message or to praise God if He has set you free. He gives us grace to live victorious lives through Christ Jesus.

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# One nation, indivisible

By Ben Jealous  
*People For the American Way*



It strikes me that the days we’re living through represent a metaphor for our national dilemma. January 6th and the weight of history that date carries are in the rearview mirror, at least on the calendar. Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream still is on the horizon.

America’s existential challenge is to put the former behind us permanently so we can finally achieve the latter and be what we pledge allegiance to – one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. After the attack on the Capitol, I sat down to figure out how we might finally do that, and my answers have filled a book.

As my mother’s family has for four centuries, I live south of the Mason-Dixon Line close to the Chesapeake Bay, which was a literal superhighway for slavery. Casual conversations about the likelihood of another Civil War are frequent at my favorite waterside bar. Combine that with the political fault lines running through many families and friendships (including my own) and we feel more divided than indivisible. It’s clear why so many fear for our republic’s survival.

I have always been an optimist about America. Even for me, witnessing a failed coup shook my usually hopeful outlook.

Like many whose Southern roots run deep, I often turn to the past for answers. What I discovered in questioning our current differences revived my faith that the United States always will overcome our troubles and emerge even stronger on the other side.

In the 1880s, formerly enslaved men and former Confederate soldiers in Virginia – home to the Confederacy’s capital – banded together to fight for the future of their children. They built a political party called the Readjusters. Their demand was simple: readjust the terms of Civil War debt so that we can maintain free public schools for all.

Not only did they win that victory, they also won control of the state’s government and achieved several more: they abolished the poll tax, they abolished the public whipping post, they created the first public black college in the South, and they expanded Virginia Tech to make it the working person’s rival to the University of Virginia.

The Readjusters’ short-lived multiracial populist movement eventually was attacked violently by white supremacists and defeated politically by wealthy special interests spreading vile disinformation; their party is all but erased from history books.

Still, they defined the future of Virginia and our nation by planting early seeds for FDR’s New Deal coalition and by creating a bold legacy in public education that endures to this day. Moreover their example reminds us that the spirit that moved Dr. King to dream hopefully about black and white children has always run deep in our nation, and always will. When we lose faith in our neighbors, that hope reminds us that the path to a stronger nation is to remember we still have more in common than we don’t, and to act on the beliefs we share.

If men who had been enslaved could find common cause with men who fought to keep them enslaved to build a better future for all their children, we should never lose faith that we can unite for the sake of ours.

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# America is praying mightily for the healing and recovery of Damar Hamlin

By James B. Ewers Jr.  
*President Emeritus  
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Did we win? Those were the first words written by Damar Hamlin, Buffalo Bills safety, after regaining consciousness.

The doctors said, “Yes, Damar, you won. You won the game of life.”

On Monday Night Football, Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest after making a tackle on Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver, Tee Higgins.

Watching this unfold on national prime time television was shocking and unnerving.

My immediate reaction was that it was concussion related. If you recall just a few weeks ago, Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa got up after being hit on a play and then fell back to the ground. By the reaction of the players, this was a life-threatening matter that needed immediate and direct attention.

I have watched professional football for years and what happened a few nights ago was a first for me.



Hamlin

As we later found out from broadcasters Joe Buck and Troy Aikman, this had never before happened. On the field reporter, Lisa Salters provided much needed updates for television viewers as well.

The football world stopped in its tracks and came to a screeching halt. First downs and touchdowns did not matter. Offsides and on-side kicks were of no importance. The only thing that mattered was the life of Damar Hamlin.

When the game was halted, the Bengals were leading 7-3 in the first quarter, yet the players didn’t have that on their minds.

Men were emotional and on their knees praying for Damar Hamlin and his life not as a football player but as a person.

The responses by the medical professionals and the training

staffs were timely. They knew what they were doing. Credit the National Football League for having the resources there that provided the necessary assistance that Hamlin needed.

As football fans, I don’t think we appreciate how comprehensive the NFL is when it comes to emergency situations. By any barometer, this was a medical emergency that required quick thinking and intentional action.

One Buffalo Bills athletic trainer is being singled out for high praise.

Head coach Sean McDermott gave assistant athletic trainer Danny Kellington praise for “saving Damar’s life.”

It was Kellington who administered CPR to Damar Hamlin who had lost his pulse on the field.

Coach McDermott said, “For an assistant to find himself at that position and needing to take the action that he did and step up and take charge like he did and there were others on the field as well is nothing short of amazing.”

These comments were made at a news conference Thursday.

It is my thinking that America had a restless night Monday as we watched Hamlin being taken off

the field to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

Late last week, the breathing tube was removed and now Damar Hamlin is breathing on his own.

The emotional highs and lows of this football story are gut wrenching.

People not associated with football have given their prayers and support. There has been an immediate kinship with him as if he is our own brother or cousin.

My days recently have started out with a daily update on Hamlin. His daily prognosis was a major factor in how the rest of my day was going to go.

In my opinion, the NFL had placed remaining games on standby. They were not sure about the direction and what they would do.

The power of prayer has been a healing factor as he has continued to improve. As believers, we know that prayer warriors were asking for healing for this young man. So now there is daylight on the horizon and his health is being restored.

Rest assured that God was in that hospital room guiding the hands of the doctors as they worked over Damar Hamlin.

Let us continue to pray for him.

# Is it worth it?

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.  
*Guest Writer*



Have you ever asked yourself is it worth it? Is marriage worth it? Is she worth it? Is he worth it? Is my marriage worth it?

Wow, what a question; a question that is currently being asked and evaluated as you read this now. Further, this question has no limitations to marriage length, race, gender, religious affiliations, nationality, economic status, educational backgrounds, neighborhoods and communities.

This question is embraced by various people across the world who share similar concerns in their marriages. Moreover, the question, “is my marriage worth it?” is often the last resort of having little to no energy or desire to say I do, today or tomorrow. Furthermore, this question is typically preceded by tears, silent tears, loud tears, crying, ugly cries, sleepless nights, heartache, sadness, misery, doubts, anxiety, anger, frustration, unforgiveness, animosity and bitterness which

consequently have led to emotional affairs, physical affairs, (which by the way only makes things worse in most instances), separation and divorce.

Is it (my marriage) worth it, is not a question that is derived overnight. It is a question that has evolved from long days, months and years. Further, this question stems many times from a relationship that was once full of blossom, bliss, life and glee that has been wrought with despair, disappointments, hurts, frustrations, broken hearts, broken promises and broken vows.

Is it (my marriage) worth it, is centered around the following questions: Should I continue fighting for my marriage? Is there any hope for my marriage? Will my marriage always be like this? Will she change? Will she always do that? Will he change? Will he always do that? Am I wasting time? Can I do this another day?

What has transpired in marriages where couples find themselves pondering and asking this question daily? The following are examples of what leads to the agonizing question, is it (my marriage)

worth it:

- Mistrust
- Jealousy
- Control – my way or no way
- Affairs
- Mistreatment
- Emotional abuse
- Physical abuse
- Mental abuse
- Economic abuse
- Manipulation
- Not feeling appreciated
- Addictions
- Financial issues
- Abandonment
- Neglect
- Being blamed for everything
- Little to no communication
- Little to no compromise
- Consistent broken promises
- Ongoing hurts
- Ongoing disappoints
- Lack of affection and attention
- Lack of intimacy
- Lack of sex (yes, sex)

Of course, there are many more reasons that spouses are asking themselves this question. However spouses, especially ones who fell in love, took vows, and married their soul mates should not have to constantly think about this. Spouses

should be planning picnics, planning date nights, planning vacations, dancing together, laughing together, planning vacations, planning for retirement, living, looking forward to rocking in rocking chairs together on the porch with their grandchildren/future grandchildren, and loving one another until death do you part.

Ask your spouse is your marriage worth it and if you both are honest and agree that it is not; then the next question should be what can you do to make it worth it? In other words, make every effort to make your marriage worth it. For instance, seek marriage counseling, pray, communicate, forgive, listen, date, and take one day at a time (time will tell).

Once you have done everything you know to do within your power to help make your marriage worth it and you find yourself still asking yourself that question, then find your peace and answer the question once and for all.

In conclusion, this question has no easy answer and only you can answer the question, ‘Is it (my marriage) worth it?’

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The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is requesting Statement of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a "Statement of Qualifications") to provide architectural and related services (the "Services") to JMAA in connection with Architectural Services for Public Restroom Renovations at JAN JMAA Project No. 006-23 at JAN.

JMAA will receive sealed electronic or printed submissions only. All submissions of Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services will be accepted until Wednesday, March 01, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on (the "Deadline"). RFQ shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows: Email: [bids@imaa.com](mailto:bids@imaa.com)

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JMAA will not consider any Statement of Qualifications received after Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Statement of Qualifications ("RFQ") is on file and open for the public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFQ, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents, and Criteria for Selection.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Mr. Marvin Buckhalter, JMAA, Director of Procurement, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority  
Attn: Marvin Buckhalter  
Director of Procurement  
100 International Drive, Suite 300  
Jackson, MS 39208  
Telephone: (601) 664-3516  
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713  
Email: [mbuckhalter@jmaa.com](mailto:mbuckhalter@jmaa.com)

or JMAA's website at [https://Procurement | JAN \(jmaa.com\)](https://Procurement|JAN(jmaa.com))

<https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement>.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Video Conference on Wednesday, February 01, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. (CST) using the following login information:

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 959 6802 0095  
Passcode: 520966

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

After evaluation in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFQ, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent marked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement, in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent. In that event, JMAA will follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all Statement of Qualifications, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services, and (2) waive any and all informalities and irregularities in the selection process.

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

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY DATE: January 11, 2023

John Means, (Acting) Chief Operations Officer

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### Notice

All interested public and private transit and paratransit operators within Hinds County, are hereby advised that the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation is applying to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Jackson, Mississippi, for a grant under Section 5310 of the Federal Public Transportation Act, as amended, to provide transportation services to elderly and disabled persons. These services will be beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Service is being provided within Hinds County. This program consists of existing services with no environmental impact, and no relocation resulting from the project.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all interested parties, including transit and paratransit operators, of the service being planned for providing transportation services for persons with disabilities within the area as described above, and to ensure that such a program would not represent a duplication of current or of proposed services provided by existing transit or paratransit operators in the area.

Comments either for or against this service will be received at any time beginning December 27, 2022, through January 22, 2023, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. All comments should be addressed to Mr. Primus Wheeler at the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation at 601-982-8467 or via email at [pwheeler@jackson-medicalmall.org](mailto:pwheeler@jackson-medicalmall.org).

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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Posted on [www.jacksonms.gov](http://www.jacksonms.gov)  
City of Jackson  
218 S. President Street  
Jackson, MS 39205  
601-960-2155

On or after February 3, 2023 the City of Jackson will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes for the release of Healthy Homes Production Grant funds to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Healthy Homes Production Grant and Community Development Block Grant Home Limited Program

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide healthy homes and housing rehabilitation interventions that reduce or prevent health hazards identified in homes due to disrepair in dwellings where children, individuals 62 and/or older, and disabled individuals reside. Ultimately, the goal of the program is to increase the number of residential properties that are safe from health hazards caused by issues such as improper ventilation, standing water, faulty plumbing, collapsing structures, lead-based paint hazards, and other health related hazards identified. This will be accomplished by providing lead-based paint and other hazard assessments, removal/abatement, stabilization, and minor rehabilitation activities.

Project/Program Description: Healthy Homes Production Grant (HHPG) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Limited program was established for the purpose of providing home risk interventions that reduce or prevent health hazards in homes where children, individuals 62 and/or older, and disabled individuals reside. Ultimately, the goal of the HHPG and CDBG programs is to increase the number of residential properties that have been remediated from hazards that could cause health problems due to disrepair. This will be accomplished by providing risk assessments, removal/abatement, and minor rehabilitation activities. A total of 125 will receive interventions through HHPG and receive minor rehabilitation using CDBG to ensure the health and safety of the residents. Additional properties will be remediated using CDBG funds to expand the reach of services. Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: Categorical exclusion subject to the Federal Laws & Authorities cited in 24 CFR 58.5, specifically 58.35(a)(3) and 58.35(a)(4).

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review:

Airport Hazards – Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones: 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D

Flood Insurance – Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and Notional Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 (42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a)

Contamination and Toxic Substances – 24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)

Historic Preservation (National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particular sections 106 & 110; 36 CFR Part 800)

Noise Abatement and Control (Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B)

Wetlands Protection (Executive Order 11990, particularly section 2 & 5)

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):

Airport Hazards – Once a property is identified to have lead hazards present, the Environmental Review Specialist will determine if the property is within 2500 feet of a civilian airport. If the property is in the proximity of the airport, appropriate APZ or RPZ/CZ assurances will be requested from the local airport authority.

Flood Insurance – FEMA flood maps will be pulled for each approved property to document the location in relation to flood zones. If a property is located with a flood zone, the client must provide a copy of the Flood Insurance Declaration for the file. If there is no flood insurance, the property will be denied, and appropriate notification letter will be mailed.

Contamination and Toxic Substances – Appropriate maps from NEPA's site and Enviromapper will be used to determine if any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property. In the event that toxic substances are found, the appropriate mitigation measures will be completed, if financially feasible.

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### Advertisement for RFQ 2023-01

#### RFQ 2023-01 Energy Savings Performance Contracting Services

Electronic RFQ proposals for the above RFQ will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), January 31, 2023, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all RFQs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any RFQ if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date RFQs are opened.

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

Special Notice

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

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Historic Preservation - For every property that is proven to have lead-based paint hazards, a letter will be mailed to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History including a picture of the front façade of the property, the year the property was built, and a detailed scope of the work to be perform. MDAH will decide regarding the properties historic status and recommend mitigation measures, if necessary. The City of Jackson will follow all mitigation measure, if applicable.

Noise Abatement and Control - Once a property is identified, the appropriate noise level calculations will be performed if a property is found to be within an unacceptable distance from a railroad, major highway or airport. In the event that the dB is outside the acceptable range, the City of Jackson will take the appropriate noise mediation measures, if financially feasible.

Wetlands Protection - A letter will be mailed to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History documenting the property, year built, and the scope of work for final determination of historic status. The City will comply with all mediation measures required, if any.

Estimated Project Cost: 2,637,046.61

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR 58.5, specifically 58.35(a)(3) and 58.35(a)(4). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Jackson's Office of Housing and Community Development via email at [OHCD@jacksonms.gov](mailto:OHCD@jacksonms.gov). All comments received by Friday, February 3, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. will be considered by the City of Jackson prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Jackson certifies to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes that Chokwe A. Lumumba, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Jackson consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes' approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Jackson to use HUD program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Jackson's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (which-ever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Jackson; (b) the City of Jackson has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Karen M. Griego, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, U.S. Department of HUD, 500 Gold Ave SW, Suite 7301, P.O. Box 906

Albuquerque, NM 87103, Phone: 505.346.6462 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

E-mail: [karen.m.griego@hud.gov](mailto:karen.m.griego@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Chokwe A. Lumumba, Certifying Officer

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### Advertisement for Bid

#### Bid 3215 Crawl Space Repairs at Wingfield High School

Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) February 10, 2023 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conferences concerning this project will be held at 1985 Scanlon Drive, Jackson, MS 39204 on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is non-mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened. Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at [www.jpdsmp-projects.com](http://www.jpdsmp-projects.com). A \$150.00 non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193.

Questions regarding bid documents please contact Jennifer Seymour at Eley Guild Hardy, Phone: 228-594-2323, or Email: [jseymour@egh.ms](mailto:jseymour@egh.ms). Until further notice, all hand delivery proposals delivered between 9:00 a.m. until 9:59 a.m. (local prevailing time) the date the bid is scheduled to open, must be delivered to JPSP Board Room, 621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS City of Jackson Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

63066-020723 Eighteen-Month Supply of Traffic Paint

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT [WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV](http://WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV) & [WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM](http://WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM)

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

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

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a precondition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1851. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor,

and Jackson, Mississippi.

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

Monica Oliver,  
Purchasing Manager Purchasing Division  
(601) 960-1025 or (601) 960-1028

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**ORDINANCE GRANTING WHITNEY PLACE, LLC A REZONING OF THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 510, 518 & 524 MITCHELL AVE. AND 3012, 3016, 3024, 3032, 3038 & 3046 OXFORD AVE. (PARCEL NUMBERS: 51-142-1, 51-142, 51-141, 51-143-1, 51-143-2, 51-143-3, 51-143-4, 51-143-5 & 51-144) FROM UV URBAN VILLAGE (MIXED USE) AND R-4 (LIMITED MULTI-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS TO UTC - URBAN TOWN CENTER (MIXED USE) DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR POTENTIAL HIGHER DENSITY AND/OR MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT AND AN ORDER GRANTING A USE PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3009 N. STATE ST. (PARCEL #51-151) TO ALLOW FOR ACCESSORY PARKING, CASE NO. 4177.**

WHEREAS, Whitney Place, LLC has filed a petition to rezone the properties located at 510, 518 & 524 Mitchell Ave. and 3012, 3016, 3024, 3032, 3038 & 3046 Oxford Ave. (Parcel Numbers: 51-142-1, 51-142, 51-141, 51-143-1, 51-143-2, 51-143-3, 51-143-4, 51-143-5 & 51-144) from UV Urban Village (Mixed Use) and R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential to UTC - Urban Town Center (Mixed Use) to allow for potential higher density and/or mixed use development and a Use Permit be granted for 3009 N. State St. (Parcel #51-151) to allow for accessory parking, in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the properties located at 510 (Parcel #51-142-1), 518 (Parcel #51-142) & 524 Mitchell Ave. (Parcel # 51-141), 3012 (Parcel #51-143-1), 3016 (Parcel #51-143-2), 3024 (Parcel # 51-143-3), 3032 (Parcel #51-143-4), 3038 (Parcel #51-143-5) & 3046 Oxford Ave. (Parcel #51-144) from UV Urban Village (Mixed Use) and R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential to UTC - Urban Town Center (Mixed Use) to allow for potential higher density and/or mixed use development and a Use Permit be granted for 3009 N. State St. (Parcel #51-151) to allow for accessory parking; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Jackson City Council would be held at the Jackson City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2022 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on July 7, 2022 and July 21, 2022 and that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on July 27, 2022, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the properties located at 510, 518 & 524 Mitchell Ave. and 3012, 3016, 3024, 3032, 3038 & 3046 Oxford Ave. (Parcel Numbers: 51-142-1, 51-142, 51-141, 51-143-1, 51-143-2, 51-143-3, 51-143-4, 51-143-5 & 51-144) from UV Urban Village (Mixed Use) and R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential to UTC - Urban Town Center (Mixed Use) to allow for potential higher density and/or mixed use development and a Use Permit be granted for 3009 N. State St. (Parcel #51-151) to allow for accessory parking; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous Jackson City Council action for the properties at 510 (Parcel #51-142-1), 518 (Parcel #51-142) & 524 Mitchell Ave. (Parcel # 51-141), 3012 (Parcel #51-143-1), 3016 (Parcel #51-143-2), 3024 (Parcel # 51-143-3), 3032 (Parcel #51-143-4), 3038 (Parcel #51-143-5) & 3046 Oxford Ave. (Parcel #51-144); and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council, after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that the proposed use would be compatible with the character of development in the vicinity relative to density, bulk and intensity of structures, parking, and other uses; would not be detrimental to the continued use, value, or development of properties in the vicinity and is in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan and that a Use Permit be granted to allow for an accessory parking lot within the UTC - Urban Town Center (Mixed Use) District of the City of Jackson for the property located at 3009 N. State St. (Parcel #51-151).

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

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

510 Mitchell Ave. (51-142-1)

Lot 7, Block G of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being part of the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 7147 at Page 724.

518 Mitchell Ave. (51-142)

Lot 6, Block G, Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

524 Mitchell Ave. (51-141)

Lot 4, Block “G” of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

and,

Lot 5, Block “G” of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

3009 North State (Parcel 51-151)

Parcel of lane located in Lots 5 & 6 of Fannie Brown Estate Survey as recorded in Plat Book “A”, Page 336 in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and Part of Lot 1, Block “G”, Asylum Heights as recorded in Plat Book 1 Page 30 in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is Northwest corner of Lot 5, Fannie Brown Estate Survey and is also Southwest corner of Lot 9 of Highland Addition to City of Jackson as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 57 in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi; run South 89 degrees 20 minutes East along the South line of Highland Addition, 390.68 feet to a point; thence South 20 degrees 10 minutes West for 149.8 feet to a point; thence South 69 degrees 50 minutes East 141.1 feet to West line of North State Street as laid out and in use at time of this survey; thence South 20 degrees 10 minutes West for 108.28 feet along West line North State Street' thence North 74 degrees 01 minute West for 225.0 feet' thence South 20 degrees 13 minutes West for 50.14 feet to a point; thence 74 degrees 01 minute East along a line used as a party wall for 198.2 feet to the East line of North State Street and afront line of existing building at time of this survey; thence South 16 degrees 00 minutes West along said front line of existing building 1379.5 feet to a point; thence South 12 degrees 51 minutes West along said front line of existing building 44.3 feet to a point; thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes West along South line of Lot 1, Block “G”, Asylum Heights, 101.9 feet to a point; thence North 0 degrees 10 minutes West along the East lone of Lot 3 of Block “G”, Asylum Heights; 86.6 feet to a point; thence 89 degrees 29 minutes West along North line of Block “G”, Asylum Heights, 239.05 feet to a point; thence North 0 degrees 21 minutes West, along East line of Block “G”, Asylum Heights, 429.9 feet to the point of beginning.

3012 Oxford Ave. (51-143-1)

Lot 9, Block “G” of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being part of the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 7147 at Page 0727.

3016 Oxford Ave. (51-143-2)

Lots 10 and 13, Block “G” of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being part of the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 7150 at Page 2193.

3024 Oxford Ave. (51-143-3)

Lot 11, Block “G” of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being the same property described in warranty deed recorded in Book 5525 at Page 703.

3032 Oxford Ave. (51-143-4)

Lot 12, Block “G” of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being part of the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 7150 at Page 2193.

3038 Oxford Ave. (51-143-5)

Lots 10 and 13, Block “G” of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book /Cabinet 1 at Page/Slide/Slot 30 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

And being part of the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 7150 at Page 2193.

3046 Oxford Ave. (51-144)

Lot Fourteen (14), Block “G” of Asylum Heights Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which map or plat is hereby made.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the properties located at 510, 518 & 524 Mitchell Ave. and 3012, 3016, 3024, 3032, 3038 & 3046 Oxford Ave. (Parcel Numbers: 51-142-1, 51-142, 51-141, 51-143-1, 51-143-2, 51-143-3, 51-143-4, 51-143-5 & 51-144) from UV Urban Village (Mixed Use) and R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential to UTC - Urban Town Center (Mixed Use) District to allow for potential higher density and/or mixed use development and a Use Permit be granted for the property located at 3009 N. State St. (Parcel #51-151) to allow for accessory parking. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Banks seconded. Yeas — Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee and Lindsay. Nays — None. Absent — Stokes.

ATTEST:  
Angela Harris Municipal Clerk  
I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Zoning Council Meeting August 15, 2022 and recorded in Minute Book “6V, Pgs. 551-555”.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 15th day of September, 2022.

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
**City of Jackson**  
**Jackson, Mississippi**

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, February 07, 2023, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

933440-020723— RFP Licensed Catering Services

The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of proposal forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill

No 999, 1986 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

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# Medication errors! They could kill you

By Vince Faust  
*Tips to Be Fit*

Have you ever chewed a pill when it was meant to be swallowed? I have and it didn't taste good. Is chewing a pill dangerous? It could be fatal if too much of the active ingredients are released into your system at one time. Hundreds of thousands of Americans are hospitalized from medication errors every year.

There are almost 10,000 prescription medications and countless over-the-counter drugs available in the United States. There are also thousands of health supplements, herbs, potions and lotions used to treat health problems. With this number of substances on the market you can see how mistakes happen when medication is prescribed. Every year, in the United States almost 10,000 people die because of medication error. It's believed that hundreds of thousands of other patients experience but don't report an adverse reaction or other medication complications.

Medication errors exceed \$40 billion every year. Along with monetary cost, many patients experience psychological and physical pain. These medication errors also lead to decreased patient satisfaction and a growing lack of trust for our healthcare system.

Negligence, forgetfulness, hurrying, poor motivation, vengeance and carelessness are just



a few reasons for medication error. We live in a cancel culture. We have to blame someone. Blame has shifted, and medication errors are now believed to be a systemic problem. The system is the result and not the cause. We should focus on changing the behavior of every person involved in delivering your medication.

Hospitals are now trying to understand how the system failed. This approach is designed to introduce barriers and safeguards at every level so that a mistake can be caught before the drug is given to the patient. Any well-trained healthcare professional can make mistakes. Rather than play the blame game we should

try understanding why the error happen.

A few errors:  
Error# 1. Not verifying instructions on your prescription

Prescription pads have become a thing of the past. Instead, your doctor enters your prescription into a computer, which is electronically transmitted to your pharmacy. The good news is the prescription solves the problem of illegible handwriting. For example, if your doctor enters the dosage of a drug that is too low or too high the computer flags it. Hospitals computerized prescriptions have reduced medication errors 85%.

Even with computer use mistakes still happen. Computer

programing can cause problems. For example your doctor wants you to take a long acting diabetes medication only once a day, but the computer default settings, which comes up automatically calls for twice a day dosing. If your doctor doesn't notice the error the computer will send that information to the pharmacy. Because of the computer error the medication dose will be too high and your blood sugar could drop dangerously low.

Always ask your doctor how to take the medication, how much, how frequently, what time of day and with or without food. You need to know all this information. While at your doctor's office write down all the in-

formation then check this information on the drug label when you pick up your prescription. If there's any discrepancy between what your doctor told you and the label your pharmacist should contact your doctor.

Error# 2. Not discussing the name of the drug with your doctor

There are more than 10,000 prescription drugs and some 300,000 over-the-counter medications that have similar sounding and similar spellings. Names are easily confused and an error can occur. Ask your doctor to pronounce and write down for you the name of the drug they are prescribing. Repeat the name to make sure you know the name of the medication you are going to take when you pick up the drug.

Error #3. Splitting a pill that should never be split

Some people split the pills to save money. You have to remember some pills cannot be split safely. Splitting a time-release medication could cause all the active ingredients to be released into your system at once. Splitting pills with a protective coating can be damaging to your stomach. It can also cause the drug to be broken down in the stomach and not in your intestine. If the cost is an issue tell your doctor there might be a lower price medication that will work just as well.

Error #4. Taking a double dose  
People don't know what the

active ingredients are in their medications. This can happen when the active ingredient is the same in a number of medications you are taking. Let's say you are taking acetaminophen an OTC, for your joint pain and you also have a cold and take a cold medication that contains acetaminophen. Then your doctor or dentist prescribes a medication that contains more acetaminophen. You are now taking double or even triple the dose of acetaminophen. Too much acetaminophen can cause liver damage.

Even though the active ingredients are listed on the package insert or on the packaging for all drugs ask your pharmacist if any active ingredients are found in more than one of the drugs you're taking. Make sure the combined dosages are safe.

The best ways to avoid medication errors is to ask questions:

- What is the active ingredient in this medication?
- Should I avoid other medications, supplements, foods, or drinks when taking this medication?
- What are the side effects?
- Should I take this medication on an empty stomach or with food?
- What should I do if I miss a dose or use too much?
- Will I need any test to check on the medicine's effectiveness?
- How and where should I store this medication?

## Mississippi passes lifesaving telecommunicator CPR policy

*Special to the Mississippi Link*

The Mississippi Board on Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training (BETST) passed a lifesaving policy known as Telecommunicator CPR (T-CPR). Mississippi 911 operators will now be trained in high-quality "telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation" and be able to provide detailed instructions over the phone to someone aiding a victim during out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

During cardiac arrest – the unexpected loss of heart function – only about 1 in 10 victims survive. Successful resuscitation of victims requires an immediate response to improve their chance of survival. Telecommunicators, including emergency dispatchers and 9-1-1 operators, can be lifesaving coaches when seconds matter.

The American Heart Association, the world's leading nonprofit organization focused on heart and brain health for all, cheered T-CPR's passage.

"The Mississippi Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training and the American Heart Association have worked diligently to ensure the heart health of Mississippians is a top priority," said Terry Wages, director, Mississippi State Fire Academy and BETST board member.

"This T-CPR training requirement for telecommunicators will significantly increase the survival rate of cardiac arrest and minimize the negative neurological outcomes. Today is a good day in Mississippi."



Rates of bystander CPR are at least doubled and result in improved cardiac arrest survival with good neurological outcome when dispatchers provide CPR instructions. This addition to the regulation will significantly impact the health outcomes of Mississippians suffering from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, allowing telecommunicators to assist callers in identifying cardiac arrest and coaching them to deliver effective, life-saving CPR, ultimately increasing the likelihood of survival by 51%.

"CPR needs to be immediately initiated in all cases of cardiac arrest," said Jennifer Hopping, executive director, American Heart Association, Jackson, MS.

"No one should be left without assistance while trying to rescue their loved one, friend or neighbor from cardiac arrest, and I believe all our emergency dispatchers want to offer this assistance. This is

an important step in improving the cardiovascular health of all Mississippians, and I applaud the Mississippi Board of Emergency Telecommunication Standards and Training."

To learn more or to get involved, visit [YoureTheCure.org](http://YoureTheCure.org).

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## African-American women and cervical cancer

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Cervical Cancer Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer among women, according to the World Cancer Research Fund International. The human papillomavirus (HPV) is the leading cause of cervical cancer. Historically marginalized populations, such as black women, are less likely to obtain sufficient care and are less likely to survive cancer than white individuals.

Signs & Symptoms:

- Abnormal vaginal bleeding
- Sexual discomfort
- Pain in the pelvic region or lower back
- Unexplained exhaustion
- Urination that is frequent or urgent
- Bloating in the abdomen

Early stage cervical cancer may not cause any symptoms.

Cervical cancer frequency and fatality rates in black women is more likely to affect women over the age of 30. Black women are the second most likely demographic to have cervical cancer. While cervical cancer death rates have been dropping for several years, black women are approximately 80% more likely than white women to die from this type of cancer.



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# House District 68 Rep. Zakiya Summers completes National Fellowship Program



Summers

*Mississippi Link Newswire*

Representative Zakiya Summers recently graduated from the highly selective fellowship program founded by Stacey Abrams. The 2nd Annual Fair Fight Action (FFA) National Fellowship brought together legislators from twelve states to engage in a six-month program devoted to expanding knowledge and awareness of issues of

utmost importance to the organization. Training for FFA Senior Fellows also included a wide range of topics such as fundraising, grassroots organizing and voter protection to expand the quality of leadership within the progressive ecosystem. Summers was the only legislator appointed to the fellowship program from Mississippi.

“The Fair Fight Action National Fellowship was a unique opportunity for me to expand my understanding of various topics and issues in order to improve my leadership abilities to District 68 and the great state of Mississippi,” said Summers. She continued. “As a proud Mississippian, I want to ensure that I’m doing all that I can to strengthen my

toolbox in an effort to empower the community and move the state forward.” “One of the most beneficial components of the program was engaging and learning from colleagues in other states. I intend on leveraging those resources and relationships to help build a bright future for everyone in the Magnolia State,” Summers added.

Summers is running for re-election and will be on the August 8th Primary Election ballot. You can contact her at [www.zakiyasummers.com](http://www.zakiyasummers.com) or on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The Fair Fight National Fellowship Program will continue to support and develop the next generation of strong progressive leaders across the South. *To learn more, visit [fairfight.com](http://fairfight.com).*



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## Hawkins exhibiting at Hinds CC Marie Hull Gallery



### Mississippi Link Newswire

Pearl artist Eric Hawkins has an exhibit through Feb. 9 at the Marie Hull Gallery on the Raymond Campus of Hinds Community College.

Hawkins is known for bold mixed media combinations and vibrant stand-out pieces. His process begins with focusing on daring explosions of color, primarily utilizing acrylic and spray techniques. The juxtaposition of color and texture, paired with his modern, graphic style, demands the viewer’s attention.

“I grew up judging books by their covers. Buying CDs with

the best cover art. Finding new comics from the art alone. I loved flipping through the posters at the stores in the mall. I didn’t know it at the time, but all these forms of art were greatly influencing how I would create,” Hawkins said in his artist’s statement.

“Later in life, I would find the art of Shepard Fairey which led me to Barbara Kruger. That led me to Robert Rauschenberg and Jean-Michel Basquiat. Pop, Neo-Dada, low-brow pop surrealism, punk art. I’ve always felt like an outsider, someone who sees things differently than the status quo. I felt a deep con-

nection to the art from that lived outside the traditional art world.

“I use a variety of techniques and mediums to create my art. Spray paint, acrylics, graphic design programs and giclee printing. I create art that everyone and anyone can enjoy. Pop art for everyone. Pop Art for the People,” Hawkins said.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Gallery is closed Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

For more information about his artwork, visit his website at <https://erichawkinsart.com/work>

## Hinds CC Foundation Scholarship deadline is Feb. 15

### Mississippi Link Newswire

Prospective and current Hinds students are invited to apply for a Hinds Community College Foundation Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. The priority deadline is Feb. 15. Students meeting all scholarship requirements by this date are given first consideration for a scholarship.

About 85 percent of students at Hinds receive financial aid of some kind. Through the generosity of donors, the Hinds Community College Foundation awards more than 800 scholarships, ranging from \$250 to \$2,400 per semester, each year to deserving students.

Colby Wilson, 19, of Raymond receives the Hinds Family Memorial Endowed Scholarship through the Foundation.

“Receiving this scholarship further confirms the college’s commitment to supporting my academic and career goals,” he said.

Unless otherwise indicated, Foundation scholarships are awarded to full-time students who enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours. Minimum

grade point average varies per Foundation scholarship; however, all applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above. Students wishing to be considered for scholarships on the basis of financial need should have the results of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) sent to Hinds prior to the Feb. 15 deadline.

The application process for Foundation scholarships can be completed online at [www.hindscc.edu/foundationsscholarship](http://www.hindscc.edu/foundationsscholarship). Scholarship decisions are generally made in early April and are awarded for the fall semester.

For questions, please call 601-857-3744 or email [scholarships@hindscc.edu](mailto:scholarships@hindscc.edu).

Persons interested in providing scholarships may contact Robyn Burchfield, Director of Development & Scholarships in the Hinds Community College Foundation office, at 601-857-3800 or by email at [robyn.burchfield@hindscc.edu](mailto:robyn.burchfield@hindscc.edu).

Another scholarship opportunity for high school seniors is the ACT Freshman Scholarship. ACT scholarships range from \$1,000-\$3,000 per se-

mester. Students who attend Hinds as their first college after high school graduation may automatically receive an ACT Scholarship if they have an ACT composite score or super score of 20 or above. ACT. Eligible recipients must also be a Mississippi resident.

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

Our Mission: Hinds Community College is committed to moving people and communities forward by helping develop their purpose, passion and profession.

Our Vision: Hinds Community College will be a catalyst to create a competitive economy and a compelling culture for Mississippi.

Our Values: Hinds Community College aspires to the following IDEALS: Integrity, Diversity, Excellence, Accountability, Leadership, Stewardship.

## Department of Justice begins Supreme Court defense of student loan forgiveness

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

In a filing sent to the U.S. Supreme Court this week, the Department of Justice agreed with President Joe Biden’s plan to forgive student loans.

In 2022, the president promised to forgive all outstanding student loan debt for millions of borrowers, up to a maximum of \$20,000 each.

Republicans are leading the way in suing the federal government to stop the plan. The Department of Justice, however, said last week in a court filing that Biden’s actions are perfectly legal.

Lawyers from the Department of Justice said that Congress gave the president “clear permission” to go ahead with his plan.

A federal judge in Texas invalidated a program in October that would have helped 40 million people with their student loan debt.

Two people who didn’t qualify for aid under Biden’s scheme sued the initiative on behalf of the conservative Job



Creators Network Foundation. At the time, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the government strongly disagreed.

“The President and this Administration are determined to help working and middle-class Americans get back on

their feet, while our opponents, backed by extremist Republican special interests, have sued to prohibit millions of Americans from getting much-needed relief,” Jean-Pierre remarked.

The HEROES Act of 2003, according to the White House,

gives the Secretary of Education the authority to forgive student debt.

“The program is consequently an illegal exercise of Congress’s legislative power and must be vacated,” wrote Judge Mark Pittman, a Donald Trump nominee. “In this

country, we are not dominated by an all-powerful executive with a pen and a phone,” he continued.

Federal student loan debt of up to \$10,000 will be forgiven for borrowers with yearly incomes of less than \$125,000 in 2020 or 2021, and up to \$200,000 for married couples or heads of households. Borrowers who also got a federal Pell grant might have up to \$20,000 in their loans discharged.

Six states with Republican governors sued to stop Biden’s plan to forgive debts. This made the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals put a hold on the plan.

One plaintiff in Texas lost her right to have her federal student loans forgiven because the federal government did not service her loans. Since the other plaintiff did not obtain a Pell award, the amount of debt relief to which he is entitled is just \$10,000.

They said they had no way of voicing their disapproval of the program’s regulations be-

cause the administration had not followed the Administrative Procedure Act’s notice and comment rule-making procedure.

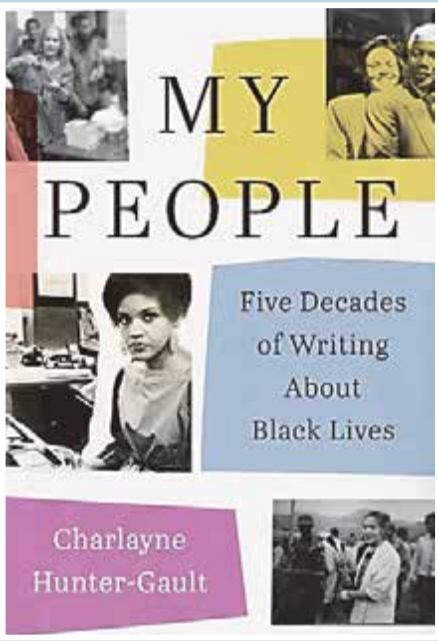
Elaine Parker, president of the Job Creators Network Foundation, stated in a statement, “This verdict supports the rule of law which requires all Americans to have their voices heard by their federal government.”

According to CNN’s reporting, Bernie Marcus, the former CEO of Home Depot, and a key Trump donor, established the Job Creators Network Foundation.

Two challenges challenging Biden’s debt relief plan will be argued before the Supreme Court in February. In February, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in two cases.

In its petition, the Justice Department said, “The lower courts’ decisions have wrongly taken away the Secretary’s legislative authority to give targeted student loan debt relief to borrowers affected by national emergencies.”





BOOK REVIEW:

# MY PEOPLE:

## FIVE DECADES OF WRITING ABOUT BLACK LIVES

BY CHARLAYNE HUNTER-GAULT  
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
Columnist

You try to stay on top of things. You keep your eyes and ears open for news of what’s going on because you know that being informed is being forewarned.

Somebody’s got to watch what happens in your state and your city. Somebody needs to keep track of the goings-on in your neighborhood. And in the new book “My People” by Charlayne Hunter-Gault, somebody needs to testify.

It was hot that early July day in 1959 when Charlayne

Hunter and a friend went to the Court House in Atlanta to get their college applications certified. That day, they hoped to enroll in the University of Georgia but, though the papers were all in order, the judge refused to sign them, accusing the pair of wanting to cause trouble.

“All this talk made little sense to me,” Hunter-Gault says now.

She’d been “the only Negro” in schools before, so attending the all-white University of Georgia didn’t seem like a big deal. Still, they weren’t ac-

cepted – at least not then but a year-and-a-half later, a Federal judge ordered the university to enroll both Hunter and her friend.

That’s not the end of this particular story but a degree in journalism is – and so Hunter (later, Hunter-Gault) went to work reporting the news at the height of the Civil Rights Movement, not long after her own activism.

This book is a collection of some of her columns and interviews.

Perhaps because of her own experiences in education, she

writes of schools, integration and curriculums. She tells tales of other Civil Rights icons, John Lewis, the Panthers, Mandela and Tutu, The Black Women’s Community Development Foundation, Shirley Chisolm. She writes about living and working in South Africa and in Harlem.

Personally, Hunter-Gault writes of her jobs in newspaper and television, what a delight it is to find a good vacation spot, and how to talk to young people about Trump and today’s current events. And she sings the praises of black newspa-

pers, that “‘tell their story.’”

As memoirs go – and this is a kind of memoir – “My People” is really different.


You have to look quite a bit between the lines to get author Charlayne Hunter-Gault’s story; it’s here, just not presented in the way you expect a life story to be. Instead, Hunter-Gault wraps her experiences inside the things on which she reported in these columns from the middle 1960s to just a few years ago.

What’s interesting is that the columns, despite the age of some of them, seem as fresh as


if they were written last year.

Hunter-Gault’s work often focused on reporting issues of racism and inequality and the people who fought those things through the years, and yet readers will see the modern relevance. Sadly, however, there’s no editorializing or commentary on that; the columns merely stand on their own.

Still, this collection-cum-memoir is a fascinating read, especially for someone who’s looking for a unique sort of historical record. For you, “My People” is the thing to put at the top of your to-be-read pile.



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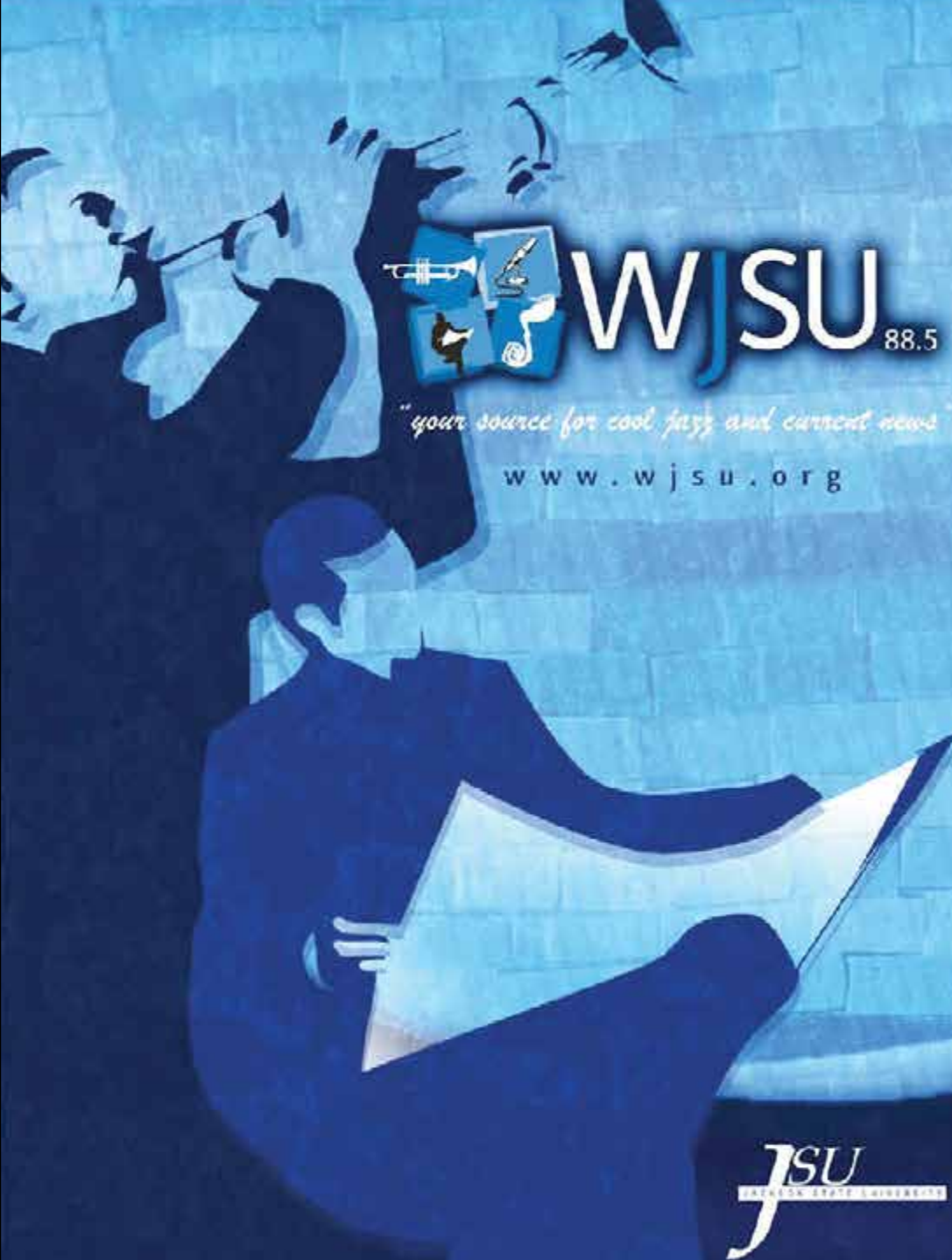
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