

# Dr. Dwayne Pickett meets with the Department of Justice regarding Capital City police abuse

By Dr. Dwayne Pickett Ministries

Dr. Dwayne Pickett, senior pastor of New Jerusalem Church of Jackson, MS, partnered with LIVE FREE and met with the Department of Justice in Washington January 16, 2023, to present to them several cases of killings, chases and harassments the Capital Police has done. These cases include:

- The killing of Jaylen Lewis on September 25, 2022
- The family has yet to receive any information regarding what took place. Chief Bo Luckey and Commissioner Tyndale have refused to meet or share any facts. A meeting with Candace Gregory, the Assistant Attorney General with the State of Mississippi, did not result in any actions.
- Dr. Pickett has asked the Department of Justice for an immediate and thorough investigation in order to get answers and justice for the family of Jaylen Lewis.
- The harassment, kidnapping



Meeting with the Department of Justice in Washington, (L to R) Terrance Smith, Bishop Dwayne Pickett, Robert Weiner, Mikael Rojas, Pastor Mike McBride

and assault of Dwayne Pickett Jr by officer Jordan Lewis

- When asked for a copy of the charges against Dwayne Jr,

no one in the department had any knowledge of the incident.

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# Jay-Z-funded lawsuits end as Mississippi improves prison



Entrance to the Mississippi State Penitentiary

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
*Associated Press*

Attorneys hired by Jay-Z and other entertainers have ended two lawsuits they filed on behalf of Mississippi inmates in 2020 over what they said were squalid living conditions at the state's oldest prison – a facility that came under Justice Department scrutiny

after outbursts of deadly violence by inmates.

Even before the violence at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman in late 2019 and early 2020, state health inspectors had found repeated problems with broken toilets and moldy showers. Inmates

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# Capitols, domes, eagles and more

By Christopher Young  
*Contributing Writer*

Living just half a mile from the Mississippi State Capitol building, it's a rare day when I'm not driving past it. It's a beautiful building in the context of a Capitol building – which typically are intended to be distinctive, perhaps the most identifiable building in any state, and a building of prominence where the will of “We the People” is carried out. Just like with the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC, a state Capitol is also a source of pride for the people.

Whether it has been living in close proximity, driving past so often, visiting from time to time, or being dismayed by some of the things that take place under our Capitol dome, it's always front of mind.

Curiosity took hold about other State Capitol buildings, and so the research began. Popping out right off the bat was discovering that only four of our fifty State Capitol buildings are adorned with an eagle at the top – Idaho, Mississippi, New Hampshire and West Virginia. They are pictured here, in order, left to right. No disrespect to the other eagle-topped Capitol buildings, but our copper eagle gilded with gold leaf is eight feet tall with a fifteen-foot wingspan, far and away the most expansive among this small group – #1 in my mind, not something we get to say often in Mississippi.

Of those four eagles, according to statecapitols.tigerleaf.com, Idaho's eagle faces southwest towards Oregon and Nevada. New Hampshire's eagle faces east-northeast. West Virginia's eagle faces south-southwest towards Kentucky. Mississippi's eagle faces due south



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New Hampshire State Capitol PHOTO BY BEN MCLEOD



W. Vir. State Capitol PHOTO BY LINDA WEEKLEY



MS State Capitol South view PHOTO BY msfb.org

– no doubt about it – therefore it's tailfeathers point to the north – imagine that.

So majestic in it's Beaux-Arts classicalism architecture, our Capitol building is 171,000 square feet with the central dome rising 180 feet above

ground level, and then our south-facing eagle. Sometimes my thoughts wander to all that eagle must see beneath it. The eagle knows what really goes on in our Capitol – sadly, much more than the people of Mississippi do.

Our Capitol building looks really good on the outside, but what goes on inside? Let's take a look at some of the things that eagle sees:

Have we heard one word from the top trio of leadership or other white legislators condemning

the discrimination of black farm workers in the Delta, that were displaced by massive white-owned farming operations, in favor of white workers from South Africa? Not one word.

While claiming a Culture of Life, the Speaker of the House

refuses annually to allow a vote on expanding Medicaid for poor mothers and they die as a result, just because they are poor and mostly black. The Federal government not only pays most of

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## Celebrating The Life of Dr. Freda McKissic Bush

*February 25, 1947 – January 15, 2023*

Dr. Freda McKissic Bush, M.D., a native of Arkansas, was involved in women's health for fifty years. She graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Nursing and practiced as a nurse. Later, she graduated from Columbia University and became a nurse-midwife. Freda went on to graduate from the University of Mississippi Medical School and in 1987 completed her residency training at the University of Tennessee in Memphis.

She was a practicing OB-GYN in Jackson, Mississippi from 1987 until her retirement in February 2017.

She was also a clinical instructor in the Department of OB-GYN and Department of Family Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She was a partner in private practice with East Lakeland OB-GYN and Associates in Jackson, Mississippi, a Fellow of the American College OB-GYN, and a board member of the American Association of Pro-life OB-GYN.

Dr. Bush served on the Mis-



**Bush**

issippi State Board of Medical Licensure from 1996-2006, including a term as president from 2000-2002. Later, Dr. Bush assumed the position of chair of the Federation of State Medical Boards' (FSMB) Board of Directors in 2010. The national FSMB, a not-for-profit organization, represents the 70 state medical and osteopathic boards

in the United States to promote excellence in medical practice.

In February 2012, she became president/CEO of the Medical Institute for Sexual Health. Freda co-authored with Joe S. McIlhane, MD, two books, *HOOKED*, *New Science on How Casual Sex is Affecting Our Children*, and the last book released in January 2012, *Girls Uncovered*, *New Research on What America's Sexual Culture Does to Young Women*.

She was a Member of the Mississippi Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teen Pregnancy Prevention and served as chair of the Medical Advisory Subcommittee. Dr. Bush served as a presidential appointee to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) from 2006-2009.

She was a contributing writer to *Faith Matters: How African American Faith Communities Can Help Prevent Teen Pregnancy* published by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Dr. Bush was a member of the Physician's

Resource Council for Focus on the Family.

She also served as a medical advisor for Heartbeat International and CareNet and served as medical director for the Center for Pregnancy Choices, Metro Jackson. During her vast career, much of her time was spent speaking on sexual health, sexually transmitted diseases and social behavior education.

She presented seminars for health professionals, educators, parents, and youth in several cities and states; co-sponsoring a conference in Jackson, MS for seven years. Dr. Bush was interviewed on several TV programs as well as numerous radio programs including *Focus on the Family* and *Family Life Today* with Dr. James Dobson, *Focus on the Family* with Dr. Jim Daly and *Family Life Today* with Dennis Rainey.

She published articles in the *Journal of Medical Regulation*, *The MS State Medical Association Journal*, *Christianity Today*, *Charisma Magazine*, and *Christian Living Metro Jackson*.

Dr. Bush was a proud resident

of Jackson, Mississippi, and gave back to her community of West Jackson and to others.

Her faith and light shone brightly and touched everyone she encountered. Dr. Bush was also a dedicated member of New Horizon Church International in Jackson, Mississippi.

She leaves to cherish her memory and legacy, her devoted husband of fifty-three years, Lee R. Bush, Sr. as well as their four children – Freda Clarrette Gray of Charlotte, NC, Lea Rosel (David) Hall of Jacksonville, FL, Jocelyn Bush (Matthew) Watkins of San Diego, CA, and Lee Rodgers Bush, II of Jackson, MS; four brothers – Thirland (Helen) McKissic of Pine Bluff, AR, Ray E. McKissic of Washington, D.C, Gene Ellis McKissic of Pine Bluff, AR, Wm. Dwight (Vera) McKissic of Arlington, TX; one sister Waynetta McKissic (Dwight) Washington of Woodbridge, VA; son-in-law Preston Gray of Charlotte, NC; two sister-in-laws – Gloria McKissic of Pine Bluff, AR and Brenda J. Morrow of Milwau-

kee, WI; godsister – Machel (Jeffrey) Kearney of Pine Bluff, AR; twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Freda was preceded in death by her two brothers, Bobby C. Morrow of Milwaukee, WI and Jimmy E. McKissic of Cannes, France and all over the World; two sisters, Jocelyn McKissic Byrd of Kansas City, MO and Barbara Rose McKissic of East St. Louis, IL.

A scholarship has been established at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) School of Nursing, Little Rock, Arkansas. In Lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Dr. Freda McKissic Bush Scholarship.

Family & Friends hour will be held Thursday, January 26, 2023, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at New Horizon Church, 1770 Ellis Ave., in Jackson, MS.

The Memorial Service will be held Friday, January 27, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at New Horizon Church International, 1770 Ellis Ave. Jackson, MS 39204.

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A meeting with the Chief and the Commissioner was requested, and they refused. At a physical appearance to the department to meet with them, they refused to come down to meet although they were in the building. Several other attempts were made to meet, and all were refused. Candance Gregory was contacted, but no known action has been taken.

- Dr. Pickett has asked the Department of Justice for an immediate investigation and involvement of this department because they are continuing to harass the Pickett family through other officers and departments.
- The shooting of Tasha Smith
- Harassment of Pastor Scott Fortenberry
- Harassment of Pastor Sherman Thomas
- The firing of Officer Brooks

After meeting with the Department of Justice, paperwork was filed and submitted to Kristen Clark, Assistant Attorney General. Dr. Pickett will request a Listening Session within the next thirty (30) days and will invite Kristen Clark to attend in Jackson; and will extend the invite to Congressman Bennie Thompson and Mayor Lumumba.

**About Dwayne K. Pickett**

Bishop Dr. Dwayne K. Pickett, Sr. is the senior pastor of New Jerusalem Church

of Jackson, MS, since March 1996. Under Bishop Pickett’s godly leadership; his obedience to Christ; and his philosophy of team ministry, NJC has grown from less than 200 to more than 7000 members. God has blessed NJC to conduct multiple services at multiple locations in the Jackson-Metro area. The vision employed at NJC is to minister to the needs of the whole man (mankind) to develop devoted disciples of Christ. This vision encompasses a host of ministries within the church and in collaboration with other ministries within the community, in the state, and in the global community.

*For more information on Dr. Dwayne Pickett and his ministries, visit [www.dwaynepickettministries.com](http://www.dwaynepickettministries.com).*

**About Live Free**

LIVE FREE is a justice network of thousands of organizers, faith leaders, directly impacted families, and organizations working to reimagine public safety and increase civic engagement. We build power and agency in communities to eradicate gun violence, mass criminalization and mass incarceration. LIVE FREE sees a world where every person is safely and peacefully connected to community, free of the systemic constraints that undermine freedom.

*For more information on LIVE FREE, visit [www.livefreeusa.org](http://www.livefreeusa.org)*

## Brooklyn Bates served as a page for the Mississippi State Senate

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Brooklyn Bates of Byram recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff.

Brooklyn is the daughter of Benjamin and Tomika Bates and attends Murrah High School.

When asked about the week, Brooklyn said, “As a Senate page, I have had the opportunity to observe what a week in the Legislative Session in the Senate chamber looks like.

I enjoyed watching the senators in session. I also enjoyed running small errands for the senators. All around, it has been a great experience at the Capitol.”



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said some cell doors did not lock, and it was common to see rats and roaches.

The lawsuits were dismissed Jan. 13 after the inmates’ attorneys and the state Department of Corrections said improvements have been made during the past three years, including installing air conditioning in most of the prison, renovating some bathrooms and updating the electrical, water and sewer systems.

In April, the U.S. Justice Department issued a report that said Parchman had violated inmates’ constitutional rights. The department said the prison failed to protect inmates from violence, meet their mental health needs or take adequate steps for suicide prevention, and that the prison had relied too much on prolonged solitary confinement.

The Justice Department spent two years investigating Parchman. Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke said in April that Mississippi Department of Corrections officials cooperated with the investigation and pledged to resolve problems.

U.S. District Judge Sharion Aycock in northern Mississippi filed the order this month dismissing the lawsuits that were funded by Jay-Z; rapper Yo Gotti; and Team Roc, the philanthropic arm of Jay-Z’s Roc Nation. In a court filing, attorneys for the plaintiffs and for the defendants in the Mississippi Department of Corrections agreed that nobody involved in the lawsuits admitted liability or responsibility to anyone else in the suits.

“We’re pleased that Parchman has started to address the cruel and inhumane prison conditions after the Department of Justice’s investigation, but we aren’t satisfied with short-term improvements,” Mario Mims, who goes by the stage name Yo Gotti, said in a statement Monday. “The Mississippi Department of Corrections has neglected these torturous living conditions for decades, so we will continue to hold them accountable and ensure they commit to creating long-lasting change that safely protects their incarcerated population.”

## Capitols

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the tab, but they remind us that poor people and black people are not invisible to them.

The eagle sees all, including the pilfering of welfare funds in the poorest state in the nation. How much was schemed and executed right under that eagle’s gaze? Officials elected and appointed – trusted by the people to serve the people, turning Federal dollars to help the poor into their own self-serving slush fund right here in The Hospitality State.

Banning the teaching of Critical Race Theory. A truer telling of our history is unsufferable for our majority conservative white Christian legislators. Do they think we don’t know? Of course not. They know that we know, but they don’t care because they possess the power to do as they please. When they do things like this, they are practicing a different religion, a non-Christian religion – the religion of white supremacy.

It’s often said that out Lt. Governor, Delbert Hosemann, is the smartest person in the room over there.

He possesses quite a pedigree. Family man, veteran, undergrad in business at Notre Dame, law degree from University of Mississippi, Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University, former partner at Phelps Dunbar, LLP, twelve years as our Secretary of State, and now Lt. Governor and President of the Senate. Absent politics, I wonder what he would say about why our state always lags behind – a bottom-dweller. I wonder if he would concede that we don’t treat all of our people equally. I wonder if he would mention the words racism and oppression. I wonder if he would mention backward thinking being the driver of backwardness.

We are left to wonder. We may never know. But clear-eyed folks who believe in the Christian values of fairness, equality and loving they neighbor – they see.

And that tortured eagle – our national symbol of strength, freedom, and liberty – that eagle sees it all.

# AARP Mississippi accepting 2023 community grant applications

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AARP Mississippi invites local eligible organizations and governments across the country to apply for the 2023 AARP Community Challenge grant program, now through March 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Central. Grants fund quick-action projects that help communities become more livable in the long-term by improving public spaces, transportation, housing, civic engagement, diversity and inclusion, and more. Now in its seventh year, the program is part of AARP’s nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live for all residents, especially those age 50 and older.

“AARP Mississippi is committed to helping communities across the state become great places to live for people of all ages with an emphasis on people age 50 and older,” said AARP State Director Kimberly L. Campbell, Esq. “The Community Challenge has proven that quick-action projects can



**Kimberly Campbell, AARP State Director**

lead to long-lasting improvements enhancing Mississippians’ quality of life.”

Previous Community Challenge grants have led to impressive results with nearly half of grantees leveraging their projects into additional funding support from private and public

sector partners and eight in ten overcoming barriers and advancing change.

In 2023, the AARP Community Challenge is accepting applications across three different grant opportunities, two of which are new this year.

All projects must be consistent with AARP’s mission to serve the needs of people 50 and older along with other eligibility criteria. AARP will prioritize proposals that are inclusive, address disparities, and directly engage volunteers age 50 and older.

- New this year, the program will provide capacity-building microgrants paired with additional resources, such as one-on-one coaching, webinars, cohort learning opportunities and more for improving walkability and starting or expanding a community garden.
- Also new this year, the Community Challenge will offer demonstration grants. A portion will be focused on transportation improvements with funding support provided by Toyota Motor North America. Another portion of demonstration grants will focus on promoting greater awareness of the benefits of accessory dwelling units as a housing solution
- AARP will also offer grants under a flagship opportunity to support projects that improve public places; transportation; housing; diversity, equity and

inclusion; digital connections; community health and economic empowerment; and new this year community resilience; and civic engagement. Since 2017, AARP has awarded more than \$12.7 million to more than 1,060 projects – including 15 in Mississippi – through the Community Challenge to nonprofit organizations and government entities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The program provides direct support to all community types, including rural, suburban and urban communities with a special focus on the needs of those 50 and older. The Community Challenge is open to eligible nonprofit organizations and government entities. Other types of organizations are considered on a case-by-case basis. Grants can range from several hundred dollars for small, short-term activities to tens of thousands for larger projects.

The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. Central, March 15, 2023. All projects must be completed by November 30, 2023.

To submit an application and

view past grantees visit [www.AARP.org/CommunityChallenge](http://www.AARP.org/CommunityChallenge). AARP Mississippi works in collaboration with communities across the state, bringing people together, and providing resources and expertise to help make Mississippi’s counties, towns and cities great places to live for people of all ages

**About AARP**

AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation’s largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin.

To learn more, visit [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org), [www.aarp.org/espanol](http://www.aarp.org/espanol) or follow @AARP, @AARPenEspanol and @AARPadvocates, @AliadosAdelante on social media.



## Phi Beta Fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Joint Founder's Day

Special to The Mississippi Link

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. have a true brother and sisterhood bond, and Saturday, January 21, they held a Joint Founders' Day Program at Fondren Hall, located at 4330 N. State Street.

Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. was found January 9, 1914 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. by three young African-American students who wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideas of brotherhood, scholarship and service.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was founded January 16, 1920 at Howard University, by five coeds that sought to establish an organization predicated on the precepts of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood.

The Founders' Day messages were given by Dr. Kenisha Hendricks, Chair of the International Board of Director, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Dr. Marcus A. Chanay, International Director of Education, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Kimberly Archie, Tau Phi Zeta and Lorenzo L. Grimes, Mu Sigma served as program guides.



Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON



Dr. Denisha Hendricks Founders' Day speaker



Men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



Lorenzo Grimes and Kimberly Archie, program guides



Dr. Marcus A. Chanay Founders' Day speaker

## MDAH announces \$750,000 grant for historic Natchez College; funding to be used to restore T.J. Huddleston Memorial Chapel



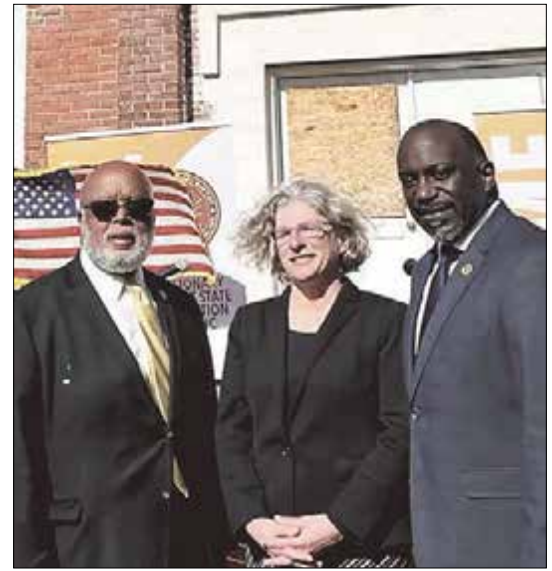
Mississippi Department of Archives and History held its Jan. 19 press conference on the campus of historic Natchez College in front of the T.J. Huddleston Memorial Chapel. A \$750,000 grant has been approved for the restoration of the chapel. Katie Blunt, director of MDAH speaking from podium. PHOTO BY ROSCOE BARNES III



U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-MS speaking at historic Natchez College. PHOTO BY MDAH



(L-R) Katie Blunt, Rev. Reginald Buckley and Mayor Dan M. Gibson PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF NATCHEZ



U.S. Congressman Thompson, Blunt and Rev. Buckley PHOTO COURTESY OF MDAH

The Mississippi Link newswire

A \$750,000 grant has been awarded to the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi (GMBSC) for the restoration of the T.J. Huddleston Memorial Chapel on the historic Natchez College campus.

The funding is provided as a pass-through grant by Lilly Endowment Inc. It is part of a \$2.5 million grant to the Foundation for Mississippi History to support Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) programs that promote public understanding of the role of religion in Mississippi history and culture, according to MDAH Director Katie Blunt.

Blunt shared the news at a Jan. 19 press conference on the Natchez College campus. About 60 people attended the morning event.

Blunt said the Lilly Endowment is also providing \$36,000 for Jefferson College to preserve and interpret the school, an MDAH site-Mississippi's first institution of higher learning, birthplace of the Methodist Church in the state, and home of the 1817 Mississippi Statehood Convention.

In addition to Blunt, speakers included the Rev. Reginald

Buckley, president of GMBSC; the Rev. Isaac Jackson, former president of GMBSC; and Congressman Bennie Thompson, who represents Mississippi's 2nd congressional district.

Buckley highlighted the significance of Natchez College to Mississippi history. He described the school as a "special place where Anne Moody began her college career and led her first protest over what most college students protest over – a cafeteria meal."

Moody, a civil rights pioneer, attended the school from 1959 to 1961 on a basketball scholarship. She wrote about her college life in her memoir, "Coming of Age in Mississippi."

Speaking further, Buckley said: "It is a place of community pride that for generations shaped the minds of its students and made a pathway to a secure future. A place that now with the help of the Lilly Endowments and partnership of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, will tell the amazing story of our convention and this college in the context of this community."

Buckley said the restoration will occur in three phases:

- Phase One will focus on the

chapel, which was named for Dr. T.J. Huddleston, a prominent entrepreneur who helped to "orchestrate a system of health insurance for African Americans and helped to build the first hospital owned and operated by African Americans."

- Phase Two will include the restoration of the women's dormitory, which will house the collection of convention and college archives and serve as a repository of the convention members' church history.

- Phase Three will include the construction of a café, courtyard, and an outdoor amphitheater. It will become the Baptist Heritage and Art Center – "a unique project that celebrates the role that our faith has played in shaping this community and our state," Buckley said.

Jackson commented on the need to see and remember the contributions of African Americans to Natchez.

"I don't think we ought to forget about how we got over here," he said. "You can walk around Natchez and see antebellum homes that former slaves have built, but I haven't found anything that slaves have left. I have seen the auction blocks where they were sold. But in this place,

we cannot cover up the stones that were left here by our ancestors, that helped make not only Natchez, but America as great as she is."

Congressman Thompson said there is "the lack of keeping the history – the complete history – of what happened in this great state and country about everybody."

He said history must be preserved. "If we don't make every effort to preserve the history, over time it will be forgotten," he said. He added: "There are a lot of people around the world who want to come and see the complete history of Natchez. When they come, they will spend a night. They will eat and they will invest in the community. And that's what you

want. In telling the story, it becomes an economic opportunity for the entire community."

Natchez College was established by the Baptist Convention as a private, historically black institution in 1884. The school, which later became Natchez Junior College, closed in 1989. Booker T. Washington visited the school in 1908.

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Senator Sollie B. Norwood on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, visited with members of the 5th grade class of Midtown Public Charter School, during School Choice Day at the Capitol. Teacher Toney Hayes is not shown.



# Newsweek claims years of political failure in Mississippi

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

On January 11, 2023, our Governor gave an interview to Craig Ford on WTVA -9, Tupelo and Columbus, focusing on his legislative goals and bid for re-election. Reeves touted his response to multiple natural disasters that he has addressed during his first three years in office. He spoke about capital investment in Mississippi, claiming “almost \$6 billion in new capital expenditures in 2022 – almost seven times more than the average over the ten years prior to my becoming governor.”

When asked about potential challengers, including possibly Philip Gunn, he indicated that “So far no one has qualified to challenge us and we are about a third of the way through the qualifying period, but that regardless of what the field looks like we are going to continue to do what we have done for the last three years and work very hard to do the job, to get up every day and focus on making Mississippi a better place to invest capital, a better place to create jobs, and an even better place to raise your family.”

A week later the governor tweeted, “My focus is to make Mississippi the best state in the nation to live, work and raise a family. Companies are investing here at a record pace. These investments mean new jobs. And these new jobs mean more opportunities for

you to make money and better care for your family.”

The whole jobs thing is permanently embedded in his mantra. The problem is, it’s bald-faced fiction. As of November 2022, not even two months ago, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ranks Mississippi dead last in employment growth over the past 12 months. (See chart.)

Not only does it show Mississippi’s job growth as the lowest in the country, but no other states even come close to this level of poor performance.

Raw fiction doesn’t pair well with the fundamentals of leadership over time. Perceived or actual connections to the TANF scandal, income tax cuts that favor the wealthy, the highest grocery taxes in the country, refusal to call a special legislative session during the Jackson water crisis; but happy to do so to give Steel Dynamics – a multi-million dollar corporation listed in the NASDAQ – \$247 million in tax incentives to broaden their operations in Columbus, crises in health-care quality and staffing and hospitals – all in broad daylight, all creating chinks in Reeves’ armor.

It seems like folks truly can separate the wheat from the chaff in our deeply conservative state. A recent Mississippi Today/Sienna College poll on January 19, 2023, indicates “that 57% of voters would

support “someone else” over current Governor Tate Reeves in a November election, while just 33% would support Reeves, who announced last week he will seek a second term as governor in the November 2023 election.”

The day after Reeves’ interview with WTVA, the landscape changed when Brandon Pressley, the former Mayor of Nettleton and Northern District Public Service Commissioner since 2008, announced on Twitter he was running for governor, saying, “Mississippi deserves leaders who fight for our families, children and workers rather than themselves and their rich friends.” Pressley is a Democrat and even prior to his announcing, a Mississippi Today/Sienna College poll shows him at “39% compared to Reeves 43% in a head-to-head matchup in November, and the margin of error is 4.6%.”

On January 19, 2023, *Newsweek* published an article by Nick Reynolds, “The Republicans’ nightmare is unfolding in Mississippi,” indicating Republicans’ decades-long hold on the governor’s mansion could be in peril. He quotes the poll results above, and also a tweet by Pressley responding to the poll, “It’s clear, the people of Mississippi are ready to fire Tate Reeves.”

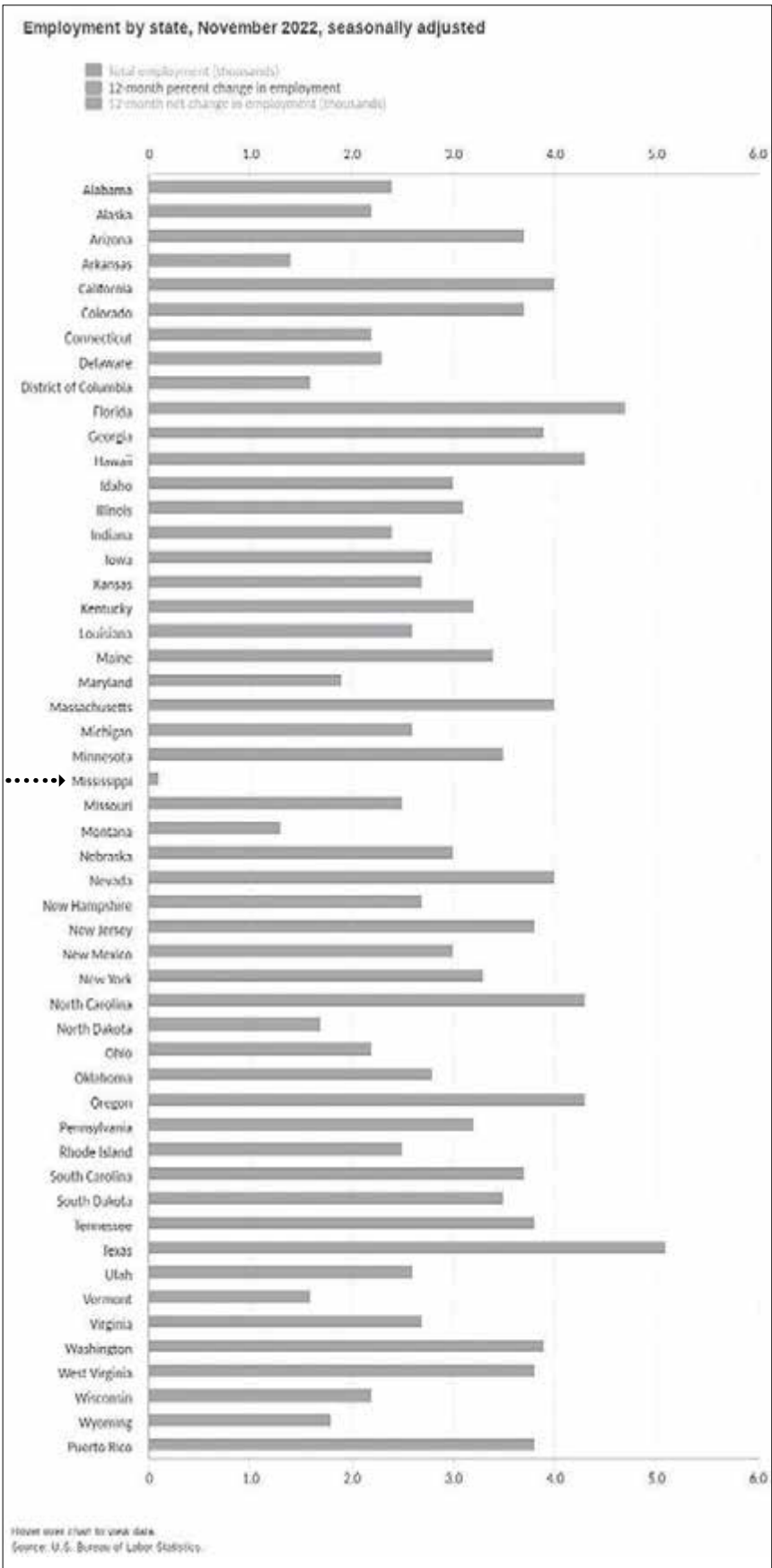
Commenting on the poll, Reynolds says, “That’s a sign that Mississippi, a long-stand-

ing conservative stronghold, could be in play for Democrats after years of political failure in the state.” He mentioned the controversy involved in Reeves’ first term as governor, “including a drinking water crisis in the capital city of Jackson, his handling of a welfare fraud scandal involving (former Governor) Bryant and NFL legend Brett Favre, and 2019 revelations of his membership in a college fraternity that held costume parties where attendees dressed in blackface.”

We understand that politics can be ugly, that each side has their talking points, and that the truth is often stretched or reformatted to make things look more appealing than they really are, but blatant fiction – whether the politician is blushing or not – doesn’t sit well with voters.

Honesty and integrity are the bedrock of leadership, yet our current Governor seems to take a pass on those values in favor of self-interest and making the wealthy even wealthier, in the poorest state in the nation.

Much can change in the next nine months leading up to the general election, for all we know he may win reelection like water bursting through a broken pipe in Jackson, but right now it seems that Reeves’ form of leadership may well be nearing its final drips from the faucet in Mississippi.



## MPB, WJSU ‘The Sipp’ host special screening for ‘Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World’

*The Mississippi Link newswire*

Mississippi Public Broadcasting and WJSU “The Sipp.FM” will host a special screening of the new PBS documentary “Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World” on Feb. 2, at Jackson State University. The event will feature a panel discussion with the series director, Yemi Bamiro, who will make a virtual appearance from London.

Produced in partnership with

BBC Music, the four-part docu-series will premiere Jan. 31, on MPB, PBS.org and the PBS Video app.

Developed by Chuck D and his producing partner, Lorrie Boula, the series tells the story of hip-hop as an organic expression of experience that was unapologetic, fierce and empowering as it spoke truth to power and informed a nation through a different lens.

The event will be held in

JSU’s Student Union Theater. The panel discussion will follow the screening. Bamiro will be joined by MPB producer Java Chatman, hip-hop culture historian Charlie Braxton and two JSU students. The panel will be moderated by Brad “Kamikaze” Franklin, host of Third Coast Radio, a weekly broadcast on MPB Think Radio.

The screening event is free, but seating is limited. Register here or visit mpbonline.org.

Featuring firsthand accounts from some of rap’s most integral players, “Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World,” recounts the origins of this bold and revolutionary art form through the voices of those who were there at the beginning, showing viewers how hip-hop became a cultural phenomenon against the backdrop of American history. Weaving together interconnected moments via intimate interviews and archi-

val footage, the docuseries will explore how hip-hop quickly created a provocative narrative of America.

“The hip-hop community has, from the start, been doing what the rest of media is only now catching up to,” said Chuck D. “Long before any conglomerate realized it was time to wake up, hip-hop had been speaking out and telling truths. Working with PBS and BBC is an opportunity to deliver these messages

through new ways and help explain hip-hop’s place in history and hopefully inspire us all to take it further.”

The series includes insightful interviews with hip-hop luminaries, including Chuck D, Grandmaster Caz, Ice-T, Abiodun Oyewole (The Last Poets), Roxanne Shanté, Run DMC, John Forté, will.i.am, MC Lyte, B-Real (Cypress Hill), Melle Mel, Fat Joe, Lupe Fiasco and more.

## Judge: Tupelo acted properly in approval of affordable apartments

*The Associated Press*

A judge in north Mississippi has ruled that the city of Tupelo acted properly in approving plans for construction of an affordable-housing apartment complex.

Lee County Circuit Court Judge Paul Funderburk issued the ruling Thursday, the *North-east Mississippi Daily Journal* reported.

In August, the Tupelo City Council voted 4-3 to approve site plans and development for the 46-unit apartment complex called Flowerdale Commons.

Several residents of nearby Cottonwood Estates subdivision, some business owners

and another developer appealed the city’s decision to the circuit court.

Funderburk wrote that the Tupelo development code “unequivocally” allows apartment development within mix-use employment districts, which the area is zoned as, without extra requirements.

The judge disagreed that apartments had to be tied to employment facilities. He ruled that since apartments are secondary use, the project meets the “purpose and intent” in the code that encourages medium-density residential housing.

It was not immediately clear whether those who challenged

the city’s decision would ask the Mississippi Court of Appeals to overturn Funderburk’s ruling.

The newspaper reported that Mississippi Center for Justice filed a court brief in December, supporting the city council’s decision to approve plans for the apartment complex.

“Too many in Lee County and across Mississippi are struggling to get by and afford rent, and there is a shortage of decent and safe housing,” Paloma Wu, a Mississippi Center for Justice attorney, said in a statement. “All Mississippians deserve access to affordable housing.”

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## Creating bowl post-season opportunities for HBCUS and why we should do it

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



College football season is over as conference championships and post-season opportunities have all been decided. When you look over the season, HBCU football teams were in the news and a part of everyone's conversation on a regular basis.

Fayetteville State University, Tuskegee University, Florida A&M University had stellar seasons. Jackson State University defeated Southern University 43-24 to win the SWAC championship.

North Carolina Central University, champions of the MEAC defeated Jackson State University in the Cricket Celebration Bowl. The final score in overtime was 41-34. It was held at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta Georgia December 17, 2022.

Deion Sanders is now the head football coach at the University of Colorado. Jackson State University has named T.C. Taylor as its new head football coach. Let's congratulate both men on their new positions.

Regarding the Celebration Bowl, the fans were in a frenzy and tailgating was happening non-stop. Ribs and chicken wings on the grill were fan favorites. It was not a stretch to say that a good time was had by all.

Upcoming on February 25, 2023 at Yulman Stadium in New Orleans Louisiana will be the 2nd Annual HBCU Legacy Bowl. That game will showcase talent from most of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Last year's inaugural event was a success on and off the field as it included a career fair and a list of dynamic speakers.

I anticipate the crowds will be larger and more HBCUs will be participating. Employers will be there to offer students positions. Professional football scouts and agents will be in attendance ready to have players align with their organizations.

When the tickets go on sale, get yours because they won't last long. My prediction is that this will become a signature event within the HBCU landscape. Personally, I hope that Yulman stadium on the campus of Tulane University will become the permanent location of the HBCU Legacy Bowl.

Bowl games and play-off spots are the rewards for teams that have achieved a level of success. That's the way it's been and that's the way it will stay.

As you know at the Division I level, teams need 6 wins to become "bowl eligible." So, a team can finish with a 6-6 record and become bowl eligible. Meanwhile, HBCU teams can finish the season at 8-3 or 9-2 and have no post-season play. They are left watching other teams play while they wait on spring practice to begin.

Is that equitable? You can answer that question.

The proposal that I am putting forward keeps HBCU teams with good records on the field for post-season play. Let's create two bowl games for four HBCU teams. They would be named by the sponsors or benefactors. How about the Jake Gaither Bowl or the Marino Casem Bowl?

There would be a selection committee composed of people who know football. The bowl sites would be agreed upon by the sponsors and benefactors. HBCUs that have the stadium capacity could be used.

Further, let's have the bowl games two to three weeks apart like the current holiday format. There would be two to three days of pre-bowl activities such as career fairs and workshops.

All of us know prominent men and women who have been great ambassadors for HBCUs. As you are reading this column, I hope that you will become energized by it and think that the idea has merit.

If you have been blessed with financial resources, please consider becoming a voice for this proposal. Yes, it does need tweaking and you could be a part of the tweaking.

We cannot continue to allow our young men to play on teams with winning records and not be considered for post-season play. If you are a student-athlete enrolled at an HBCU and had a winning record, I hope that you think this is a good idea.

On a personal note, I played a sport at an HBCU and won championships and participated in post-season play. I know what that feels like, and we should give our current student-athletes the same opportunity.

Sometimes in life, you must create another path to reach your goal. Now is the time to create another path.

## It's time to irrigate the fallow ground of minority media ownership

By Barbara Arnwine  
Transformative Justice Coalition



I've fought for civil rights my entire career. In fact, in honor of my late mother, Vera Pearl Arnwine, I will tell you that my actual birth was amidst a fight for justice and equality to desegregate a white hospital that refused to service the African Americans in the nearby community.

After being driven past the white hospital during two previous labors, my Mom was determined to force change. She purposefully waited until her contractions were advanced and called the ambulance, which seeing her state, took her to the nearest hospital, the white hospital. When the white nurses tried to refuse service, the examining doctor said it was too late and ordered, "We got to deliver this baby." Thus, my Mom defied the "Whites Only" designation and ultimately won as she gave birth to me, the first black to force the integration of the now closed Seaside Hospital in Long Beach, California.

Being born a "civil rights protest baby" it is no wonder that I went on to graduate from Duke University School of Law and became president and executive director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, where I served for

more than 26 years.

That hospital story, of course relayed to me by my mother, is quite relevant during this season in which we not only celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. but we escalate our commemoration of Black History. Now, as founder of the Transformative Justice Coalition, I remain keenly focused on issues of justice from every walk of life.

In 2023, one aspect of civil rights and racial justice that barely remains addressed is racial inclusion in media ownership. It's high time to irrigate that fallow civil rights ground as America's access to trusted, credible and diverse local and national news sources is the key to democracy. There is far too much misinformation and non-inclusion out there; especially impacting communities of color.

An article by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, headlined, "The Abysmal State of Media Ownership Diversity in America," says that "Access to the media by the broadest sector of society is crucial to ensuring that diverse viewpoints are presented to the American people, but racial and gender disparities in media ownership that date back to the beginning of the civil rights era continue to persist. Diverse voices in the media landscape help to ensure that diverse topics and perspectives

are presented to counter disinformation and misinformation."

The article continues, "At a time when more people, particularly black people, are distrustful of the media, diversity in media ownership has become more important than ever for the functioning of our democracy. Diversity in ownership is part of that solution."

This crucial issue is the reason that my good friends and colleagues in the current civil rights movement are going on the record in support of Standard General's application before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to acquire TEGNA, a media company which owns more than 60 television stations across the country. Those colleagues include Dr. Benjamin Chavis, president/CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, president/CEO of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. Standard General has a proven record of investing in local news and enhancing diversity with a goal to have newsrooms look like the communities they serve.

Enhancing media diversity is a primary objective at the FCC, but it has a lot of work to do. The FCC just reported that blacks account for only 3% of majority interests in full-power TV stations with Asian Americans at only 1%. Now it has a chance to really show

that it cares about this goal as the Standard General transaction would radically enhance minority media ownership of broadcast channels.

Asian-American Soo Kim, Standard General's Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer, has expressed commitment to helping newsrooms evolve and stay relevant in this age of on-demand content.

One of my primary venues for taking stances on civil rights issues is my 8-year-old radio show, "Igniting Change with Barbara Arnwine," heard weekly on Tuesdays at Noon on Radio One's WOL 1450 a.m.

During the hour-long show, I have spent much time discussing voter participation and suppression. Based on the questions and concerns expressed by my listeners on the call-in format, it is clear that preserving local news and making it better and more reflective of the changing faces of America will make our democracy stronger and produce more informed voters. We cannot get this done without aggressively irrigating and sowing into the now fallow ground of minority media ownership. This is a goal that we must all share and promote.

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## Milestones show us where we've come from, where we need to go

By Ben Jealous  
People For the American Way



Two things happened last week – one public, the other personal – that made me reflect on how far we've come as a nation, how we got here, and what it will take to keep that journey moving forward.

Maryland, my home state, inaugurated its first black governor, Wes Moore. It's a description I thought might go to me four years ago when I became only the third person and the first African American to win 1 million votes in a statewide race. Unfortunately my incumbent opponent was one of the other two.

Attending the inauguration made me think about how we've gotten here – more slowly than anyone who truly believes in our American ideals would consider right, but making steady progress all along the way. My vote total helped Wes, just as President Obama's victory in 2012 eased my way.

I think back to being a youth leader in my California county for Rev. Jesse Jackson's 1988

presidential bid.

While we can bemoan the pace for good reason, we shouldn't overlook that change has come. That long arc of the moral universe remains. Even when we fall short of something like an electoral victory, we make progress.

The question remains the eternal one when we see injustice, inequity and threats like climate change that are unquestionably existential. How do we pick up the pace? I've been organizing and advocating for change for more than half my life. I'm lucky in many respects. Thirty years ago, celebrating someone else's 21st birthday, I remember standing with other young black men somberly pouring out our drinks in memory of our friends who had been killed or imprisoned before we got to college.

I'm luckier still that I've had people throughout my life – starting with my parents – who have helped me find my commitment and learn ways to put it into effective practice. People like Alvin Chambliss, the North Mississippi Rural Legal Services lawyer, who asked me to lead protests against closing two historically black

universities to turn them into prisons. People like Norman Hill, a protege of A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin, and union leaders Richard Womack and Bill Lucy who trained me (along with Stacey Abrams and Derrick Johnson) at an AFL-CIO summer institute for black student organizers. People like Bishop Desmond Tutu and Colin Powell.

I remain deeply committed to passing forward all that knowledge and insight, so hard won by folks who preceded me in ways that paved my road. For me that starts with listening to young leaders and organizers both to understand their perspectives as well as to give them space to air what they are compelled to get out. For me, change starts with listening.

What I hope to impart are the big ideas that were passed along to me, like Gen. Powell's lesson that finding the one common cause we can share can be much more powerful than a hundred things that we may disagree about. Finally, I want to charge them to use their own gifts, talents and knowledge to make the progress we still need. They will know how best to reach their peers and those who come

after them. A quinquagenarian like me will never be able to use the tools of their generation to their fullest effect. What I hope to do is inspire and applaud.

That's an optimistic view, I know; one that I get genetically perhaps. Just before my grandmother died, she took a call from Sen. Barbara Mikulski, who had been a graduate student in social work decades before when my grandmother was creating Child Protective Services in Baltimore. It was that long arc in view. It was my grandmother who gave me the perspective that still guides me. "Baby, it's true. Pessimists are right more often, but optimists win more often," she told me once. "In this life, you have to decide what's more important to you. As for me, I'll take winning."

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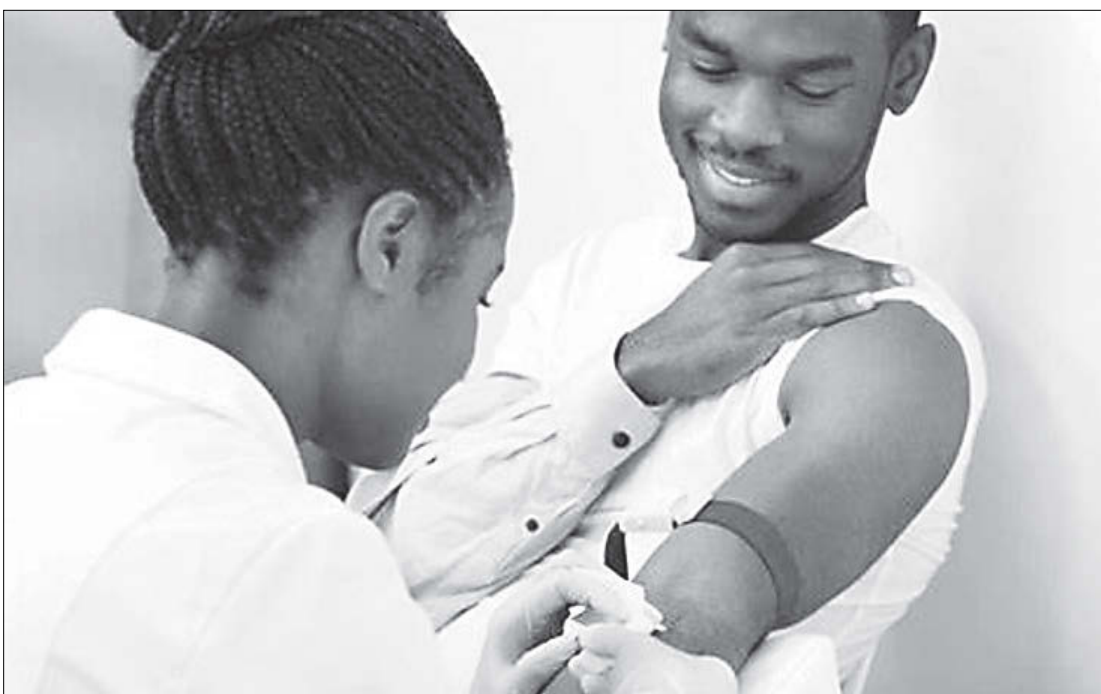
# A little more about your blood test

By Vince Faust  
*Tips to Be Fit*

A blood test is an analysis of what is in your blood. You may have blood tests to keep track of how well you are managing diabetes, high cholesterol, liver function or what is not there. Blood test can also detect heart disease, thyroid disease and sexually transmitted infections. You could also have a blood test for your yearly checkups or when you are ill. Blood tests alone can't be used to determine cancer. The tests only show cancerous proteins, cells or other substances.

Some examples of what your tests can find:

- Glucose (blood sugar)
- Types of cells, such as white blood cells, red blood cells and platelets
- Minerals, such as potassium, calcium and iron
- Fat and cholesterol
- Vitamins, such as vitamin B12 and vitamin D
- Hormones, such as thyroid hormones and estrogen
- Inflammatory markers, such as erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR or sed rate) and anti-nuclear antibodies (ANA)
- Tumor markers, such as CA 125
- Genetic markers
- Toxins, such as lead
- Drugs or medications



Oxygen and carbon dioxide levels

Blood tests can also be used to detect signs of your health risks, infection and the balance of fluids and minerals in the blood. Your test can also be used as an assessment of your physical functions.

Your blood sample is usually taken from a vein in your arm by a technician called a phlebotomist. Most times you're seated or lying down. Your phlebotomist may ask you to make a fist. Your phlebotomist will tie a rubber band around your arm.

Once they see a vein, your phlebotomist will clean the area and then insert a needle. You will feel a small prick. Once your phlebotomist has drawn enough blood, they will take the needle out and put a bandage over the site. Your phlebotomist usually asked you to press firmly on the site to stop any bleeding. Blood usually drawn from children are often taken from the back of their hand.

Recommendations to prepare for blood test:

Avoid drinking or eating anything except water for 8-12 hours

before your test.

Make sure you are hydrated. It can take about 5 minutes to begin to rehydrate your body

You should not eat 3 hours before your blood test.

Eat less fatty and fried food, and avoid alcohol 1-2 days prior to the test.

Don't smoke 1 hour prior to your test.

Do not engage in strenuous exercise before the blood test. Try not to exercise after your test either.

Ask your doctor if you need to fast before your blood draw.

You can take your prescribed medications beforehand unless your doctor advises you otherwise.

Get a good night's sleep and drink plenty of water.

Wear short sleeves if possible. Relax

A few other things can affect your blood test:

Sunburn – Sunburn will affect your white blood cell numbers.

Having sex – You should abstain from sexual activity including ejaculation for at least 48 hours before your blood test. A recent ejaculation might cause a slight rise in PSA levels.

Colds or other infections – Reschedule your blood test if you have a cold. A cold can affect the accuracy of your white blood cell, red blood cell, hematocrit, hemoglobin and platelets count.

Avoid foods like avocados, walnuts and licorice. Eating foods high in carbohydrates can significantly raise your blood sugar levels within 15 minutes.

Medications – Any medication can influence your blood test. Make sure your doctor knows what medications you are taking.

Stress – Stress can increase your red blood cells, platelets and neutrophil count. Your eosinophils, lymphocytes and monocytes count can decrease.

Lack of sleep – Lack of sleep can significantly affect your

white blood cell and neutrophil granulocyte counts. They will be higher.

Drinking alcohol – Drinking alcohol can affect blood sugar and fat levels giving you an inaccurate results to your blood tests. Do not drink any alcohol for at least 24 hours before your blood test.

Supplements – Hormone supplements can affect the results of a blood test used to measure the amount of human chorionic gonadotropin, HCG. You should not take supplements within 24 hours of your blood draw.

How often you have blood tests will vary. The type of blood tests you may need and the collection schedule will depend on a number of factors. Factors can include a chronic condition, pregnancy, sudden illness or any changes in your health.

You are entitled to a copy of your blood test. Get a copy and go over it at home. You may have more questions after you review it.

Sometimes receiving results can be stressful and upsetting. If you are worried about the outcome of your test you could take a friend with you. You may need counseling to help you deal with your test results.

Before starting your fitness program, consult your physician.

## Mississippi Board approves operation of burn center at UMMC

*The Associated Press*

The University of Mississippi Medical Center has received permission to provide care for burn patients, months after another hospital closed the only other burn center in the state.

The governing board for the state's eight public universities met Thursday and approved the medical center's request to operate a burn center on UMMC's main campus in Jackson.

"This approval confirms

our commitment to providing complex care to burn patients so they can receive timely care close to home and with the trusted expertise of the Mississippi's only academic medical center," Dr. Alan Jones, associate vice chancellor for clinical affairs, said in a news release. "We want to keep burn care in Mississippi for Mississippians."

A burn center at a Jackson hospital, Merit Health Central,

closed in October. That center had 13 burn intensive care patient rooms, 20 burn step-down unit patient rooms and a 12-room outpatient clinic.

State legislators previously directed UMMC to establish a burn center. The medical center will collaborate with the Mississippi State Department of Health to finalize accreditation of the Mississippi Burn Center, according to the news release.

## Connecting those with heart defects to needed care



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*StatePoint*

Congenital heart defects (CHDs) are the most common birth defects and doctors and affected families can help ensure that individuals with CHDs receive lifelong congenital cardiac care to stay healthy.

In 2010, it was estimated that approximately 1 million children and 1.4 million adults were living with a CHD in the United States. However, about 60% of individuals with CHDs don't see a congenital cardiology specialist after age 18 for follow-up.

Congenital cardiology care is essential, even for those who are not currently experiencing symptoms. In addition to the need to manage the CHD, affected individuals remain at risk for developing acquired cardiac conditions of adulthood. These include a range of potentially serious conditions such as arrhythmias, atherosclerotic heart disease, congestive heart failure, endocarditis, hypertension, hyperlipidemia and pulmonary hypertension.

According to advocates, a

primary care physician is often the only doctor a patient sees, making it critical that patients disclose their CHD to their doctors, and for doctors to help ensure they get the specialized care they need to stay healthy and safe over the years.

"Although most individuals with CHDs require lifelong congenital cardiac care, many children and adults experience gaps in care for several years or more," says Dr. Sherry Farr from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Whether these lapses are due to loss of insurance, financial barriers or an inaccurate belief that their heart defect has 'been cured,' physicians that these patients see for other reasons can facilitate continuity of cardiac care."

Dr. Farr suggests that physicians start the conversation with patients by asking them if they ever had heart problems. After learning that a patient has a heart defect, they should then emphasize the need for continuous care, even in cases where patients feel well. Doctors should

be prepared to both explain the vital role of congenital cardiologists and provide a referral for a specialist in the area. Patients with CHDs should share their health history at their appointment and be ready to ask questions and seek referrals.

The new CHD Awareness Toolkit from the American Academy of Pediatrics and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers resources to help physicians connect people with heart defects to the care they need. It includes materials for pediatricians and family physicians (who treat children), internal medicine physicians and family physicians (who treat adults), obstetrician-gynecologists and emergency room physicians.

People with heart defects need lifelong congenital cardiac care. By getting the conversation started, patients and physicians can help ensure continuity of care.

To learn more or to download the toolkit, visit [aap.org/CHD-care](http://aap.org/CHD-care).

## US proposes once-a-year COVID shots for most Americans

By Matthew Perrone  
*Associated Press Health Writer*

U.S. health officials want to make COVID-19 vaccinations more like the annual flu shot.

The Food and Drug Administration on Monday proposed a simplified approach for future vaccination efforts, allowing most adults and children to get a once-a-year shot to protect against the mutating virus.

This means Americans would no longer have to keep track of how many shots they've received or how many months it's been since their last booster.

The proposal comes as boosters have become a hard sell. While more than 80% of the U.S. population has had at least one vaccine dose, only 16% of those eligible have received the latest boosters authorized in August.

The FDA will ask its panel of outside vaccine experts to weigh in at a meeting Thursday. The agency is expected to take their advice into consideration while deciding future vaccine requirements for manufacturers.

In documents posted online, FDA scientists say many Americans now have "suffi-

cient preexisting immunity" against the coronavirus because of vaccination, infection or a combination of the two. That baseline of protection should be enough to move to an annual booster against the latest strains in circulation and make COVID-19 vaccinations more like the yearly flu shot, according to the agency.

For adults with weakened immune systems and very small children, a two-dose combination may be needed for protection. FDA scientists and vaccine companies would study vaccination, infection rates and other data to decide who should receive a single shot versus a two-dose series.

FDA will also ask its panel to vote on whether all vaccines should target the same strains. That step would be needed to make the shots interchangeable, doing away with the current complicated system of primary vaccinations and boosters.

The initial shots from Pfizer and Moderna – called the primary series – target the strain of the virus that first emerged in 2020 and quickly swept across the world. The updated boosters launched last fall were also tweaked to target omicron

relatives that had been dominant.

Under FDA's proposal, the agency, independent experts and manufacturers would decide annually on which strains to target by the early summer, allowing several months to produce and launch updated shots before the fall. That's roughly the same approach long used to select the strains for the annual flu shot.

Ultimately, FDA officials say moving to an annual schedule would make it easier to promote future vaccination campaigns, which could ultimately boost vaccination rates nationwide.

The original two-dose COVID shots have offered strong protection against severe disease and death no matter the variant, but protection against mild infection wanes. Experts continue to debate whether the latest round of boosters significantly enhanced protection, particularly for younger, healthy Americans.

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# Your faith... unchained

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



“Auntie Wanda? Are you okay?” I peeked through my fingers which covered both of my eyes and nodded my head at my teen-aged niece and nephew who were asking this question concerned about my response to the movie. Relieved that I was okay, they went back to commenting on how the shooting of people in the movie was so precise: “Great kill shot!” were words that I overheard both say at least twice while watching the movie. What was the movie? Django Unchained which my sister, their mother, agreed would be okay for them to see.

In fact, after at least 10 years of enjoying many children’s movies and cartoons as part of a family movie-going ritual, it was the first “adult” movie that we (meaning my niece, neph-

ew and I) had seen together. It turned out to also be one of the most insightful experiences I had watching movies with them.

When the movie was over, they seemed completely unaffected by the violence and couldn’t wait to play Fruit Ninja in the movie theater arcade. However, I was troubled by the violence of the movie but at the same time in awe of what I thought was one aspect of the movie that was not talked about much by its critics.

The movie was not just a revenge story or one that trivialized slavery; it could also be seen as a story of the powerful sacrificial love that one man has for his wife. Even more so, despite using the n-word nearly 200 times and having graphic instances of horrific violence, the movie actually had what could be called a Christian message.

The Christian message I saw was the faith-fueled determination of Django to find his wife

Broomhilda, no matter what. When he does find her, there is one pivotal scene where he shields her from a potential gun’s bullets. The way the camera is angled, she completely disappears and all that is seen is Django standing protectively in front of her. All I could say when I saw that was “Wow! Now that’s a man! Willing to give his life for his wife.”

The scene was very much a visual example of I John 15-16 which encourages that “By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

Regardless of how difficult it looked, Django stayed focused on finding his wife and took necessary risks. I wouldn’t call Django a “Christian” movie but it does illustrate key Christian concepts of unshakeable faith as well as unconditional and sacrificial love.

What would our lives as Christians be like if we used

this same type of determination (not killing people to get what we wanted) but remaining so faithful and focused on what we believe God has called us to do?

Like Broomhilda, we have to be willing to hid behind Jesus and let him fight our battles. And like Django, we might have to endure what appear to be deceptively insurmountable obstacles as we exercise our faith. However, in the end, if we do not waver and trust God, we will obtain his promises and reach our Godly goals.

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# The Judgment

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



At the Judgment, there will be no appeals. There will not be a higher court to which we can take our case. God is the highest court that we will ever stand before. Every man, woman and child will fear and tremble, because it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God. Everyone, even if he is an atheist or an agnostic, is going to realize on that day that there is a God and that He still rules and reigns in the kingdom of men.

There will not be any premillennialist believer standings on that day who can justify that ungodly, devilish belief. I want to make it clear to you that I am not against any person, but I am against any false teaching and any system of religion that would try to promote it.

We read in Matthew 25: 32-34 these words: “And before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats; and he shall set the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. Then shall the king say unto them on His right hand come, ye blessed of My father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

The Kingdom of God has been prepared since the foundation of the world. Jesus was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. In other words, God already had this in mind from the beginning. This was not an afterthought. God had it perfected from the very moment that He created the world. God’s way is perfect.

Matthew 25: 41 reads, “Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”

I mentioned earlier that God did not intend for one human being to die and go to hell. Why has hell enlarged herself? Because people are not believing in God, and they are dying without God in their lives. God, being the just God that He is, has to give a just recompense of reward. Therefore, He has to condemn them to a lost eternity and punish them with everlasting fire. I repeat, God never intended it to be that way. Why was the everlasting fire prepared? Again, for the devil and his angels, not for humans.

We have no guarantee of how long we are going to live. God wants every person to be saved and come to a knowledge of the Truth.

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**ORDINANCE GRANTING CAPITOL MAGNOLIA, LLC A REZONING FROM R-4 (LIMITED MULTI-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, C-1 (RESTRICTED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND C-2 (LIMITED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 (GENERAL) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF APARTMENTS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1415 LELIA DR., 1417 LELIA DR., 1425 LELIA DR., 1435 LELIA DR., 1445 LELIA DR., 2525 LAKEWARD DR. AND 2510 LAICELAND TERRACE, (PARCEL NUMBERS: 542-26, 542-28, 542-32, 542-30, 542-34, 54242 AND 542-36), CASE NO. 4191.**

WHEREAS, Capitol Magnolia, LLC has filed a petition to rezone the properties located at 1415 Lelia Dr., 1417 Lelia Dr., 1425 Lelia Dr., 1435 Lelia Dr., 1445 Lelia Dr., 2525 Lakeward Dr. and 2510 Lakeland Terrace, (Parcel Numbers. 542-26, 542-28, 542-32, 542-30, 542-34, 542-42 and 542-36), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District, C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District and C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for the potential development of apartments and other development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the properties from R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District, C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District and C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for the potential development of apartments and other development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, December 19, 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 October 27, 2022 and November 10, 2022 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on November 16, 2022, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described properties from R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District, C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District and C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District; and

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

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

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

PARCEL 1 (1415/1417, 1425/1435, 1445 Lelia Dr: Parcel #s 542-26, 542-28, 542-30, 542-32. 542-341:

Lots 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, Lakeland Terrace, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 10, Page 42, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

PARCEL 2 (2510 Lakeland Terrace; Parcel # 542-361: A parcel of land composed of Lots 18 and 19 and a strip of land 65 feet wide off the West edge of Lot 20 of Lakeland Terrace Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi a copy of the record plat of which is in Plat Book 10 at Page 42 (see copy filed in Plat Cabinet B at Slot 114) of the Hinds County Land Records for the First Judicial District; PLUS that portion of the north half of the vacated portion of Lakeside Drive abutting Lots 18 and 19 and the appropriate part of Lot 20, said property being more fully described as follows: Begin at the NW corner of Lot 18, said point being on the East line of the 50 foot wide right-of-way for Lakeland Terrace and proceed thence:

1. S 01° 01' W along the East line of the right-of-way for Lakeland Terrace for 175.01 feet to a point on the center line of the vacated right-of-way for Lakeside Drive; thence,

2. N 89° 35' E along the center line of the vacated right-of-way for Lakeside Drive for 265.0 feet; thence,

3. N 01° 01' E for 175.01 feet to a point on the north line of Lot 20: thence,

4. S 89° 35' W along the north line of Lots 20, 19, and 18 for 265.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL 3 (2525 Lakeward Dr; Parcel no. 542-421: Lot 21, and Part of Lot 20, Lakeland Terrace and situated in Sec. 25, T6N, R1E, more particularly described as: A parcel of land composed of Lot 21 and a strip of land 60 feet wide off the east edge of Lot 20 of Lakeland Terrace Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi a copy of the record plat of which is in Plat Book 10 at Page 42 (see copy filed in Plat Cabinet Bat Slot 114) of the Hinds County Land Records for the First Judicial District; plus that portion of the north half of the vacated right-of-way for Lakeside Drive abutting Lot 21 and the appropriate part of Lot 20, said property being more fully described as follows:

Begin at the NW corner of Lot 18 of Lakeland Terrace Subdivision, said point being on the east line of the right-of-way for Lakeland Terrace and proceed thence:

1. North 89 degrees 35 minutes east along the north line of Lots 18, 19, and part of Lot 20 for 265.0 feet to the NW corner of the subject parcel which is the point of beginning for its description.  
Continue Thence:

2. North 89 degrees 35 minutes east along the north line of Lots 20 and 21 for 252.24 feet to the NE corner of Lot 21, said point being on the west line of right-of-way for Lakeward Drive; thence,

3. South 23 degree 14 minutes west along the west line of the right-of-way for Lakeward Drive for 190.99 feet to a point on the center line of the vacated right-of-way for Lakeside Drive; thence,

4. South 89 degrees 35 minutes west along the center line of the vacated right-of-way for Lakeside Drive for 180.00 feet; thence,

5. North 01 degree 01 minute east for 175.01 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 4:

Non-exclusive easements and rights appurtenant to and for the benefit of Parcel 3 as created by Temporary Construction and Drainage Pipe Easement Agreement recorded in Book 7179 at Page 1305, for the purposes described in that easement, over, under and across the lands described therein.

Subject to the terms, provisions and conditions set forth in said instrument.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 1415 Lelia Dr., 1417 Lelia Dr., 1425 Lelia Dr., 1435 Lelia Dr., 1445 Lelia Dr., 2525 Lakeward Dr. and 2510 Lakeland Terrace, (Parcel Numbers: 542-26, 542-28, 542-32, 542-30, 542-34, 54242 and 542-36) from R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District, C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District and C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for the potential development of apartments and other development opportunities. However, that before 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; President Foote seconded.

Yeas - Banks, Foote, Hartley, Lindsay and Stokes. Nays - None. Absent - Gritzell and Lee.

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 December 19, 2022 and recorded in Minute Book "6W, Pgs. 457-460".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 23rd day of January, 2023.

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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**Advertisement for Bid**

**Bid 3218 Powell Middle School ESSER Renovations**

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 28, 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 3655 Livingston Road, Jackson, MS 39213 on Thursday, February 16, 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.

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

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES RICHARD TREADWELL, DECEASED, GWENDOLNY S. TREADWELL, PETITIONER**

**CAUSE NO: 21-520 T/1**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HINDS**

**SUMMONS (By Publication)**

**RE: ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES RICHARD, TREADWELL, DECEASED, GWENDOLY S. TREADWELL, PETITIONER**

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES RICHARD TREADWELL, DECEASED, OR ANY OTHER RESPONDENT IN THIS MATTER**

You have been made a respondent in the Petition to Adjudicate / Designate the Heirs at Law and the Petition to Close Estate, Distribute Assets, Discharge the Executrix of the Estate of JAMES RICHARD TREADWELL, deceased.

You are Summoned to appear and defend against said Petition(s) filed herein before the Honorable Judge, Dewayne Thomas, on the 13th day of April 2023 at 1:30 o'clock P. M. at the Hinds County Chancery Courthouse, Jackson, Mississippi, 3165 S. President Street. And in case of failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered for the things requested in this Petition. You are not required to file any answers or other pleadings, but you may if you desire.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT this 13th day of January, 2023.

Eddie Jean Carr oftliirro.  
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<p><b>ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI MODIFYING CHAPTER 26: ARTICLE XII ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RENTAL HOUSING.</b></p> <p>WHEREAS, Article XII establishes rules for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all rental property by providing the standards for conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, The City of Jackson finds it necessary to amend rules and regulations relating to Chapter 26: Article XII Additional Requirements for Rental Housing in order to continue to reasonably protect health, safety, and welfare of tenants through the enforcement of property maintenance codes; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, as of the year 2022, there are more rental units than homeowner occupied units in the city of Jackson and the city finds it necessary to enforce a registration and inspection program to prevent future neglect of properties in the city; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, The Department of Planning and Development recommends the proposed text amendments to Ordinance Chapter 26: Article XII Additional Requirements for Rental Housing.</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:</p> <p>Chapter 26, Article XII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby to read as follows:</p> <p><b>ARTICLE XII. – RENTAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM</b></p> <p>Sec. 26-521. – Purpose and Authority.</p> <p>The purpose of this article is to establish a registration requirement for owners of Rental Housing Units to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public insofar as they are affected by the maintenance of said Units and the occupancy thereof. The purpose shall be accomplished by requiring rental housing units to be registered and inspected. This article shall be construed to secure this express intent.</p> <p>The Department of Planning and Development shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this article.</p> <p>Sec. 26-522. – Definitions.</p> <p>Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and phrases as used in this article shall have the following meanings:</p> <p>Certificate of Compliance – a document provided by the City of Jackson’s Department of Planning Division of Rental Registration upon successful application submission, approval, inspection, as may be applicable, and fee payment.</p> <p>Local Agent: A real person who resides in the city limits of Jackson, Mississippi who is able to respond reasonably to contact made by the Director of Planning or designee on a 24-hour basis. The local agent must be able to legally represent the owner.</p> <p>Owner: Any person or legal entity which owns an interest in the property in question or any legal entity which serves as a managing agent for the property in question.</p> <p>Property Maintenance Code: The provisions of City of Jackson’s Code of Ordinances, the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code, and any other housing standards and ordinances adopted by the City Council.</p> <p>Rental Housing Unit: Any dwelling, dwelling unit, or part thereof, including but not limited to, any single-family housing unit, duplex, triplex, quadruplex, multifamily unit, apartment, condominium, rooming house, or boarding house.</p> <p>Tenant: A person occupying a rental housing unit pursuant to a written or oral agreement.</p> <p>Sec 26-523. – Applicability.</p> <p>The registration fees and inspection provisions and of this article shall apply to all rental housing units except:</p> <p>(1) Rental Housing Units that a government entity or housing authority owns, operates or manages; and</p> <p>(2) Institutional dormitories or rental housing units that receive funding or subsidies from federal, state, or local government, only if the units are subject to federal, state, or local inspections.</p> <p>Sec 26-524. – Registration Requirement.</p> <p>(a) Owners or their authorized agents shall register all rental housing units with the Department of Planning and Development according to the following schedule:</p> <p>(1) Owners or their authorized agents with more than one hundred (100) rental units shall register all rental housing units with the Department of Planning and Development by March 30, 2023;</p> <p>(2) Owners or their authorized agents with between fifty (50) and ninety-nine (99) rental units shall register all rental housing units with the Department of Planning and Development by June 30, 2023;</p> <p>(3) Owners or their authorized agents with less than fifty (50) rental units shall register all rental housing units with the Department of Planning and Development by August 30, 2023;</p> <p>(b) After the applicable registration deadline in Section 26-524(a), no owner shall permit occupancy of a rental housing unit by a tenant without first registering the rental unit. An owner is authorized to permit occupancy of a rental housing unit that is timely registered until the Department makes a final decision on whether to issue</p>	<p>a Certificate of Compliance.</p> <p>Sec 26-525. – Inspection Requirements.</p> <p>No later than sixty (60) days after receiving a completed application and fee, the Department shall notify the owner(s) of an inspection date and time.</p> <p>Inspection of rental housing units shall be conducted as follows:</p> <p>1-4 units – 100% of units inspected;</p> <p>5-29 units – at least 20% of units inspected;</p> <p>30-49 units – at least 15% of units inspected;</p> <p>50 or more units – at least 10% of units inspected.</p> <p>If the rental housing unit fails the initial inspection, the Department shall notify the owner in writing of the deficiencies within ten (10) business days of the inspection. The owner shall be given forty-five (45) days from the date of the notice to schedule a second inspection. If an inspection has not been scheduled within that time, the rental housing unit shall be listed as being out-of-compliance and shall remain out-of-compliance until a satisfactory inspection is received.</p> <p>Any owner denied a Certificate of Compliance after a fourth unsatisfactory inspection may appeal the determination in writing to the Director of the Planning Department within 30 days of the failed inspection. The Director will have the authority to conduct an inspection to determine if the units passes or fails the inspection.</p> <p>If the owner, local agent, or tenant of any rental housing unit refuses entry upon request of City officials to carry out inspections under this article, the City shall apply to the appropriate judicial officer for a warrant based on constitutional standards in effect at the time of the application. No City official shall enter a rental housing unit to carry out an inspection under this article without consent, lawful warrant, or other legal authority.</p> <p>Sec. 26-526. Certificate of Compliance, Renewal and Change of Ownership.</p> <p>(a) The Certificate of Compliance shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance by the Department, or renewal thereof. Owners must apply to renew a Certificate of Compliance and pay the renewal fee at least thirty (30) days before an active Certificate of Compliance expires.</p> <p>(b) Any person or entity who acquires ownership of a rental housing unit with an active registration shall update the registration information or register the unit within ninety (90) days of acquiring the unit.</p> <p>(c) When a tenant has been lawfully evicted, the owner shall properly dispose of or otherwise remove any personal property or trash left on the curb within five (5) days after a warrant for removal has been executed. Personal property or trash shall be disposed of in a legal landfill or moved to storage, and the owner must be able to provide proof of said action.</p> <p>Sec. 26-527. – Fees.</p> <p>Rental Registration Fee (1st inspection is included) \$50.00 – per unit</p> <p>Re-inspection Fee \$100.00 – per unit</p> <p>Annual Renewal Registration Fee \$50.00 – per unit</p> <p>Sec. 26-528. Enforcement and penalties</p> <p>Failure to register rental unit by deadline \$500.00 - per unit</p> <p>Unauthorized Occupancy without Certificate of Compliance \$150.00 - per unit</p> <p>Failure to remove evicted tenant’s property as required under Sec. 26-526(c) \$500.00</p> <p>Sec. 26-529. Severability</p> <p>If any section, subsection or clause of this article shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected.</p> <p>Council Member Banks moved adoption; Council Member Grizzell seconded.</p> <p>Yeas – Banks, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee and Lindsay. Nays – Foote and Stokes. Absent – None.</p> <p>ATTEST: Angela Harris Municipal Clerk</p> <p>I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting December 20, 2022 and recorded in Minute Book “6W, Pgs. 470-478”.</p> <p>WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 23rd day of January, 2023.</p> <p>SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk</p> <p>1/26/2023</p>

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<p><b>Electronic Bidding Advertisement for Bid</b></p> <p><b>Bid 3216 Renovations to Wells APAC</b></p> <p>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 15, 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 1120 Riverside Drive, Jackson, MS 39202 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.</p> <p>Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at <a href="http://www.josdm-sprojects.com">www.josdm-sprojects.com</a>. A \$200.00 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 Kali Blakeney at M3A Architecture, PLLC, Phone: 662-601-981-1227, or Email: <a href="mailto:kblakeney@m3aarch.com">kblakeney@m3aarch.com</a>.</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p><b>Advertisement for RFPs</b></p> <p><b>RFP 2023-04 Lead Partner(s) to Support Secondary Students in ELA and Math</b></p> <p><b>RFP 2023-05 Standards-Aligned Assessment Items for Student Practice and Enrichment</b></p> <p>Electronic RFP proposals for the above RFP 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 9, 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 RFPs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any RFP if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date RFPs/ are opened.</p> <p>There are two (2) options in which RFP proposals may be obtained. Download from Central Bidding website at <a href="http://www.centralbidding.com">www.centralbidding.com</a> for a small fee of \$49.99 or visit JPSP website at <a href="http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us">www.jackson.k12.ms.us</a> and download. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to electronically upload RFPs proposals at no cost. For any questions concerning the process, or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p><b>Electronic Bidding Advertisement for Bid</b></p> <p><b>Bid 3217 Brinkley Middle School ESSER Renovations</b></p> <p>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 28, 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 3535 Albermarle Road, Jackson, MS 39213 on Wednesday, January 25, 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.</p> <p>Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at <a href="http://www.jpssdm-sprojects.com">www.jpssdm-sprojects.com</a>. A \$200.00 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 Charles Bunniran at Allen &amp; Hoshall, Phone: 601-977-8993, or Email: <a href="mailto:cbunnirana.allenhoshall.com">cbunnirana.allenhoshall.com</a>.</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p><b>ORDINANCE GRANTING SHAWN MAXER A REZONING FROM R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-1A (RESTRICTED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BARBERSHOP FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON PARCEL 220-91 ON ELLIS AVE AND AN ORDER GRANTING A USE PERMIT IN A R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR ACCESSORY PARKING ON PARCEL 220-92 ON PEOLA ST., CASE NO. 4182.</b></p> <p>WHEREAS, Shawn Maxer has filed a petition to rezone property the located at Parcel 220-91 on Ellis Ave., in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District to allow for the construction of a barbershop and a Use Permit to allow for accessory parking on Parcel 220-92 on Peola St.; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended the approval of the rezoning of the property at Parcel 220-91 on Ellis Ave. from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District to allow for the construction of a barbershop and a Use Permit in a R-1A to allow for accessory parking on Parcel 220-92 on Peola St.; and</p> <p>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 City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, September 19, 2022 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the City Planning Board; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on August 4, 2022 and August 18, 2022 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on August 24, 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 had recommended the rezoning of the property located at Parcel 220-91 on Ellis Ave. from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial and a Use Permit in a R-1A (Single-family) Residential District for the property located on Parcel 220-92 on Peola St; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with said application since any previous City Council action; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Council, after having considered the matter, is also of the opinion that the proposed use would not be detrimental to the continued use, value or development of properties in the vicinity and that a Use Permit be granted to allow for accessory parking within a R-1A (Single-family) Residential District of the City of Jackson for Parcel 220-92 on Peola Street.</p> <p><b>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 1.</b> That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particular described as follows:</p> <p><u>Parcel 220-91</u> - LOT 4 BLK B CHESWOOD PARK SUB PT 2</p> <p><u>Parcel 220-92</u> - LOT 5 BLK B CHESWOOD PARK SUB PT 2</p> <p>is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at Parcel 220-91 on Ellis Ave from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial and a Use Permit to allow for accessory parking within a R-1A (Single-family) Residential District for Parcel 220-92 on Peola St. 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.</p> <p><b>SECTION 2.</b> That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.</p> <p><b>SECTION 3.</b> That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.</p> <p><b>Council Member Grizzell</b> moved adoption; <b>Council Member Lindsay</b> seconded.</p> <p>Yeas – Banks, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes. Nays – None. Absent – Foote.</p> <p>ATTEST: Angela Harris Municipal Clerk</p> <p>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 September 19, 2022 and recorded in Minute Book “6V, Pgs. 848-849”.</p> <p>WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.</p> <p> Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk</p>
1/26/2023



LEGAL

ORDINANCE GRANTING LONNIE J. WILKERSON A REZONING FROM SR (SUBURBAN RURAL) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 (GENERAL) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE AND REPAIR CENTER FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL: #2859-935 ON HIGHWAY 49, CASE NO. 4194.

WHEREAS, Lonnie J. Wilkerson has filed a petition to rezone the property located at Parcel: #2859-935 on Highway 49, in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from SR (Suburban Rural) Residential District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for an automotive service and repair center; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from SR (Suburban Rural) Residential District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for an automotive service and repair center; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, December 19, 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 October 27, 2022 and November 10, 2022 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on November 16, 2022, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described property from SR (Suburban Rural) Residential District to C-3 (General) Commercial District; and

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

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

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

18.85 acres being part of Lots 21, 22 and 23 of Exchange Club Subdivision, a subdivision of record, plat of which is filed in Plat Book 2 at Page 1 1 and also situated in the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 1, the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 2, the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 11, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the found #4 rebar marking the common corner of Lots 15, 16, 21, and 22 of said Exchange Club Subdivision; run thence, South 00 degrees and 09 minutes East for 50.30 feet to a found #4 rebar; run thence, East for 728.40 feet to a found #4 rebar, said rebar also marking the POINTE OF BEGINNING; run thence, South 48 degrees 27 minutes west for 1322.20 feet to a set #4 rebar being on the Easterly line of U.S. Highway 49; run thence along said Easterly line 43 degrees 11 minutes East for 175.87 feet to a point; run thence, South 33 degrees 40 minutes East for 296.30 feet to a found concrete monument; run thence, South 38 degrees 33 minutes East for 1 10.27 feet to a found #4 rebar being at an existing fence corner; run thence leaving said Easterly line and along said existing fence, North 47 degrees 47 minutes East 457.84 feet to a found #4 rebar; run thence along said existing fence North 39 degrees 39 minutes East for 196.65 feet to a set #4 rebar being in existing 24 inch pine stump; run thence, North 33 degrees 40 minutes East for 18.91 feet to a 28 inch pine tree being in said existing fence; run thence along existing fence, North 37 degrees 04 minutes East for 187.60 feet to a found #4 rebar; run thence leaving said existing fence, South 80 degrees 51 minutes East for 58.02 feet to a found #4 rebar; run thence, North 34 degrees 55 minutes East for 312.10 feet to a found #4 rebar; continue thence, North 34 degrees 55 minutes East for 172.63 feet to a found #4 rebar; continue thence, North 34 degrees 55 minutes East for 455.12 feet to a found #4 rebar; run thence, West for 493.26 feet to a set #4 rebar; run thence, South 48 degrees 27 minutes West for 72.07 feet back to the found #4 rebar marking the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with and including all of the following:

BEGIN AT THE CORNER COMMON To LOTS 15, 16, 21, AND 22 OF THE EXCHANGE CLUB SUBDIVISION INSECTION ONE AND SECTION TWO, TOWNSHIP SIX NORTH, RANGE ONE WEST, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION BEING ON RECORD IN THE CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, RUN THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 22 FOR DISTANCE OF FIFTY FEET, RUN THENCE EAST PARRALLE WITH THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 22 FOR A DISTANCE OF 728 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 48 DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1371 FEET TO A POINT ON NORTH LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 49, RUN THENCE SOUTH 38 DEGREES 50 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF US HIGHWAY NO. 49 TO A POINT WHERE THE NORTH LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 49 INTERSECTS THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 21, RUN THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOTS 21, 22, AND 23 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1465 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF THE CYNTHIACLINTON ROAD, THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID CYNTHIA-CLINTON ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 1415 FEET, TO A POINT WHERE SAID ROAD INTERSECTS THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 23 OF SAID SUBDIVISION, RUN THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 23 AND 22 A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY: 1882 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO:

A STRIP OF LAND THIRTY-THREE (33) FEET FOUR (4) INCHES IN WIDTH OFF THE ENTIRE WEST SIDE OF LOT 15 OF SAID EXCHANGE CLUB SUBDIVISION.

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1 1, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 1 1, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, WHICH POINT IS 38.8 FEET MEASURED WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 1 1 FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING IS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS BEING THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE PROPOSED NATCHEZ TRACE WITH THE NORTHERN LINE OF SAID SECTION 1 1 AND FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST AND ALONG THE PROPOSED NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID NATCHEZ TRACE FOR A DISTANCE OF 469.7 FEET: RUN THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 39 MINUTES WEST AND ALONG THE PROPOSED NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE NATCHEZ TRACE FOR A DISTANCE OF 46.1 FEET TO THE PRESENT NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID OLD U.S. HIGHWAY #49; RUN THENCE NORTH 38-DEGREE 46 MINUTES WEST AND ALONG THE NORTHEASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID OLD U.S. HIGHWAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 335.55 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 1 1; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES EAST AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 1 1 FOR A DISTANCE OF 655.9 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.65 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

A CERTAIN TWO ACRES OF LAND IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 23, EXCHANGE CLUB SUBDIVISION, WHICH IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 23 OF THE EXCHANGE CLUB SUBDIVISION WHERE THE SAME IS INTERSECTED BY THE WEST BOUNDARY OF A PUBLIC GRAVEL ROAD; RUN THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 50 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE WESTERNLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23 FOR A DISTANCE OF 305.5 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23; THENCE EASTERNLY 305.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A CERTAIN TRACT CONTAINING 4.136 ACRES, SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH

IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: STARTING AT A POINT THAT IS THE CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 1, 2, 11, AND 12, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST 250.5 FEET TO A POINT, CORNER #247; RUN THENCE NORTH 66 DEGREES 34 MINUTES EAST 747.4 FEET TO A POINT, CORNER #246; RUN THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 33 MINUTES WEST 474.2 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE DUE WEST 730.0 FEET TO A POINT, THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEGIN AT THE POINT OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE PRESENT NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY WITH THE PRESENT NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 49, SAID POINT OF INTERSECTION IS 257.4 FEET SOUTH OF AND 484.5 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE NORTH 38 DEGREES 44 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE PRESENT NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID U.S. HIGHWAY 49, A DISTANCE OF 787.3 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 48 DEGREES 45 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF GRANTORS PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 96.0 FEET, TO THE PROPOSED NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE PROJECT NO. SP-0008-3(10); THENCE RUN SOUTH 43 DEGREES 11 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID PROPOSED NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 181.7 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 33 DEGREES 59 MINUTES EAST, A DISTANCE OF 301.0 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEGREES 44 MINUTES EAST ALONG A LINE THAT IS PARALLEL WITH AND 61 FEET NORTHEASTERLY OF THE CENTERLINE OF PARALLEL OF SURVEY OF SAID HIGHWAY PROJECT, A DISTANCE OF 200.0 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 51 DEGREES 18 MINUTES EAST, A DISTANCE OF 115.0 FEET, TO THE PRESENT NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 60 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 24.79 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 50 DEGREES 39 MINUTES WEST, A DISTANCE OF 46.1 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.01 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND ALL BEING SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11 AND LOTS 21 AND 22 OF THE EXCHANGE CLUB SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

SUBJECT TO:

A CERTAIN EASEMENT OR RIGHT-OF-WAY PARALLEL AND ADJACENT TO THE NORTH SIDE OF CYNTHIA ROAD GRANTED TO MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY ON JULY 5, 1946, OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN BOOK 452 AT PAGE 282.

A CERTAIN EASEMENT OR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS LOT 22 GRANTED TO MISSISSIPPI POWER & LIGHT COMPANY ON DECEMBER 7, 1948, OF RECORD

IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN BOOK 570 AT PAGE 175.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS: SW ¼, SW ¼, S1, T6N, R1W, 1<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

5.00 Acres located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being further described as follows to-wit:

Commencing at Natchez Trace Parkway monument Number 249, said monument being the SW corner of said Section 1, run thence, North for 799.49 feet, run thence, East for 246.33 feet to an iron pin; run thence, North 34 degrees 55 minutes East for 172.63 feet to the iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING; run thence, South 75 degrees 53 minutes East for 661.73 feet to an iron pin on the west line of Cynthia Road; run thence, along the west line of said road, North 21 degrees 19 minutes East for 267.37 feet; run thence, leaving the west line of said road; West for 281.04 feet to an iron pin; run thence, West for 306.11 feet to an iron pin, run thence South 34 degrees 54 minutes West for 455, 12 feet back to the iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING.

INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS: SW ¼, SW ¼, S1, T6N, R1W, 1ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

2.90 acres located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being further described as follow to-wit:

Commencing at Natchez Trace Parkway monument Number 249, said monument being the SW corner of said Section 1; run thence, North for 799.49 feet; run thence, East for 246.33 feet to the iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING; run thence, North 34 degrees 55 minutes East for 172.63 feet to an iron pin, run thence, South 75 degrees 53 minutes East for 661.73 feet to an iron pin on the west line of Cynthia Road; run thence, along the west line of said road, South 21 degrees 19 minutes West for 210.0 feet to an iron pin; run thence, leaving the west line of said road, North 72 degrees 02 minutes West for 698.25 feet back to the iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO, LESS AND EXCEPT:

2.0 acres, more or less, situated in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi and being further described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at concrete monument #249 of the Natchez Trace Parkway, said monument being the SW corner of said Section 1 : run thence, North for 799.49 feet; run thence, East for 246.33 feet to the iron pin found marking the POINT OF BEGINNING; run thence, South 21 degrees 19 minutes West for 146.50 feet to an iron pin; run thence, 72 degrees 02 minutes East for 595.69 feet to an iron pin on the west line of Cynthia Road; run thence, along the west line of said road, South 21 degrees 19 minutes West for 35.20 feet to an iron pin; run thence, North 80 degrees 35 minutes West for 787.36 feet to an iron pin; run thence, North 34 degrees 55 minutes East for 312.19 feet back to the iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO, LESS AND EXCEPT:

2.00 acres situated in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi and being further described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at concrete monument #249 of the Natchez Trace Parkway, said monument also being the SW corner of said Section 1; run thence, North for 799.49; run thence, East for 246.33 feet to a found iron pin; run thence, South 72 degrees 02 minutes East for 102.56 feet to the iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING; run thence, South 72 degrees 02 minutes East for 595.69 feet to an iron pin found on the west line of Cynthia Road; run thence, along the west line of said road, South 21 degrees 19 minutes West for 146.50 feet to an iron pin; run thence North 72 degrees 02 minutes west for 595.69 feet to an iron pin; run thence, North 21 degrees 19 minutes East for 146.50 feet back to the iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO, LESS AND EXCEPT:

0.56 acres, more or less, situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi and being further described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing of concrete monument #249 of the Natchez Trace Parkway said concrete monument being the SW corner of said Section 1; run thence, North for 543.57 feet to a point: run thence, East for 67.69 feet to the iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING; run thence, south 80 degrees 35 minutes East for 787.36 feet to an iron pin marking the west line of Cynthia Road; run thence, South 82 degrees 53 minutes West for 216.93 feet to an iron pin; run thence, North 74 degrees 30 minutes West for 582.68 feet back to the iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO, LESS AND EXCEPT:

8.62 acres, more or less, situated in Section 1, 2, and 11 all in Township 6 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being further described as follows, to -wit:

BEGINNING at concrete monument #249 of the Natchez Trace Parkway, said monument being the SW corner of said Section 1; run thence, along the north line of the Natchez Trace Parkway for the following courses:

North 88 degrees 25 minutes West for 38.95 feet to concrete monument #250 of the Natchez Trace Parkway; run thence, South 61 degrees 07 minutes West 449.20 feet to a concrete monument marking the intersection of the north line of the Natchez Trace Parkway with the east line of Highway 49; run thence, leaving the north line of the Natchez Trace Parkway and along the east line of Highway 49 for the following courses;

North 50 degrees 27 minutes West for 1 15.81 feet to a concrete monument; run thence, North 38 degrees 33 minutes West for 90.08 feet to an iron pin;

run thence, leaving the east line of highway 49 and along a fence line and its northerly projection for the following courses: North 47 degrees 47 minutes East for 457.84 feet to an iron pin; run thence, North 39 degrees 39 minutes East for 196.65 feet to a 24-inch pine tree; run thence, North 33 degrees 40 minutes East for 18.91 feet to a 15-inch pine tree; run thence, North 37 degrees 04 minutes East for 187.60 feet to an iron pin;

run thence, leaving said fence line, south 80 degrees 51 minutes East for 58.02 feet to an iron pin; run thence, south 74 degrees 30 minutes East for 582.68 feet to an iron pin; run thence, North 82 degrees 53 minutes East for 216.93 feet to an iron pin marking the intersection of the west line of Cynthia Road with the north line of the Natchez Trace Parkway; run thence, along the north line of the Natchez Trace Parkway for the following courses:

South 66 degrees 37 minutes West for 681.77 feet to concrete monument #247 of the Natchez Trace Parkway; run thence, South 60 degrees 53 minutes West for 250.51 feet to concrete monument #248 of the Natchez Trace Parkway; run thence, South 00 degrees 30 minutes East for 22.38 feet back to the concrete monument marking the POINT OF BEGINNING.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at Parcel: #2859-935 on Highway 49 from SR (Suburban Rural) Residential District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for an automotive service and repair center. However, that before 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 Banks moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.



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

ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Zoning Council Meeting December 19, 2022 and recorded in Minute Book “6W, Pgs. 462-467”.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023.



Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

1/26/2023

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- Working group
- Copied
- What broke the camel’s back
- Laugh loudly
- Senile
- Wine bottle cap
- Radiation dose
- Freudian term
- Compass point
- Rights’ opposites
- Topped
- Faucet
- Ontario (abbr.)
- Foot extension
- Wields
- Type of cheese
- Fork prong
- Smoothes wood
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Try

DOWN

- Tyrant
- Gas burner
- Desert condition
- Bad (prefix)
- Alphabet
- Time
- Makes money
- Dike
- Strange person
- Acts
- Weight (abbr.)
- Neodymium (abbr.)
- Desert pond
- Turn over
- Ballet skirt
- Theme
- Chances of winning
- Asia
- Ocean
- Cereal

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## Partners in Education hosts Literacy and Pajama Night

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

JPS Partners in Education, in partnership with the Mississippi Children's Museum, organized a Literacy and Pajama Night held January 12, 2023, at Van Winkle Elementary School. Parents and their Pre-K through 2nd-grade scholars wore their favorite pajamas and enjoyed an evening of fun activities centered around early childhood literacy, reading games, and the beloved mascot and literacy advocate, Rocky the Reader.

The staff from Van Winkle and the MS Children's Museum modeled techniques for parents to establish a routine of reading to their children at home. The Children's Museum introduced Rocky's House and its cast of characters. Rocky guided parents through three primary methods of language and literacy development: playing, talking and reading.

Scholars who attended received stuffed animals and age-appropriate books to take home. Door prizes included free tickets to the MS Children's Museum.



## JSU senior selected as HBCU journalism fellow aspires to restore and strengthen the power of black storytelling

By Kyle Kidd  
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Jackson State University (JSU) senior Alivia Welch was recently selected as one of six student fellows from historically black colleges and universities across the country to be part of the first class of the new Open Campus HBCU Student Journalism Network.

Through the paid reporting fellowship, these students will cover their campuses for regional and national audiences while exploring the trends affecting the entire sector. They also will participate in professional training and networking.

Senior multimedia journalism major Alivia Welch was recently selected as one of six student fellows from HBCUs across the country to be part of the first class of Open Campus HBCU Student Journalism Fellows.

"I'm extremely excited for this upcoming semester because this

fellowship is all about exposure and sharpening my skills by engaging me in the field of journalism," said Welch.

"This is how we invite people into the world of HBCUs and provide a different perspective to the rest of the country on what goes on at our universities."

A native of Terry, Welch views the fellowship as an opportunity to level the playing field by emphasizing the unique skill sets and industry knowledge attained at HBCUs — showing corporate companies and those alike that top talent often lies in the overlooked and historically underserved spaces.

"I believe that this will bring a lot of opportunities to universities, but HBCUs in particular; we are often underfunded and not adequately televised, so it is important that black communication practitioners speak on these topics and be a voice in these spaces in

order to tell our own story," she said.

The fellows will report on all aspects of HBCUs. Among the topics they said they are most excited to cover are funding and enrollment trends, campus arts and sports cultures, and students' and colleges' roles in social justice.

As part of the fellowship kickoff, Open Campus will be hosting a free public webinar to discuss key issues and trends facing HBCUs with college leaders, education experts and national journalists serving as guest panelists.

Additionally, the inaugural class of fellows will also contribute greatly to the webinar underlying the misconceptions of HBCUs and exploring the on-the-ground realities on their campuses.

"Historically black colleges play critical roles in students' lives and in American society, but few journalists focus on how well these important players are

fulfilling their public missions," said Sara Hebel, co-founder and editor-in-chief of Open Campus. "We're excited to work with student fellows to provide knowing, on-the-ground coverage that can help inform and advance the national conversation."

Open Campus is partnering with Jarrett Carter Sr., a veteran journalist and the founder of HBCU Digest, to create the HBCU Student Journalism Network. He serves as the network's editorial director.

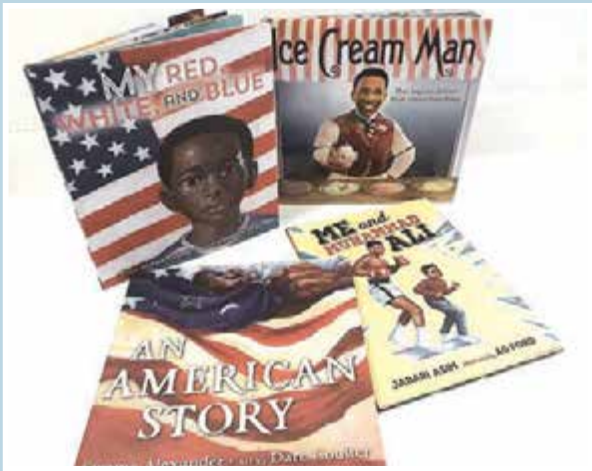
Wesley Wright, assistant director of student media at Florida Atlantic University and a former education journalist, is the assistant editor.

The project is supported by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Carnegie Corporation of New York, Craig Newmark Philanthropies and the Scripps Howard Fund.



Welch





# BOOK REVIEW: BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOKS FOR KIDS

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**By Terri Schlichenmeyer**  
*Columnist*

Your parents and your teachers try to tell you about the past. You like the stories they share, the things your grandparents did and the important celebrities that lived long ago. It’s history and it’s fun to know, so why not reach for these Black History Month books for kids ages 5 to 8...?

Who doesn’t love ice cream? If you do, then you’ll love reading “Ice Cream Man” by Glenda Armand and Kim Free-

man, illustrated by Keith Mallet (Random House Kids, \$18.99). It’s the story of Augustus Jackson, who was born a slave in Philadelphia and worked for a time at the White House, but he never forgot his dreams. Jackson wanted to give everyone a chance to have ice cream, which was then only available to rich people. How could he make the treat and get it to new neighborhoods without it melting into a sticky puddle? Kids will find the answer here.

The child who wants to be

like his favorite hero will enjoy “Me and Muhammad Ali” by Jabari Asim, illustrated by AG Ford (Nancy Paulsen Books, \$17.99). Here, young Langston is a big fan of boxer Muhammad Ali, in part because Ali’s swagger gives Langston confidence. Like Ali, Langston wants to “float like a butterfly and sting like a bee” but a chance to see his idol might fly away like a bird. Then a hero steps in and saves the day. Be sure to read the author’s note at the end, for the full effect of this charming


tale.

For the kid who wants a wider story with thrilling patriotism, there are two books to look for: first, “My Red, White, and Blue by Alana Tyson, illustrated by London Ladd (Philomel, \$18.99) is the story of our flag and the time when it didn’t seem to represent everyone in America. Once, the flag had a history of scars with the stars and strife with the stripes but all that changed when people began to use their voices. Today, the flag means diversity for all, especially for a brown child who loves the red, white, and blue – and especially for your child, who will love the thoughtful rhyme that makes this book.


Then, “An American Story” by Kwame Alexander, art by Dare Coulter (Little, Brown, \$18.99) is a tale of freedom, equality, “yesterday’s nightmare” and the courage to make today better. It’s a story about a story, and how there are times when things aren’t fair but people can work to make it better. This is a beautiful book but

beware of one important thing: some of the words might be scary for very young children and the artwork, though gorgeous, can be harsh. Read it through once before reading it aloud.

And if these books aren’t enough for your storytime, be sure to check with your librarian or bookseller. There are lots more Black History books to bring home and to enjoy with your 5-to-8-year old or for kids of any age, because Black History is American history, too.



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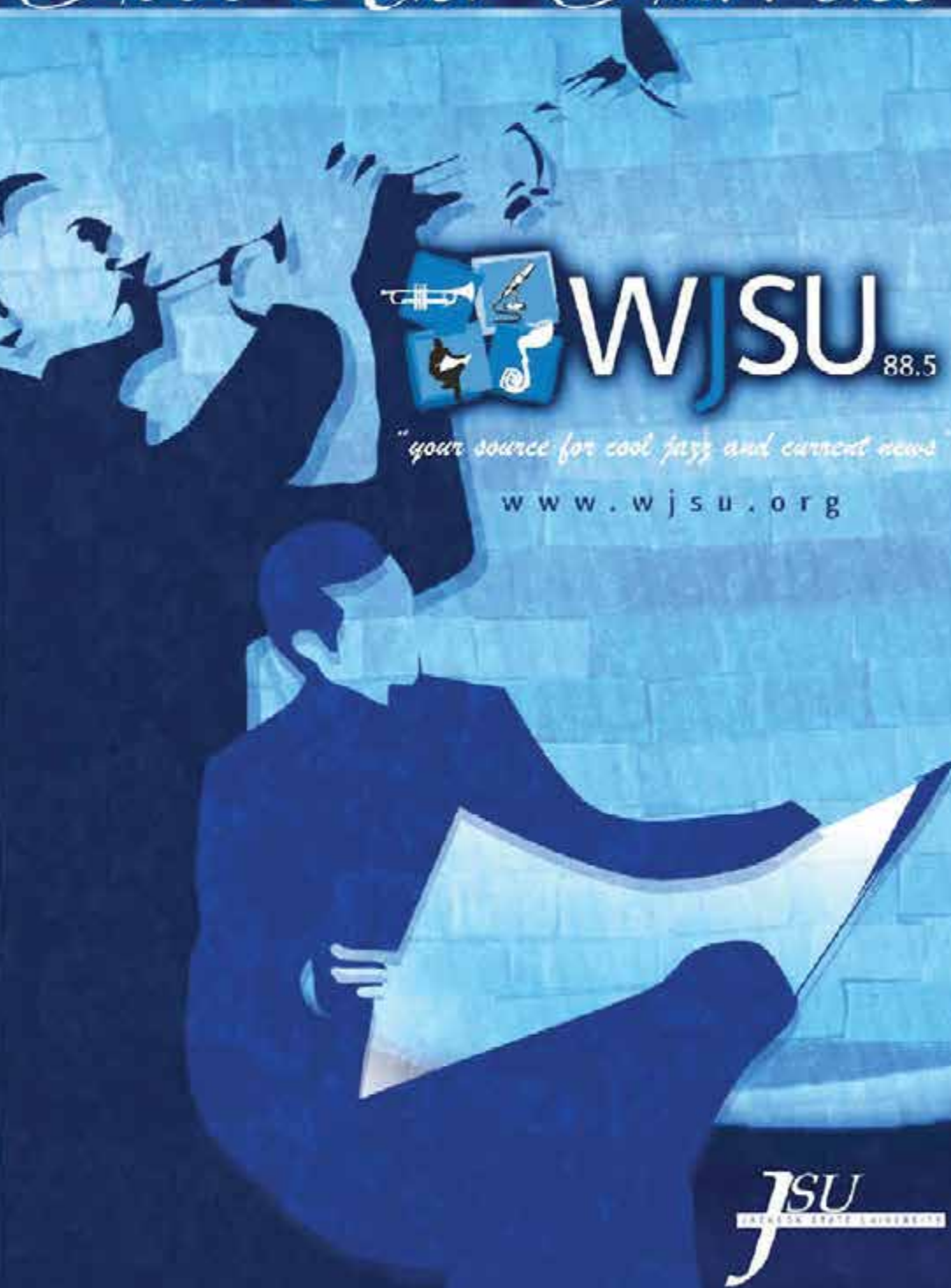
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# Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. named National Co-chair of No Labels

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

No Labels, a nonprofit think tank that describes itself as a national movement of Democrats, Republicans and Independents working to solve the country's most complex problems, has named Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. its national co-chair.

The formal announcement occurred during a Zoom news conference January 22.

It included welcome messages from Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine), Joe Manchin (D-West Virginia) and former Maryland Republican Gov. Larry Hogan, among others.

Recording star Deborah Cox opened the introductory news conference by performing a spirited song about No Labels, who created the bipartisan House Problem Solvers Caucus and an allied Senate group that led passage of some of the most important legislation of recent years, including the CHIPS Act, a gun safety bill, and a rewrite of the Electoral Count Act in 2022.

Voiceovers were woven in of former U.S. presidents from John F. Kennedy to Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama.

The organization then played a tribute video that included Dr. Chavis' family and his legendary career as a civil rights leader.

"As the new co-chair of No Labels,



Chavis

I'm proud to continue to be the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association on the 196th anniversary of the Black Press of America," Dr. Chavis stated. "Working with former Sen. Joseph Lieberman and former Gov. Larry Hogan as co-chairs, I believe this will lift up the Black Press of America and elevate its visibility in the American mainstream politics, business, economics and public policy that

will affect the quality of life in the communities in which we serve."

Dr. Chavis continued.

"As a veteran of the civil rights movement, during the last six decades, I've learned a few things about the importance of people working together across lines of race, ethnicity, language, geography and the things that divide us. I want to work on things that unite us as Americans. I believe No Labels offers

that opportunity but also that responsibility to move forward."

Lieberman, a former U.S. Senator from Connecticut, who changed parties in 2006 and is now an Independent, said No Labels is fortunate to have Dr. Chavis on board.

"Based on his history as a civil rights leader and the kind of person he is, I'm thrilled. Dr. Chavis has always been a bridge-builder and will bring civility, which is sorely needed in our government and our country," Lieberman asserted.

Hogan, who served two terms as Maryland governor, also congratulated Dr. Chavis.

"I'm thrilled to congratulate Dr. Chavis and welcome him to No Labels. I know Dr. Chavis will be a great addition to the leadership team of No Labels," Hogan stated. "He shares our commitment to bringing people together to achieve common sense solutions for all Americans. Having worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. Chavis knows what it means to fight for freedom and respect for all Americans, and that's exactly what No Labels stand for," Hogan concluded.

Manchin, the conservative-leaning Democrat, said he got involved with No Labels more than 12 years ago because the organization works to unite America. "We're still working to unite this

country," Manchin declared.

"What we've done in the last two years in a bipartisan way because of No Labels has been [major].

"So I'm thrilled to have the experience of Dr. Chavis and the wealth of knowledge he's gained over the years that he'll share with us to help make us a more perfect union."

In welcoming Dr. Chavis, Collins, Maine's longest-serving Senator, lent her voice.

"As a highly respected civil rights leader, his service alongside Sen. Lieberman and Gov. Hogan will help move our organization and nation forward," Collins insisted. "Dr. Chavis has dedicated his life to championing equality and encouraging our nation to live up to its ideals. He believes in American unity, democracy and opportunity for all."

Dr. Chavis said his life's work had taught him that if everyone works together, divisions can be overcome. "And when we overcome divisions, we make progress," he insisted.

"I believe we need to restore bipartisanship in the American Congress. We need to restore bipartisanship at the state legislative level.

"We need to restore bipartisanship at the local and municipal level. Americans today are worn out with all the divisions and looking for a way forward. No Labels offer that way forward."

## Attorneys: Police beat Tyre Nichols for three minutes

By Adrian Sainz  
Associated Press

A lawyer for the family of a black man who died at a hospital three days after a confrontation with police during a traffic stop said Monday that video of the encounter shows it was "violent" and "troublesome on every level."

Attorney Ben Crump said during a news conference that the footage of Tyre Nichols' Jan. 7 arrest is appalling. "It is deplorable. It is heinous."

Crump, who viewed the footage hours earlier along with Nichols' family and their other lawyers, said it reminded them of the infamous video of the Los Angeles police beating of Rodney King.

"Regrettably, it reminded us of Rodney king video. ... And unlike Rodney King, Tyre didn't survive," he said.

Another of the family's attorneys, Antonio Romanucci, said the beating of Nichols lasted three minutes.

"He was a human pinata for those police officers," Romanucci said.

Crump said the authorities won't release the video to the public for a week or two, but that it will be released.

Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy issued a statement Monday saying investigators don't want the release of the video to the public yet because they don't want to risk compromising the investigation.

Nichols, a 29-year-old father, FedEx worker and avid skateboarder, died Jan. 10 at a hospital, authorities said.

Memphis Police Department Director Cerelyn "CJ" Davis announced Friday that five officers involved in the arrest were fired after the police probe determined that they used excessive force or failed to intervene and render aid.

Nichols' family, protesters and activists have called for the video's release and for the officers to be charged with murder.

The officers have been

identified as Tadarrius Bean, Demetrius Haley, Emmitt Martin III, Desmond Mills, Jr. and Justin Smith. All five are black.

Relatives have accused police of beating Nichols and causing him to have a heart attack. Authorities have only said that Nichols experienced a medical emergency. The U.S. Justice Department has opened a civil rights investigation into the arrest, and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is looking into whether excessive force was used.

City and community leaders have expressed concern about the possibility of civil unrest following the video's release.

Nichols' stepfather, Rodney Wells, said Monday that the family hopes that any protests remain peaceful.

State Rep. Antonio Parkinson, a Memphis Democrat, said Sunday that the predominantly black city has been on edge since the arrest, which he called "horrific and senseless."

"The release of the tape may certainly aggravate the feelings of hurt, sorrow and embarrassment that we are all feeling," Parkinson said. "However, the need for transparency is vitally important in all cases of police involved deaths."

Van Turner, president of the Memphis chapter of the NAACP, also acknowledged that Memphis appears tense as it waits for the video. But he praised the city and the police department for taking "quick action" in firing the officers.

"We will continue to monitor and support a fair and just resolution to this matter," Turner said. "We join the call for peaceful protests as we all work towards making sure that proper measures are put in place to prevent this type of incident from occurring in the future."

Turner also said that the potential for unrest could be higher if the officers who were involved were white.

"If the video is significantly more egregious than what we have seen, then the unrest could still be there," Turner said.

Nichols was arrested after officers stopped him for reckless driving, police said. In a news release the day after his arrest, the police department said that as officers approached the vehicle, 'a confrontation occurred' and he ran. It said officers caught up to him and that 'another confrontation occurred' while they were taking him into custody. Police said he complained of shortness of breath and was hospitalized.

Officials said a cause of death has not been determined.

Relatives have said the officers who pulled over Nichols were in an unmarked vehicle and that he experienced cardiac arrest and kidney failure from the officers beating him.

Crump and Romanucci issued a statement Friday saying they support the department's decision to fire the officers.

"This is the first step towards achieving justice for Tyre and his family. They must also be held accountable for robbing this man of his life and his son of a father," they said.

The attorneys said they "will continue to demand transparency and accountability" and plan to review video footage to seek additional clarity about the circumstances that led to Nichols' death.

The Nichols case is the latest high-profile death case to rattle the city. Since November 2021, Memphis has seen the fatal shooting of rapper Young Dolph in a daytime ambush at a bakery; a crime rampage in which a man has been charged with fatally shooting three people and wounding three others; the killing of a United Methodist Church pastor during a carjacking in her driveway; and the early-morning kidnapping of a jogger whose body was later found near a house.

## Florida's rejection of Black History course stirs debate

By Terry Spencer  
and Anthony Izaguirre  
Associated Press

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis reiterated Monday the state's rejection of a proposed nationwide advanced African American studies course, saying it pushes a political agenda — something three authors cited in the state's criticism accused him of doing in return.

DeSantis said his administration rejected the College Board's Advanced Placement African American Studies course because "we want education, not indoctrination." It was revealed last week that the Florida Department of Education recently told the College Board it would bar the course unless changes are made.

The state then issued a chart late Friday that says the course promotes the idea that modern American society oppresses black people, other minorities and women, includes a chapter on "Black Queer Studies" that the administration finds inappropriate, and uses articles by critics of capitalism.

The governor said the course violates legislation dubbed the Stop WOKE Act he signed last year. It bars instruction that defines people as necessarily oppressed or privileged based on their race. At least some writers the course cites believe modern U.S. society endorses white supremacy while oppressing racial minorities, gays and women.

"This course on Black History, what's one of the lessons about? Queer theory. Now who would say that an important part of Black History is queer theory? That is somebody pushing an agenda," said DeSantis, a possible Republican presidential candidate in 2024.

Florida House Democratic Leader Fentrice Driskell called the administration's rejection of the course "cowardly" and said it "sends a clear message that Black Americans' history does not count in Florida."

"Imagine how boring and closed minded we'd all be if we only met ideas that we agreed with," she said Monday.

The College Board, after a decade of development, is testing the African American Studies course at 60 high schools nationwide. No

school or state would be required to offer it after its scheduled rollout.

The organization offers AP courses across the academic spectrum, including math, science, social studies, foreign languages and fine arts. Taught at a college level, students who score high enough on the course's final exam usually earn course credit at their university.

The College Board hasn't responded to emails and calls since Friday. It issued a statement last week saying it encourages feedback and will consider changes.

The state, in its Friday chart, criticized five living authors. The Associated Press emailed them and three responded.

• The section on "Black Queer Studies" includes readings by Roderrick Ferguson, a Yale University professor of women's, gender and sexuality studies. The state says he "exclaims, 'We have to encourage and develop practices whereby queerness isn't a surrender to the status quo of race, class, gender and sexuality.'"

Ferguson said that quote comes from an interview he did about his book, "One-Dimensional Queer." The book, he said, is a discussion of "employment discrimination, laws against LGBTQ+ people, the suppression of progressive movements in the U.S., police violence against minority communities, restrictions on immigration (and) anti-black racism."

"These are real histories. The arguments about them are based on scholarly investigation and research — as are the arguments from the other scholars on this list," Ferguson said. "Unfortunately, we are in a moment in which right-wing forces are mobilizing to suppress the free discussion of those realities. If we need an example of that mobilization, we could probably just turn to the forces that came together to reject this course."

• The state calls out the course for including "Black Study, Black Struggle," a 2016 piece by UCLA history professor Robin D.G. Kelley, saying he "argues that activism, rather than the university system, is the catalyst for social transformation." Kelley called that description oversimplified.

His piece challenges student activists to move their efforts beyond campus and decries racism, inequality, capitalism, militarism and police brutality. But he also said activists must love everyone, "even those who may once have been our oppressors," and read and understand Western literature if they are to criticize it.

He said one point is "that we should not pay so much emphasis on trauma and victimization, but instead understand how we have fought for justice not just for black people but for the whole nation (yes including struggling white people), despite the violence and oppression we have experienced."

The state also points out Kelley wrote the 1990 book "Hammer and Hoe," a history of communism in Alabama during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

"It won several awards and accolades, including from a few conservative anti-Communist historians, because it is based on thorough research — something DeSantis's people are not familiar with," Kelley said.

• The state criticized the inclusion of a section about "Movement for Black Lives," a coalition of more than 50 groups including Black Lives Matter and the National Conference of Black Lawyers. It says the group wants to abolish prisons and that it alleges there is a "war" against gay and transsexual black people.

The state criticizes the section's inclusion of a reading by Leslie Kay Jones, an assistant sociology professor at Rutgers University. It cites her quote, "Black people produce an unquantifiable amount of content for the same social media corporations that reproduce the white supremacist superstructure that suppresses us."

Jones said she found no indication that the Movement for Black Lives has ever advocated for prison abolition. She is surprised DeSantis' staff attacked her for criticizing social media companies, as he does the same.

She said this is why students should have the ability "to come to their own conclusions through an evaluation of primary and secondary texts."



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Founders Day

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in Central Office at Hinds County School District celebrated their Founders Day established on January 13, 1913. Congratulations to our Deltas! Pictured are: Shikeitha Robinson, Dr. Kyseta Warner, Quentella Johnson, Regenia Sulton, Dr. Delesicia Martin (Superintendent), Sandra Kyles and Dr. Cynthia Wallace.



Rookie of the Month November/December

Raydreonia Davis

Davis is a 2021 graduate of Tougaloo College. She completed her student teaching at Utica Elementary Middle School before taking the 5th grade ELA position in Utica. She is currently in grad school at Belhaven University. She lives in Terry, MS with her 3-year-old daughter, Raela. Congratulations Raydreonia Davis!



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