



U.S. Congressman James Clyburn speaks at New Bethel AME Church in Jackson

Men’s Day theme: Prepring Leaders for Today and Tomorrow



Congressman Clyburn

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

“Preparing Leaders for Today and Tomorrow” was the theme for New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church’s annual Men’s Day program held Sunday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Neal serves as pastor of the church which is

located at 2202 Decatur Street in Jackson.

The speaker for the occasion was U. S. Congressman James Clyburn, serving the 6th Congressional District of South Carolina. He was introduced by U. S. Congressman Bennie Thompson, serving the 2nd Congressional District for Mis-



Congressman Thompson

issippi. Retired Presiding Elder George W. Tyler served as program chairperson.

A host of dignitaries came out to be a part of the Men’s Day Celebration at New Bethel during Black History Month.

The welcome and occasion was given by Tony Cardin who stated that when he called a few

friends to invite them to Men’s Day they responded “I’ll try and make it,” but when they were told Congressman Clyburn would be the speaker their first question was “How did you all get him?” His response was Clyburn likes to be around

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A whole lot of ‘taking’ going on

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Legions of good people are watching the recent developments at the Mississippi State Capitol in horror. Mississippi can’t ever move forward when we have a supermajority of legislators practicing what simmers down to white superiority. These folks help multi-million-dollar white corporations to expand in Mississippi using tax dollars from all Mississippians, while they methodically starve the blackest populated parts of the State. Today in legislative session, these folks are taking aim at our capital city in an effort to make it theirs.

House Bill 1168 which directs certain municipalities to spend 100% of income from its 1% sales tax on water and sewer only. A state take-over of a portion of the city checkbook is authored by Representative John Thomas Lamar III (R-08). His district is nearly 70% white like him, population of 24,000 and 150 miles away from Jackson.

Bill status currently: Passed by House February 2, 2023 by a vote of 76-41 with 3 bowing out of the vote. Now on to the

Senate it goes.

Senate Bill 2889 which creates Mississippi Capitol Region Utility Act – installing a board of appointees having authority over the Central Mississippi water system. The Mayor of Jackson will be able to appoint four members (at least for an initial term) of the nine-member board.

A state take-over of Jackson’s water system is authored by Senator David Parker (R-02). His district is nearly 50% white like him, population of 61,000 and 180 miles away from Jackson.

Bill Status currently: Passed by Senate February 7, 2023 by a vote of 34-15 with 3 bowing out of the vote. Now on to the House it goes.

House Bill 1020 would create a new Court System inside the Capitol Complex Improvement District (CCID) with staff being appointed rather than elected – and – expand the jurisdiction of the Capitol Police into north-northeast Jackson right to County Line Road. Replacing the will of Jackson voters to

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Civil Rights legends honored at New Hope Baptist Church’s 12th Annual Back in the Day Black History Celebration

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

With an entrance too conspicuous to ignore, Young Men of SWAG (Studying Words and God) of New Hope and Forest Hill High School JROTC of Jackson, Miss. held their audience captive in their representations of God and colors of their heritage Thursday, February 9, 2023, at New Hope Baptist Church (1555 Beasley Rd, Jackson, Miss.).

The charge was made for attention for the duration of the 12th annual Back in the Day Black History opening night. Flowing with that charge was Laverne Gentry who called for “all generations to get back on board” by starting anew to act differently from the past. Acting upon the theme: Educate, Liberate, Activate, the “now” generation would gain a heightened sensitivity of pride and dignity.



New Hope’s Young Men of SWAG – Studying Word and God

Charles Gentry (Laverne’s spouse) thanked God during the invocation for persons “who held on and marched” in their challenges of social injustices throughout the years. “Thank you for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Former President Barack Obama, [and] our pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jerry Young,

who continues to keep us on the right path,” he claimed.

“Young people have demonstrated that black lives matter. They participate in voting rights, quality education and health care. We charge everyone to become a voice for the voiceless and for young people to continue the plight of excel-

lence,” said program guide, Sandra McCall.

Legendary civil rights activists Gailya Magee Porter, Senator Hillman Terome Frazier and Annie Bell Robinson Divine (posthumously) were honored.

Porter drew the audience’s attention to the 1970 riot that occurred at Jackson State College (now University) where she was a junior. She described the incident as horrific. More than 460 shots were fired by 40 state highway patrolmen who used shotguns from a distance of 30 to 50 feet. The gunfire lasted for 30 seconds. Students Philip Green and Robert Gibbs lay dead, and 12 were injured. Every window on the narrow side of the Alexander East Hall dormitory was shattered by gunfire. “I remember standing behind the officers when they fired their guns, and I remember going to the Brookhaven hospital to be treated for my

injuries,” remarked Porter. She injected that despite the tragedy, she was delighted to share her story and to encourage generational listeners to educate, liberate and activate.

“I’m so glad they prayed. I’m so glad they prayed for me,” noted Frazier – District 27 Representative in Hinds County. The honoree stated that many who had gone before him were committed to the cause of social justice. Frazier charged that day and night, his forefathers, great grandparents, former Jackson State University President John A Peoples, Jr, the Rev. Dr. Jerry Young, and many others prayed for him. “They knew how to get right with God. Because God answered many prayers, I’m here tonight,” said the man in the limelight.

Barbara Divine Reed paid homage to Divine (her mother). “The white power structure created a system of white superi-

ority and [claimed that blacks were second-class citizens]. Harsh structures were used to terrorize blacks and prevent them from voting. The law was struck down, but the structure prevailed. Then in 1963 blacks rose up. Annie Divine, the first person to join the movement, became the mother of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement,” stated Reed.

Reed added that Divine displayed “great courage” in denouncing the Jim Crow law. From the spring of 1954 to the Fall of 1955, everybody was active. The freedom day voter registration and the freedom day summer were led by Divine. People demanded their right to vote. “The least that would happen to you would be that you would lose your job. The most that would happen would be that you would lose your life,”

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Forward Lookers holds 37th Annual Heritage Luncheon

Special to The Mississippi Link

The Forward Lookers Federated Club held its 37th Annual Heritage Luncheon Celebration February 11, 2023 at the Hilton Jackson. The club has a rich history that includes fifty-one years of community service in the Jackson Metro Area that includes activities such as serving at the Stewpot Feeding Site, Matts House, Choose to Grow Program, Community Health and Welfare Shelter, Operation Shoestring, and many other organizations.

The Annual Heritage Celebration gives the club an opportunity to recognize and say thank you to other individuals who have made a difference in the community and to provide financial scholarships to college students.

This year the club increased the number of college scholarships from two to five, recognizing education majors at all of the HBCUs in Mississippi.



Members of the Forward Lookers Federated Club, Jackson, MS

PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

Award recipients of the Clara Alexander Scholarship are Arielle Robinson, Jackson State university; Kassiah DeBerry, Tougaloo College; Corey Toole, Mississippi Valley State University; Robyn Washing-

ton, Alcorn State University; and Jamerick Moton, Rust College.

Carla Kirkland was presented the 2023 Heritage Award. Kirkland is founder and CEO of the Kirkland Group and is

actively engaged in providing professional development, technical assistance and standardized test preparation to school districts.

Aisha Nyandoro was presented the Service Award.

Nyandoro is CEO of Springboard to Opportunities, a Jackson nonprofit that uses a "radically resident driven" approach to end generational poverty.

The Uplift Award was presented to a club sister who has

demonstrated outstanding leadership in participating and supporting all of the Club's projects. The recipient of the Uplift Award was Mary J. Collier.

This year's club also recognized three beautiful women for their 50 year membership and community service in Metro Jackson. These women were instrumental in helping to establish Forward Lookers Federated Club's historical place in the educational, social and political arena of Jackson because they believed that there will always be a need to uplift women and their families through community service. Award recipients are Patricia Alexander Sims, Katie Gilliam McCullough and Mavis J. Chambliss.

Musical entertainment was provided by Thomas Johnson, a saxophonist from Jackson, MS. He was accompanied by his mother Marietta Johnson of Oakvale, MS.

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elect their own judges with appointees, by all-white appointors – and – Jackson would have 18.758% of its normal allocations from the State taken away to help fund all this – and – so much more. This bill is authored by John Thomas Lamar III.

Bill Status currently: Passed by House February 7, 2023 by a vote of 76-38 with 6 bowing out of the vote. Now on to the Senate it goes.

Systemic racism is resilient. It has been alive and flourishing in what we now call the United States of America – “the land of the free and the home of the brave” for over 400 years – since 1619. The forms of taking change over time – never the intent.

Two hundred forty-five years of slavery; taking identity, country, rights, esteem, dignity – stripping away everything possible – even the breath of life. There was some measure of reprieve during Reconstruction, but only for twelve years. Then Jim Crow; racially mandated segregation, black codes, and on and on – relentlessly for another eighty-eight years; another eighty-eight years of taking, but with the added overlap of ongoing white terrorism, the Klan, redlining, mass incarceration, felony disenfranchisement, convict leasing, debt peonage, hate groups, and New Deal exclusion – the list never ends. White nationalists are terrified by the browning of what they view as their America. Their fear becomes more acute with each new Census report.

It’s easy to see how through enslaving, incarcerating, depriving of resources, the United States has evolved to the largest economy in the world. For the takers, they can easily set aside every fundamental tenant of Christianity in favor of economics. Their train keeps on rolling, fueled by those benjamins.

Some people say that racism and oppression is invisible in the modern day. Surely its invisible in the Mississippi Delta. Hospital closures with threats of more hospital and clinic closures and other reductions of medical services – in one of the poorest parts of the poorest State in America - and in the area where at one point in time nearly 60% of the entire country’s exports derived. But a firm “no” to Medicaid expansion – calling it Obama Care. Saying no to expanding Medicaid in the poorest State in the country, the state ranked dead last in healthcare and numerous health outcomes, becomes just another lever of racism and oppression here. And remember, this occurs as state leaders boast having a \$4 billion surplus.

Only two months ago, eleven white-owned farming operations in the Delta were held to account by the Department of Labor. Mississippi Today reported that the fines came after the farms misused a popular visa program that brought in white workers from South Africa as it underpaid black local workers and phased out their farm jobs. “For the first time in 25 years, the Delta has its own Wage and Hour Division investigators stationed in Greenwood and Clarksdale. Prior to the recent hires, the nearest investigators were in Jackson,” they reported on November 28, 2022. The takers never stop taking, and not a word of outcry from the state’s top elected officials.

Racism and oppression are certainly not invisible in Jackson, Mississippi, my new home and home to some of the finest men and women I have ever had the privilege of knowing. An 80+% black city, suffocating in poverty – probably double that of the statewide level estimated at 20%. The city is in grave danger of losing our airport, our public schools, our water system and our autonomy – which are all under black leadership. The takers, identified as white Christian Republicans, many who once ran away from Jackson, now intent on reclaiming Jackson as theirs – all in the broad light of day.

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Reed noted. Reed, in closing, maintained that Divine used influence to elect the first lady commissioner, Flonzie Brown Wright (HDHL), project director.

Wright commented that Saturday’s recognition of black history was to make it known to the “now generation.” Knowledge would make the young and other generations cognizant of the past and would stimulate their minds to move in positive spheres for the good of humanity.

During his closing remarks, the Rev. Dr. Jerry Young, New Hope’s pastor, called for substance “to change what’s happening in this country, particularly in the state of Miss. These people before us tonight...exemplify what we all must do.” Referring to the power structure, Young added, “They’ve taken the chains off our arms and legs, but they’ve put them on our minds. You’ve got to make sure you vote. Voting is your voice. There are over 200,000 African Ameri-

cans who don’t voted in Miss. Make sure that you register and help others register.”

Songs and music were sprinkled throughout the event. The New Hope Mass Choir, guided by Psalm 150:6, “Let everything that hath breath praise ye the Lord,” sang the Lord’s praises. Directed by Steve Harper, The New Hope orchestra is the latest organized musical ministry. The ministry paid tribute to the Mississippi living/civil rights legends. Master Marcus Stafford, violinist, was the evening’s musical guest.

The New Hope Back in the Day black history committee members are Ethel and George Brooks; Thea T. Faulkner; Ava Lloyd (teen member); Timothy Lloyd; Sandra McCall; the Rev. Wendell Howton Paris; Brenda and Robert Patterson; Daphne Chamberlain-Wilson and Flonzie Brown Wright. In Memoriam are Obadiah and Elizabeth Myles; and Ineva May Pittman, member Emeritus.



Flonzie Brown Wright, project director



Thea T. Faulkner presents Plaque Of Appreciation To Senator Hillman Terome Frazier, honoree



Laverne Gentry calling for change



Musical guest Master Marcus Stafford



New Hope Mass Choir



Rev. Wendell Howton Paris presents Plaque Of Appreciation to honoree Gailya Magee Porter.



Sandra McCall, program guide



The Rev. Dr. Jerry Young reminds listeners of the significance of their right to vote. PHOTOS BY JANICE K. NEAL-VINCENT



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U. S. Representative Clyburn with MS Senator John Horhn



(L-R) Elder George Tyler, Percy Perkins, Working Together MS, Chevron Chatman, Esq.



Pastor Neal presenting Moments in Black History
PHOTOS BY KEVIN BRADLEY

God's people and that God doesn't always go on the normal beaten path.

Neal shared moments in Black History by recognizing the achievements of several icons, one of which was Bishop Richard Allen who was born into slavery February 14, 1760.

Allen and his brother were able to convince their slave master that slavery was wrong and the slave owner allowed them to buy their own freedom. In 1794, Allen founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the first independent black denomination in the United States.

Presiding Elder George Tyler introduced Congressman Thompson and told the attendees of the congressman's many achievements. He gave an in-depth introduction of Thompson that could easily have been

mistaken as an introduction of the keynote speaker. The attendees gave a standing ovation as Thompson approached the podium.

Thompson in his introduction said at one time Clyburn was the highest ranking official in the House of Representatives and is the individual that if anyone in the country wants to go anywhere in government, they seek his council. He reminded those present that it was Jim Clyburn that met with President Joe Biden after losing the Iowa and New Hampshire primaries that when he came to South Carolina he needed to tell the voters that if he was elected, he would nominate a black female to fill any vacancy that might come up in the supreme court. Biden took his advice and the crowd went wild after he made that promise

and the next day Biden won by an overwhelming vote in the South Carolina primary that swept over the south. Thompson added, "And now Joe Biden is president."

Prior to the keynote message, Ray Magee sang "I can't Even Walk, Without Him Holding My Hand." This rendition brought the audience to their feet.

Clyburn in his message seemed to have delivered a sermon. He referenced the book of James, Chapter 2. "James, wrote this book after Christ had ascended and left His followers to carry out His work, but there were disagreements amongst the workers," Clyburn stated. Some thought all you had to do is have faith and obey the word of God but James, the brother of Jesu, knew that more was required. Clyburn said to the

listeners, "If you say you are a believer and not take on the responsibility for the people of this community, then something is wrong with that. That is not what the Christian faith is about or what faith leadership is about."

Clyburn told the audience not to just get involved when there is a presidential election. He said, "Presidents don't get involved in school board meetings." He told them that they must work together as a church and as a community. He ended his message with a lesson his father taught him and his two brothers when they were having a physical argument.

Their father called them from across the street and handed a cord string to the youngest son and told him to pop the string. The youngest son could not, so he gave it to the next son whom

he said was older and stronger. He could not pop it either. Their father told Clyburn he was the oldest and strongest; however, he could not pop the cord string either. Their father took the cord string and rubbed his hands together. The more friction he created the more the string unraveled and it wasn't long before the string was in three pieces.

He gave one piece to each son and with very little effort the three boys popped the string. He said, "Sons, let this be a lesson to you, for as long as you live, don't let disagreements that crop up among you create so much friction that it separates you because if you do the world will pop you apart."

Clyburn closed by stating, "We may not always agree on what to do or when to do it, but let us not allow these disagree-

ments to cause too much friction amongst us."

He said in this world we live in, there are forces that will pop you apart and you may never know why until it's too late.

Senator John Horhn, (D) MS District 26, told *The Mississippi Link*, "Congressman Clyburn did a masterful job of laying out what our plan of action should be." He said the message we must take away with us is that we have to stick together and come up with a plan of action that works for all of us – in order to make America work for all of us."

Chevon Chatman, Esq. is lead organizer for Working Together Jackson. She said, "Rep. Clyburn reminded everyone that the church still has a critical role in the building of community and in the larger fight for democracy."

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A collage of 15 photographs capturing various moments from church events. The images include: a large congregation seated in a sanctuary; a man in a blue suit speaking at a podium; a group of five people in formal attire; a man in a police uniform standing with others; a man in a suit speaking into a microphone; a woman in a blue jacket and glasses; a woman in a black dress and pearl necklace; a man in a suit and glasses; a young boy playing the piano; a man in a suit and glasses; a man in a suit and glasses; a man in a suit and glasses; a man in a suit and glasses; and a man in a suit and glasses. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with some overlapping, creating a vibrant and active visual narrative of church life.



Lawsuit seeks white woman’s arrest in Till kidnapping

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

A relative of Emmett Till is suing to try to make a Mississippi sheriff serve a 1955 arrest warrant on a white woman in the kidnapping that led to the black teenager’s brutal lynching.

The torture and killing of Till in the Mississippi Delta became a catalyst for the civil rights movement after his mother insisted on an open-casket funeral in Chicago and *Jet* magazine published photos of his mutilated body.

Last June, a team doing research at the courthouse in Leflore County, Mississippi, found an unserved 1955 arrest warrant for Carolyn Bryant, listed on that document as “Mrs. Roy Bryant.”

Till’s cousin Patricia Sterling of Jackson, Mississippi, filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday against the current Leflore County sheriff, Ricky Banks. The suit seeks to compel Banks to serve the warrant on Carolyn Bryant, who has since remarried and is named Carolyn Bryant Donham.

“We are using the available means at our disposal to try to achieve justice on behalf of the Till family,” Sterling’s attorney Trent Walker told The Associated Press Friday.

The AP left a phone message for Banks Friday, seeking comment. The sheriff did not immediately respond. Court records showed that the lawsuit had not been served on him by Friday.

Till, who was 14, had traveled south from Chicago to visit relatives in Mississippi in August 1955. Donham accused him of making improper advances on her at a grocery store in the small community of Money. A cousin of Till who was there has said Till whistled at the woman, an act that flew in the face of Mississippi’s racist social codes of the era.

Evidence indicates a woman, possibly Donham, identified Till to the men who later killed him. The arrest warrant against Donham was publicized in 1955, but the Leflore County sheriff at the time told reporters that he did not want to “bother” the woman since she was raising two young children.

Weeks after Till’s body was found in a river, her husband Roy Bryant and his half-brother J.W. Milam were tried for murder and acquitted by an all-white jury. Months later, the men confessed in a paid interview with *Look* magazine.

Now in her late 80s, Donham has lived in North Carolina and Kentucky in recent years. She

has not commented publicly on calls for her prosecution.

The U.S. Justice Department announced in December 2021 that it had ended its latest investigation into the lynching of Till, without bringing charges against anyone.

After researchers found the arrest warrant last June, the office of Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch said in July there was no new evidence to try to pursue a criminal case against Donham. In August, a district attorney said a Leflore County grand jury had declined to indict Donham.

Walker, the attorney for Till’s cousin, said Friday that the South has a history of cases of violence that were not brought to justice until decades later – including the 1963 assassination of Mississippi NAACP leader Medgar Evers, for which white supremacist Byron de la Beckwith was convicted of murder in 1994.

“But for Carolyn Bryant falsely claiming to her husband that Emmett Till assaulted her Emmett would not have been murdered,” Sterling’s lawsuit says. “It was Carolyn Bryant’s lie that sent Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam into a rage, which resulted in the mutilation of Emmett Till’s body into (an) unrecognizable condition.”

Brett Favre sues auditor, sportscasters in defamation case

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

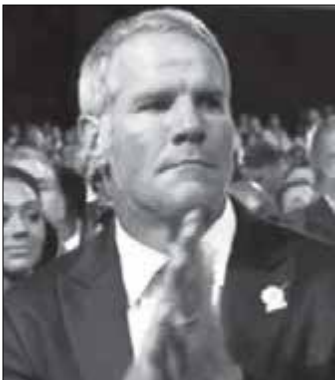
Retired NFL quarterback Brett Favre filed lawsuits Thursday in Mississippi, accusing the state auditor and two national sportscasters of defaming him in public discussions about the mispending of welfare money that was supposed to help some of the poorest people in one of the poorest states in the nation.

The lawsuit against Auditor Shad White says the Republican “has carried out an outrageous media campaign of malicious and false accusations against Brett Favre – the Hall of Fame quarterback and native son of Mississippi – in a brazen attempt to leverage the media attention generated by Favre’s celebrity to further his own political career.”

In a separate lawsuit against former NFL player Shannon Sharpe, Favre said Sharpe made “egregiously false” statements about him on the Fox Sports talk show “Skip and Shannon: Undisputed,” including that Favre “stole money from people that really needed money.”

And in another lawsuit against retired NFL player Pat McAfee, Favre said McAfee had used “outrageous falsehoods” that included calling Favre a “thief” who was “stealing from poor people in Mississippi.”

Favre is not facing criminal charges in the Mississippi welfare scandal, but he is among more than three dozen people or businesses the state is suing to try to recover misspent



Favre

money through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Favre has repaid \$1.1 million he received for speaking fees from a nonprofit group that spent TANF money with approval from the Mississippi Department of Human Services. White said Favre never showed up to give the speeches.

In December, the state Department of Human Services made a new demand of up to \$5 million against Favre and a university sports foundation, saying welfare money was improperly used to pay for a volleyball arena at Favre’s alma mater, the University of Southern Mississippi.

Favre’s daughter started playing volleyball at the university in 2017. The volleyball facility was a pet project of the retired quarterback, and he pledged to lead fundraising efforts for it. Previous filings in the state’s civil lawsuit show text message exchanges between Favre and others about directing money to the volleyball facility from a nonprofit organization that had Department of Human Services con-

tracts.

The Associated Press sent an email to a representative of McAfee and left phone messages for Sharpe Thursday, seeking comment about the defamation lawsuits. They did not immediately respond.

The lawsuit Favre filed against the auditor Thursday accuses White of “shamelessly and falsely attacking Favre’s good name” to gain attention for himself, “including appearances on television shows on CNN and HBO, a popular ESPN podcast, as well as interviews for print and online media. None of these national media outlets would have paid White the slightest attention had he not been attacking Favre.”

Fletcher Freeman, a spokesman for White, said in a statement: “Everything Auditor White has said about this case is true and is backed by years of audit work by the professionals at the Office of the State Auditor. It’s mind-boggling that Mr. Favre wants to have a trial about that question.”

Freeman also said that Favre has called White and the auditor’s team liars, despite repaying some of the money the auditor’s office demanded from him.

“He’s also claimed the auditors are liars despite clear documentary evidence showing he benefitted from misspent funds,” Freeman said. “Instead of paying New York litigators to try this case, he’d be better off fully repaying the amount of welfare funds he owes the state.”

Bill that could have unseated mayors fails in Mississippi

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

Legislation that would have allowed special elections for the removal of municipal officials from office in Mississippi was defeated in the state House Thursday.

The bill was defeated in a bipartisan 60-53 vote after Democratic legislators said the bill was targeted at Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, a Democrat who leads the 80% black city. Legislators opposing the bill also said it would wreak havoc in small towns where the threshold to unseat municipal officials wouldn’t require many people.

“I think we all know that this bill is about Jackson, but we can pull off the vision we use by just looking at Jackson,” said Democratic Rep. Bryant Clark of Pickens. “This bill is bigger than Jackson. It’s going to affect all of your communities, and it’s

going to create turmoil in communities.”

Rep. Shanda Yates, an independent from Jackson who sponsored the bill, said in an earlier House debate that some of her constituents had asked whether there is a process for removing a city leader from office. Mississippi law currently allows recall elections for county officials but not city officials.

Under Yates’ proposal, a special election for the removal of a mayor would be held if at least 30% of a city’s registered voters sign a petition saying the mayor has failed to fulfill obligations of the job. The governor would then appoint three municipal judges from other cities to determine whether “there is a substantial basis for a removal election.” If the judges find there is, a special election would be held.

For the removal to have been successful, at least half of the qualified voters in the city must

take part in the election – and a majority of those casting ballots would have to vote to remove the mayor.

Yates introduced her proposal as several others bills impacting Jackson’s affairs advanced in the Republican-controlled Legislature. One would transfer the ownership of the city’s troubled water system to a regional board.

Another bill would create a new court district in part of the capital city of Jackson with judges who would be appointed rather than elected. Yates was the only Jackson lawmaker to vote in favor of that bill.

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Amid water woes, Jackson appoints new public works director

The Associated Press

As the most populous city in Mississippi attempts to improve its troubled water system, it has appointed a new interim director to lead the agency that runs local infrastructure.

City Engineer Robert Lee was named interim director of the Jackson Public Works Department Friday as Jackson begins a nationwide search to find a permanent candidate to fill the position.

“This is a big responsibility in our city given our challenges, and the city is grateful for Mr. Lee’s interest in taking on the job,” Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba said in a news release. “I have full trust in his decision-

making, knowledge and skills moving forward.”

Over the past few years, repeated breakdowns have upended consistent access to safe running water in Jackson, which is also the state capital. The crisis culminated in late August and early September when the system came to near collapse and most people in the city of 150,000 went several days without running water. Some lost water again after a cold snap in December.

Justin Vicory, a city spokesperson, said in a news release that the move to promote Lee is taking place as the city “re-envisions” the role of the public works department following

the appointment of third-party administrator, Ted Henifin. A federal court appointed Henifin, a former public works director from Virginia, the interim manager of the water system to carry out a list of reforms.

Lee will be the department’s first director in months, WLBT-TV reported. The previous interim director, Jordan Hillman, now works for JXN Water, the company recently formed by Henifin to oversee the city’s water department and water billing department.

Lee began working for the city of Jackson as a civil engineer nearly 20 years ago. He was eventually promoted to city engineer.

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Bust of racist Supreme Court Justice removed from U.S. Capitol



Marshall

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The bust of Roger Taney, the racist justice who wrote the infamous 1857 Dred Scott decision that said African Americans were not citizens, has been removed from the United States Capitol.

The removal is the result of an effort led by U.S. Sens. Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen of Maryland and U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer of New York. Last month, the U.S. House passed a bill ordering the removal of Taney's statue.

The bill declared that Taney's actions "renders a bust of his likeness unsuitable for the honor of display to the many visitors to the Capitol."

The Dred Scott decision defended slavery and denied citizenship to African Americans. Earlier, the Senate unanimously passed the same bill and later President Joe Biden signed it into law.

The legislation directed the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to remove the statue, which sat inside the entrance to the Old Supreme Court Chamber in the Capitol. Officials decided to replace Taney's statue with one of Thurgood Marshall, the high court's first black justice.

"The Dred Scott v. Sanford Supreme Court decision is a stain on our country's history, and it was made under the Taney Court," Congress-

man David Trone (D-Maryland) said when he and fellow Maryland Rep. Steny Hoyer introduced the measure in 2020.

"It's time for us to remove this statue and denounce the institutions of slavery and racism once and for all. They have no place in the United States Capitol or anywhere in our country," Hoyer added that a bust of Taney should not be displayed in a place of honor in the U.S. Capitol.

"In Maryland, we made the decision to remove a statue of Taney from the State House grounds, reflecting his shameful contribution to the evil system of slavery and its defense, and we ought to do the same here," Hoyer reflected. "We are better than this, as our late colleague Elijah Cummings would say. It is time to make it clear to visitors from across our nation and from abroad that America celebrates champions of inclusion and equality, not proponents of hate and injustice."

The bill states that "while the removal of Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney's bust from the Capitol does not relieve the Congress of the historical wrongs it committed to protect the institution of slavery, it expresses Congress's recognition of one of the most notorious wrongs to have ever taken place in one of its 19 rooms."

White House exposes Republicans' plan to gut Social Security, Medicaid

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When Republicans like Georgia's Marjorie Taylor Green and Utah's Mike Lee interrupted President Joe Biden's State of the Union Address to call him a liar, they may have forgotten their own words. Worse, Lee doubled down on his own lie, claiming that "no Republican had made such a suggestion" of cutting or changing Social Security and Medicaid.

The White House exposed Lee and others Thursday, just two days after their arrogant behavior during the globally televised event.

"Half of Sen. Lee's statement is an admission that he did indeed call for eliminating Social Security outright," White House spokesman Andrew Bates told reporters. "But in terms of his claims that he's aware of 'no Republican – in either House of Congress – who has suggested any modification to Social Security as a condition for raising the debt ceiling,' we can help."

The White House then provided several news articles in which Republican members expressed a desire to cut or modify Social Security and Medicaid.

The articles were published by Fox News, the *Washington Post*, Reuters, and Bloomberg News.

The White House also noted that Biden has taken steps to protect Social Security and strengthen Medicare, two foundational programs on which tens of millions of seniors rely for a living.

"Congressional Republicans, however, have a different record. For years, Republican members of Congress have repeatedly tried to cut Medicare and Social Security,



Biden

move toward privatizing one or both programs, and raise the Social Security retirement age and Medicare eligibility age," White House officials wrote in a Fact Sheet.

Earlier, House Republicans introduced legislation to repeal Biden's inflation-reduction bill, a move that would raise prescription drug prices for seniors, raise taxes on an estimated 14.5 million people, and give Big Pharma tens of billions of dollars.

On Feb. 9, Biden visited Florida to highlight the work his administration is doing to protect and strengthen Medicare and Social Security. According to the White House, Republican members of Congress have continued to push plans that would jeopardize the economic security of millions of people.

To back that claim, administration officials presented receipts detailing congressional Republicans' long history of working to reduce Medicare and Social Security.

• Senator Mike Lee said,

"One thing that you probably haven't ever heard from a politician: it will be my objective to phase out Social Security. To pull it up by the roots and get rid of it."

• In November, John Thune, the number two Senate Republican in leadership, declared that Social Security and Medicare benefits should be slashed.

• Florida Senator Rick Scott is championing a plan to put Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security on the chopping block every five years, which would put the health and economic security of 63 million Medicare beneficiaries, 69 million Medicaid beneficiaries and 65 million Social Security beneficiaries at risk.

• Senator Ron Johnson of Wisconsin proposed sunseting these laws every year.

According to Politico, the Republican Study Committee, which includes most House Republicans, released a budget plan that would raise the entry age. The GOP would also raise taxes on some peo-

ple who retire early or have a certain income, and they would privatize Social Security.

In addition, in 2015, the majority of House Republicans, including Speaker Kevin McCarthy of California, Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, and a slew of others in current leadership, voted to raise the retirement age to 70.

That move would reduce Social Security benefits for tens of millions of seniors who had paid into the system for years.

Republicans in the House also proposed repealing the Inflation Reduction Act, including its provisions on health care. Working families across the country, including in Florida, where Biden recently traveled, would see their insurance premiums rise by \$7,000 per year as a result of such actions. Approximately 14.5 million Americans would face higher health-care premiums and a tax increase.

If Medicare is unable to negotiate drug prices, everyone with Medicare will face higher drug prices, and the deficit will grow as tens of billions of dollars are returned to Big Pharma.

More than 3.3 million Medicare beneficiaries who use insulin will no longer have the peace of mind of knowing that their insulin is capped at \$35, and drug companies may resume increasing drug prices faster than inflation with no accountability, as happened last year for 1,200 prescription drugs.

"In his State of the Union address, President Biden vowed to protect Social Security and Medicare while building on our progress in lowering healthcare costs for millions of seniors and American families," officials said.

The Black Super Bowl and the challenge of anti-blackness

By Julianne Malveaux
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African-American history was celebrated at this year's Super Bowl. It was the first time that two black quarterbacks faced off against each other. John Hurts of the Philadelphia Eagles and Patrick Mahomes played a good game, and the Chiefs won narrowly. The NFL is more than 100 years old. What took so long for it to reach this milestone?

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell trumpeted the historic moment when he gave a press conference on "The State of the League." When asked why it took so long, he replied, "there are probably a variety of reasons, probably none of them good."

The NFL has a history of virulent racism. According to Dave Zirin, an MSNBC columnist, "only eight black men have ever quarterbacked in a Superbowl." And Colin Kaepernick, the courageous African American who took a knee to protest racism, has not yet found a place in the NFL.

The Black National Anthem, rousingly delivered by Sheryl Lee Ralph, was featured live at the Superbowl for the first time. The anthem was written 123 years ago by James Weldon Johnson, an NAACP official, and teacher.

It was a family affair, with his brother John Rosamond Johnson composing the music to accompany the song. The Superbowl was, in some ways, a celebration of African-American History. But black folks can't celebrate our history with others offering resistance and backlash.

The conservative Congresswoman Lauren Boebert twitted, "America only has ONE NATIONAL ANTHEM. Why is the NFL trying to divide us by playing multiple? Do football, not wokeness."

Boebert and her sidekick Marjorie Taylor Green shamelessly and thoughtlessly carry the right-wing agenda, operating publicly without a shred of dignity. At the State of the Union Address last week, Green, clad in all white, including a white fur collar, should have worn a matching hat (or hood) to make herself clear.

Boebert's Twitter racism generated nearly 92,000 likes, more than 10,000 retweets, and much attention. Her backlash to black excellence is similar to the conservative backlash to truth and Black History.

According to Sarah Schwartz of Education Week, 44 states have "introduced bills or taken other steps that would restrict teach-

ing "critical race theory" or limit how teachers can discuss racism. Eighteen states, of this writing, have passed this pernicious legislation.

More than 1600 books have been banned in 138 school districts in 33 states so far, as the momentum for ignorance is increasing. Among the banned books – Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* and *Beloved*; and Margaret Atwood's, *The Handmaid's Tale*.

This book-banning, history-ignoring climate has some teachers frightened and intimidated. In some school districts, teachers who mention race can be fined or incarcerated. One teacher covered her books with plain book covers so students couldn't see titles that might be perceived as "offensive." Many of the banned books have themes that deal with sex and sexuality. All the books apparently tell a truth that conservatives can't handle.

Legislators are passing laws that are vague and silly. In South Carolina, a proposed law would prevent teachers from discussing anything that creates "discomfort, guilty or anguish on the basis of political belief." Florida has passed similar laws, and its governor has been a lead proponent in limiting teacher speech around

race matters.

Sarah Huckabee, the new governor of Arkansas, said she didn't want students being taught to "hate their country." But many African Americans, despite the oppression our people have experienced, love our country.

It is no surprise that Florida's governor has attacked an Advanced Placement (AP) Black Studies class and says it cannot be taught in Florida public schools. He has created a national controversy and prevaricated his interactions with the College Board, the organization that developed the class. His lies are not unusual. It reflects the lies he'd like teachers to tell when he waters down American history.

Black history is American history. The history of enslavement, lynching and Jim Crow isn't pleasant, but it happened. The theme of this Black History Month is resistance, which black folks must do economically, politically and educationally. Black educators and our allies have work to do. We must teach the truth and tell the truth, or the entire nation will suffer.

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Oral Cancer, it's more common than you think

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Has your dentist ever performed an exam to detect oral cancer? Your answer is most likely no. Only 15% said they were aware that their dentist had performed an oral cancer exam. A survey of dental professionals showed that only about one in five say they consistently conducted an oral cancer exam. That is a mouth full of bad news. Your dentists should do an oral cancer screening during your routine dental visits. Some dentists use additional tests to aid in identifying areas of abnormal cells in your mouth.

Every year thousands of Americans are diagnosed with oral cancer. Twenty-five percent will die every year from the disease. This is a death rate higher than that of other cancers that are regularly featured in the news, such as cervical cancer and melanomas.

Oral cancer forms in your oral cavity, which includes all parts of your mouth. Oral cancer will appear on your lips, gums, tongue, cheeks, roof or floor of the mouth. Oral cancer forms when cells on the lips or in the mouth mutate.

Signs and symptoms of mouth



cancer may include:

- A lip or mouth sore that doesn't heal.
- A white or reddish patch on the inside of your mouth.
- Loose teeth.
- A growth or lump inside your

mouth.

- Mouth pain.
 - Ear pain.
 - Difficult or painful swallowing.
- About 75 out of 100 people (more than 75%) survive oral can-

cer for 1 year or more after they are diagnosed. About 55 out of 100 people (around 55%) survive their cancer for 5 years or more after diagnosis.

The 5-year survival rate for black people is 51%, and for white people, it is 69%.

Oral cancer most often affects people over the age of 40. It affects twice as many men as women. Most oral cancers are related to tobacco use, alcohol use (or both), or an infection from the human papilloma virus (HPV).

Tobacco products – Three out of four people diagnosed with oral cancer used tobacco products. Tobacco products now include e-cigarettes. Tobacco damages the DNA of your cells in the oral cavity, which is why tobacco is the leading cause of oral cancer.

Alcohol – Heavy alcohol use (five or more drinks weekly for men and three or more for women) is associated with oral cancer. The combination of tobacco and alcohol use increases your risk of oral cancer more than tobacco use alone because aldehyde, a compound in alcohol boosts absorption of cancer-causing substances found in tobacco.

Mouthwash – A few studies

have pointed to a possible link between alcohol in mouthwash and cancer. I use a non-alcoholic mouthwash that has an ADA seal of approval.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – Strands of HPV 16 or HPV 18 have a link to oral cancer at the base of the tongue as well as the oropharynx. The most common source of transmission for this infection is oral sex. HPV 16 can affect your oral cavity without a history of multiple oral sex partners. Recent research suggests that it can even be transmitted via open mouth kissing.

Age – About 95% of oral cancers are in people over 40 years old. The average age of diagnosis is 60.

Gender – Men are twice as likely to develop oral cancer than women. This data is changing because women are smoking and drinking more. The rate of male to female oral cancer patients was six to one in 1950 and now it's 2 to 1.

Heredity – If a parent or sibling develop oral cancer you're more likely to develop it too.

Oral cancer starts as pre-cancer with an area of abnormal cell maturation called dysplasia. It

appears as a small, white or red plaque or patch that is slightly elevated.

A thorough exam for oral cancer from your dentist or hygienist will check for signs of pre-cancer on all the soft tissues inside your mouth, roof and the floor of your mouth, inside the lips, inside the cheeks, on the top, side and bottom of your tongue and at the back of your mouth.

You should get examined at least twice a year during your regular cleaning.

If you don't think the dentist or hygienist has conducted the exam, tactfully say, "You may have already done it and I didn't realize it but did you look for anything that looks like pre-cancer in my mouth?" It's a smart idea if you have one or more of the risk factors for oral cancer.

You can also conduct a self-exam once a month, using a hair mirror and a flashlight to examine the inside of your mouth. If you see a slightly raise red or white patch in your mouth check for it again in two weeks. If it's still there see your dentist immediately.

Before starting your fitness program, consult your physician.

After Veteran's Administration rejected payment for his cancer treatment, black veteran credits HBCU for saving his life

Hazel Trice Edney News Wire

The benefits of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are well known by those who enroll in them, support them or otherwise associate with them.

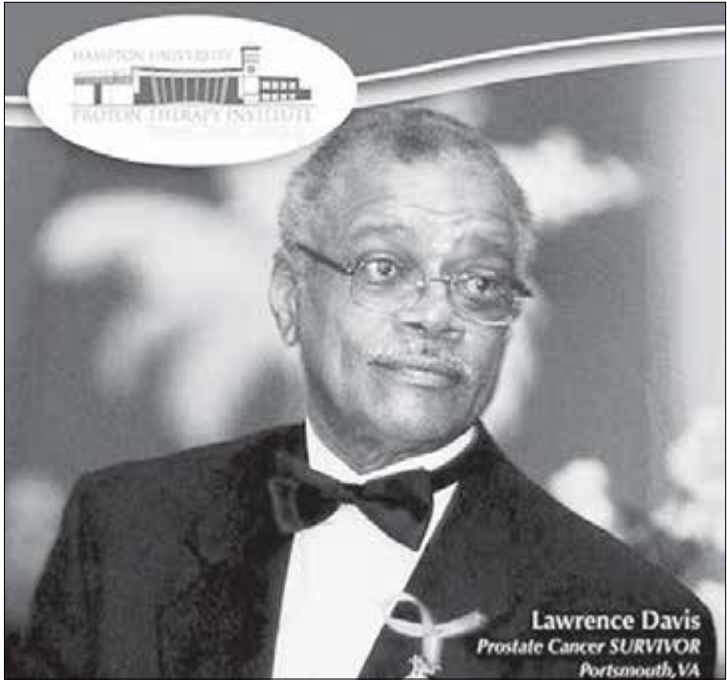
Among the top five benefits, according to the United Negro College Fund, HBCUs meet the needs of low-income students; they serve first-generation black students; they narrow the racial wealth gap; they address the nation's unemployment and underemployment crisis and they foster success with their black cultural climate.

But, in the opinion of Lawrence Davis, a master mechanic who was diagnosed with prostate cancer nine years ago, an HBCU actually provided for him a service that was equal to or even greater than any one of these benefits. Davis credits Hampton University for literally saving his life after the Veteran's Administration declined to pay for his chosen cancer treatment.

"I'll tell anybody," Davis declared during an interview. "Hampton University's Proton Therapy Cancer Institute saved my life. It's like the best kept secret in the world that we have right here in Virginia. And it is the largest stand-alone and most advanced one in the world – not just in Virginia, but in the world."

But, that 2014 victory did not come without a fight. The fight was not as much against the cancer per se as it was with a least expected opposition. Despite the fact that Davis is an honorably discharged veteran of the U. S. Air Force, he recalls how the Veteran's Administration (VA) refused to cover the cost of the proton beam therapy, thereby putting his life in jeopardy.

"We'll cut it out, we'll give you radiation, we'll freeze it, but oh no – proton? – uh uh. We can't give you that," he recounted his



Lawrence Davis, a U. S. Airforce veteran, credits prostate cancer treatment at Hampton University, an HBCU, for saving his life after the Veteran's Administration refused to pay for the therapy.

perception of the response from the VA.

But, his mind was made up. Therefore, the fight was on.

He reached out to Bill Thomas, associate vice president for Governmental Relations of the Proton Therapy Institute and other Hampton University leadership. They, in turn, started going around back and forth with the Veteran's Administration, he said.

"Bill Thomas has gone out and handed them everything that we can hand them. And they still turned it down," said Davis.

They also reached out to members of the U. S. Congress; including Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, Sen. Mark Warner and Rep. Bobby Scott.

"And still the VA said, 'No we're not going to do that.' They wouldn't even look at it to be able to do it as a clinical trial," Davis said.

Thomas recalls the frustration that was all too familiar.

During a meeting led by Scott, "I literally asked the VA, "Why

are you letting this man die? Why are you not giving him what he needs to live? And they just looked at me and said, 'It can't be approved.'"

Turns out, Thomas said, "They were using the wrong set of guidelines...The qualifying agency that made the determination of whether or not you could use proton therapy was using 15-year-old data to turn people down."

Due to medical confidentiality, the Veteran's Administration could not specifically comment on Davis' case. In a response to questions from the Trice Edney News Wire, VA spokesman David Hodge said the VA is currently researching the status of its proton beam therapy coverage and policies pertaining to it. He did not get back to this reporter with details by deadline as he waited for the information.

Meanwhile, the questions and criticism from Davis and Thomas appear even more relevant given the proximity of Hampton University to people who might

need the therapy. According to Thomas, the city of Portsmouth has the highest African-American cancer death rate in the entire state. That includes the city of Petersburg, which leads the nation with black men dying from prostate cancer. Both Portsmouth and Petersburg are less than an hour from Hampton University.

Thomas describes how black veterans – often with other illnesses such as diabetes or cardiovascular disease – have to travel lengthy distances to other hospitals in the state for treatments that they did not prefer.

"And less than 10 minutes away was Hampton University Proton Therapy. To me that's an ungodly unbreakable sin. It almost makes me want to cry from time to time," he said. "I've had veterans, for example, a Marine veteran from North Carolina who served in Vietnam; the man broke down and cried. And that's why you hear me yelling and screaming about this."

According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), a federal government agency, "For African American men, the risk of dying from low-grade prostate cancer is double that of men of other races."

ZEROCANCER.ORG reports, "One in six black men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime. Overall, black men are 1.7 times more likely to be diagnosed with – and 2.1 times more likely to die from – prostate cancer than white men. Black men are also slightly more likely than white men to be diagnosed with advanced disease."

In a nutshell, the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute (HUPTI) uses proton therapy, which is a "clinically proven advanced radiation technology," according to its website.

On News.Hampton.U.edu, the procedure is described as: "Protons safely and precisely

target your cancer while effectively promoting less damage to healthy tissue, reduced side effects and improved quality of life during and after treatment."

The website continues, "Through advocacy, education and state-of-the-art precision medicine, HUPTI has been treating breast, lung, prostate, head and neck, ocular, GI, brain and spine and pediatric cancers since its inception in 2010."

Despite what appears to be puzzling resistance to proton therapy, even the NCI says the proton beam procedure appears to be just as safe and effective as other cancer radiation.

NCI reports that a study led two years ago by Brian Baumann, M.D., of the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and the University of Pennsylvania, gave no reason for the resistance.

According to the NCI report:

"He and his colleagues analyzed data from nearly 1,500 adults with 11 different types of cancer. All participants had received simultaneous chemotherapy plus radiation at the University of Pennsylvania Health System between 2011 and 2016 and had been followed to track side effects and cancer outcomes, including survival. Almost 400 had received proton therapy and the rest received traditional radiation."

The results:

- "Those who received proton therapy experienced far fewer serious side effects than those who received traditional radiation, the researchers found. Within 90 days of starting treatment, 45 patients (12%) in the proton therapy group and 301 patients (28%) in the traditional radiation group experienced a severe side effect – that is, an effect severe enough to warrant hospitalization.

- "Proton therapy didn't affect people's abilities to perform routine activities like housework

as much as traditional radiation. Over the course of treatment, performance status scores were half as likely to decline for patients treated with proton therapy as for those who received traditional radiation."

- "Proton therapy appeared to work as well as traditional radiation therapy to treat cancer and preserve life. After 3 years, 46% of patients in the proton therapy group and 49% of those in the traditional radiation therapy group were cancer free. Fifty-six percent of people who received proton therapy and 58% of those who received traditional radiation were still alive after 3 years."

With help from a benefit gala, held by the university, Davis was able to obtain the necessary funds for the therapy. Now, in addition to his regular day job, he now travels around the nation, educating especially black men about prostate cancer and giving presentations on cancer and proton beam.

"Most men don't even know what a prostate is," said Davis, whose father died of prostate cancer. Davis is the father of a 54-year-old son and a 25-year-old grandson, who he also encourages about their health.

Medical experts agree that everyone's medical condition is unique. Therefore, not all outcomes will be the same.

Davis said after the proton beam treatment, he had no sexual dysfunctions.

"It relieves stress and sorrow and somebody's just playing these games with it," he said, concluding, "Proton beam from the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute, I believe it has saved my life. I really do. And it has been an enjoyable time for me to continue to live my life. The cancer is gone. And it happened at an HBCU. That boosted my pride."

P R E S E R V E D

Not just another day

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



"Feb. 14th? That's just another day to me." "I hate Valentine's Day at my job. All the women get roses and I get nothing." "It's basically another Christmas for women." These are just a few of the comments I've heard from men and women, single and married, over the years when I asked them if they had special plans for this year's Valentine's Day.

I could understand their negative comments having been many years trying to prepare myself for not getting any flowers or candy for Valentine's as I was single and unattached. Quite frankly, it was discouraging and depressing.

But my perspective has changed over the years. I was blessed to have a wonderful

father who always gave me and my sisters and my mom candy for Valentine's Day. It was kind of sweet that my dad, never one to show much sentimental emotion, would be focused on getting candy hearts for us. Mama always got the biggest one. Even when the grandkids came along, he made sure they had their own mini boxes. So, I guess my memories of Valentine's Day and the meaning of it go deeper than just getting "stuff" from someone else as a competition to see who loved who the most.

Even though we are on the other side of Valentine's Day, it is important to keep this in mind: It's not enough to be showered with love on one day of the year. We have to make an effort to love ourselves every day. Just like we are intentional about showing love to others on Feb. 14th, we have to be just as intentional in show-

ing love to ourselves the rest of the year. It sounds cliché to say love yourself. But it's really as simple as that.

Here is where it gets tricky: how do you show love to yourself? A friend of mine asked me this question recently and I didn't have a clear answer. When I responded that I bought myself something I wanted, he challenged me that was a nice way of treating myself but that it could not be seen as showing love. He argued that showing love to myself should just be like I showed love to others: it had to be intentional and be something that no one else could do.

After that conversation, I wondered how showing love to myself could be so complicated. Then it hit me that showing love was not about big things like a day at the spa but that it could be a combination of small things. These include sleeping in on my days

off because I need rest or taking a break from social media to avoid comparing myself to unrealistic expectations.

Mark 12:31 offers advice on how to do so when it says "The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." This means if we are kind to our neighbors, we need to take the time to be equally kind to ourselves. (Hopefully) you would not curse out your neighbor so why would you say mean things to yourself like criticizing yourself with negative self-talk

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I am the true vine

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Special to The Mississippi Link



In this life, there are a lot of things we can do without. Some things we might like to have, but we can make it without them. Sometimes these things make life a little more comfortable, but we can still make it without them. There are people in our lives who are dear to us, but we can make it without them as well. It does make life a lot more comfortable though to have them with us. Sometimes we would love to have everyone to be our friends. Yes, there are a lot of things in life that are dear to us, but we can make it without some things.

Jesus reminds us in John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

We need Jesus in all that we do and say. We are nothing without the Lord. Sometimes we may feel ourselves as being really big, but we are nothing without the Lord. We can't even walk with Him. One songwriter says: "I need thee O I need thee! Every hour I need thee!"

We need the Lord in all that we do. Even when we don't even acknowledge the Lord, we still need Him. The branch can't do anything without the vine. It is only by the Lord's will that we can do anything. May we never come to the place where we feel that we don't need Him. We do need the Lord in all that we do.

We read in Acts 17:28, "For in Him we live, and move, and have

our being." We depend upon Him. Unsaved friends, if you are not saved, you cannot make it without Jesus.

We read in John 15:6-14 these words, "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so, you will be My disciples. "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. "

Time is running out. Things are happening across the world today in the lives of people and in nations that should awaken every person to the fact that we are in the very last times of the last days. We need to understand that for us to substitute anyone or anything for God or to put something in God's place is fatal. Our loyalty to Him should be absolute, unmixed and unshared. To ignore this is to choose to be LOST!

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Keeping Black History in the spotlight is always our goal

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

 During this month of February, there are a lot of people, both black and white, who are celebrating Black History. We realize the contributions that African Americans made, and we want to shine the spotlight of greatness upon them.

Many of us can remember when Black History Month was Black History Week. As the record will show, in 1986 Congress passed Public Law 99-244 which designated February as National Black History Month.

So now, we celebrate the achievements and successes of African Americans. Because of these accomplishments, our America has become better and greater.

When you drive a car and stop at a red light, remember that Garrett Morgan, a black man invented the stoplight. I do muse about whether most white people know this important history fact.

Most of us know someone who has benefitted from a blood bank. Dr. Charles Drew organized America's first large-scale blood bank. Records show this program began early in World War II and we can say that this system originally developed by him has saved countless lives.

Education has been important to African Americans over the years and continues to this day. Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune was the founder of Bethune Cookman College now University. It is a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) located in Daytona Beach, Florida. Other HBCUs in the state include Edward Waters University, Florida A&M University and Florida Memorial University. These schools have produced thousands of graduates who have contributed greatly to our world.

McLeod Bethune was also the founder of the National Council of Negro Women in 1935 and was a social justice advocate according to reports.

Other notable black achievers included Granville T. Woods who had over 55 patents, one of which was an induction telegraph system which allowed travelling trains to communicate with each other according to the Oprah Daily website.

Madam C. J. Walker was the first black woman to become a self-made millionaire. All of us have used her hair care products.

So, in all walks of life, we have had Africans Americans being consistent and persistent in their pursuit of excellence.

Our history books tell us that George Carruthers, a physicist and engineer created a camera to take pictures of ultraviolet images in space. He was awarded NASA's Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal and was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Obstacles nor circumstances could stop them from creating and developing. When they heard no, they dug deeper and made yes happen. Their legacies will forever be etched in the history books of America. We will go to museums to learn more about them. Black History is a part of American history as it should be.

That is the way it is, and I say that with pride and conviction.

Our children and grandchildren need to know about their roots and that they stand on the shoulders of their ancestors.

For example, they know Beyonce but do they know Ella Fitzgerald and Josephine Baker?

They know LeBron but do they know Bill Russell and the Big O (Oscar Robertson)?

They know Usher but do they know Sammy Davis Jr.?

School systems across the land must infuse our history into the curriculum and have teachers actively engaged in it. Colleges and universities must enhance their courses to include us.

If for example, a college student has a drama or acting major, they should know who Paul Robeson is.

In all our circles, we must keep pressing for recognition and respect.

Of course, on this journey for recognition, there will be those who try to thwart it. Those forces have tried before and failed, and it will be no different this time. They will fail again.

Our history as African Americans will always shine bright and will never lose its power.

What if Valentine's Day was every day?

A brief examination of marriage vows

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
Guest Writer



I frequently tell a joke describing one's financial status to get a laugh or two. It typically warrants a ha, ha, hee, hee every now and then. The joke is normally shared between two people. The joke typically involves one asking if they can borrow some money or if I have any money and I respond by saying, "Nope, I am broke as marriage vows." I know you cannot stop laughing now; it's hilarious. Wow, what a joke – utilizing one's financial status and comparing it to broken marriage vows.

However, when I think about it – is it really funny? It is not funny at all. Are marriage vows a joke to many spouses? Valentine's Day can be experienced every day in marriage if more married couples took their marriage vows seriously.

"In the name of God, I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do us part."

What is a vow? According to Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, a vow is a solemn promise or assertion. Yes, marriage vows are promises. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a promise as a legally binding declaration that gives the person to whom it is made a right to expect or to claim the performance

or forbearance of a specified act. In other words, many spouses stand on their wedding day, gazing into one another eyes believing and expecting that every aspect of the marriage vows will be carried out. In many instances, grooms and brides don't anticipate or phantom that their soon to be husband or wife will not keep their promise but instead will cause them disappointments, heartbreaks and heartaches from breaking their marriage vows.

Moreover, marriage vows are understood to be an agreement based on maintaining the love that two individuals have for one another. Further, it is an agreement shared between the groom and bride that nothing will separate or break their union; good or bad. Furthermore, marriage vows are typically made before family and friends and most importantly God and directly to the spouse.

I do not think that many understand the significance of making a vow before God. Exchanging marriage vows before God is serious and should not be taken for granted. Nevertheless, many, unfortunately take the marriage vows for granted every day with no care, no grief, little to no guilt, and with no dismay. If you make a promise to keep your marriage vows – do it, it's just that simple.

Numbers 30:2 states: "If a man vows a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth."

In many wedding ceremonies, some spouses eagerly express their vows, some say them as

loud as they can, some repeat them, some carefully say every word with zeal and determination, some say them in a serious tone, some say them jokingly, some say them with emotion, some say them non-chalantly, and some say them just because they are told to. Hence, it does not matter how the vows were expressed if the vows are not in one's heart to live out; it will lead to more separations and divorces, which ultimately leads to broken homes.

Marriage vows are reassuring that the one you love will be there for you and vice-versa, not sometimes, not occasionally, not often, but forever, until death do you part. But this is not happening.

Marriage vows are broken for the following reasons:

- Jobs and careers
- Money – One spouse may lose a job, make a bad investment, inflation, etc.
- Other women (TOW – The Other Woman)
- Other men (TOM – The Other Man)
- Family – parents, siblings, cousins, etc.
- Health issues – Spouse receives a bad health diagnosis and the other spouse disappears
- Spouse abandonment for whatever reasons
- Midlife crisis
- Sin
- Selfishness – forgetting that you are one now instead of two
- Physical changes – Those parts that were once tight and in shape – example – now have transitioned from jam to jelly... flawless skin is now expanding

and wrinkling, muscles are no longer tight but are lumpy and dumpy, perfect vision is now accompanied by reading glasses, sexy walk or swagger walk is now slowing down or accompanied by a walking cane, wheelchair, etc.

- Death of a child
- Secrets
- Tired of marriage to the same person – research indicates that second marriages are at a higher risk for divorce
- Football team lost the Superbowl

Unfortunately, there are various factors that contribute to married couples breaking their marriage vows. Please, please know, husbands and wives that it is extremely painful and hurtful when a spouse does not keep their promise to live according to their marriage vows. No, marriage will not be perfect; there will be ups and downs but remember your vows, reflect on the vows that many of you took before God: "In the name of God, I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do us part."

You made a vow, a promise that your spouse can expect you to love and cherish them in the ups and downs until death do you part.

What if Valentine's Day was every day...this begins the moment, the day that you take your vows and it should never end until death do you part.

Readjusting our historical perspective can guide us today

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



Governor Ron DeSantis continues to try to elevate his presidential chances while doubling down on banning Black History. Meanwhile, the rest of us would be better served by reading more of it. We should go even further by mining American history to find what's been hidden from us by previous political opportunists that can give us blueprints for how to create a national politics of unity rather than division.

I decided to start by digging into my own family's history. What I found shocked me.

At the end of the 19th century, my maternal great-great-grandfather, who had been born into slavery, helped build a political party called the Readjusters that took control of the state of Virginia. Here's what got my attention – it was a multi-racial populist party led by a former Confederate general and a freedman that was pro-workers' rights, pro-civil rights, pro-voting rights and pro-public education.

Stop here if anyone taught you that 15 years after the Civil War, Johnny Reb and the freedmen

came together to form a new party that won elections for local, state and federal offices.

How could people who had been enslaved come together with people who had fought a war to keep them in slavery? They all wanted a better future for their kids and to hold on to the new public schools their children attended.

At the time plantation-class oligarchs were using the state's Civil War debt as a wedge issue to anger whites. But their class bias pushed them too far. They said they would shut down the newly created public schools to pay for the debt.

In response, many white men (remember only men voted in those days) whose families relied on and supported the schools fled the Democratic Party. They launched the Readjuster Party. Their name came from their demand: readjust the terms of Virginia's Civil War debt to save the public schools.

My grandmother's grandfather, Edward David Bland, led the state's Black Republicans into the Readjusters. It was an easy argument to make; after all Black Republicans had created the state's public schools a little over a decade before. In the process, they became the majority of its new party's base.

In less than five years, the Readjusters saved Virginia's public schools, expanded Virginia Tech, and created what is now Virginia State University, the first publicly supported college for training black teachers. They raised taxes on corporations and the property they owned, reversing a deficit into a budget surplus. They did away with the poll tax and with the public whipping post.

White men who rented their farms or were otherwise too poor to own land had only had the right to vote since the 1820's. Black men had only had it since the 1860's. And by the early 1880's large numbers of both groups had united in multiple states and were winning major political victories.

To break up a thriving coalition of black and white farmers and workers, the old plantation owners turned to a tried-and-true playbook. They spread vile disinformation to make other whites fear the loss of political superiority. They accused vlack men of fictitious crimes.

The disinformation sparked violence in Danville where there was a majority black city council and a fully integrated police force. Two white men responded to the propaganda by murdering whites and blacks in the streets.

With the Readjusters defeated, white supremacist politicians went on to pass an annual poll tax (equal to \$50 today). It slashed the black vote by 80 percent and the white vote by 50 percent and it eventually was enshrined in the state constitution.

By denying the vote to so many blacks and low-income whites, white supremacists essentially outlawed the kind of multiracial coalition that had beat them in Virginia and was chalking up victories in other states.

Even when students learn about the poll tax, that's not the story most are taught. It's truly a lesson in the promise of the power of coming together. It's also a lesson in the lengths to which wealthy special interests will go to divide us.

Meanwhile, that's a lesson that DeSantis and his wealthy donors are teaching us again. After all, it's the history we forget that is most easily repeated.

Ben Jealous is incoming executive director of the Sierra Club, the oldest and most influential grassroots environmental organization in the country. He is a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania and author of "Never Forget Our People Were Always Free," published in January.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4200

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Rankins Properties, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District with a Use Permit to allow for a neighborhood restaurant for the property located on 4528 Hanging Moss Rd. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO February 15, 2023.

WITNESS my signature this 30th day of January 2023.

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

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Socrates Garrett Enterprises is looking for an experienced and passionate coffee roaster to join our team! This role requires at least two years of experience in roasting, sourcing green beans from overseas, creating unique blends of coffee, and managing the company website. If you have a passion for coffee and want to be part of something special - apply today! SGE, 2659 Livingston Rd, Jackson, MS 39213, Ph 601-896-0084 - #CoffeeLover #CoffeeRoaster

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Electronic Bidding
Advertisement for Bids
ESSER III Renovations for Clausell Elementary

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) March 24, 2023 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the projects for will be held at 3330 Harley Street, Jackson, MS 39209 on March 8, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at jsdmsoroi-ects.com. 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 Cody Farris at Duvall Decker Architects, Phone: 601- 713-1128, Fax: Email: cnf@duvalldecker.com

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 JPSD Board Room, 621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

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Electronic Bidding
Advertisement for Bid
Window Replacements for Boyd Elementary and Green Elementary Schools

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) March 27, 2023 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project for Boyd and Green Elementary will be held at 610 Forest Avenue, Jackson, MS 39206 on March 9, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at JPSPDM-SPROJECTS.COM. A \$250.00 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. For questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Jennifer Seymour at Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A., Phone: 228-594-2323, Email: jseymour@egh.ms.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson (City) received notification from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that an award of Home Investment Partnership – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds in the amount of \$3,195,726 was allocated to Jackson, MS. A condition of the funding was the requirement to create an Allocation Plan for the allocated funding. The Draft Allocation Plan was made available for comment on February 9, 2023, and includes funding for the following eligible activities:

Category	Funding Amount
Supportive Services	\$216,386
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$2,500,00
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$0
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$0
Non-Profit Operating	\$0
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$159,768
Administration and Planning	\$319,572
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$3,195,726

The City will be accepting public comments on the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan until no later than 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 14, 2023. Residents with disabilities are encouraged to notify the City of any needed accommodations. For more details contact the Office of Housing and Community Development at 601-960-2155.

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Electronic Bidding
Advertisement for Bid
Window Replacements at Lake Elementary, Smith Elementary and Wingfield H S ESSER

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) March 29, 2023 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project for Lake Elementary, Smith Elementary and Wingfield H.S. will be held at 472 Mount Vernon Avenue, on March 09, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. 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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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4202

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Rev. Jimmy Edwards/ Rev. Johnny Addison DIBA Rosemont Human Services Inc. have filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit in a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to allow for the placement of a manufactured house on the properties located at 4306 Halsey Ave. (Parcel 306-122), 0 Halsey Ave (Parcel 306-121), 0 Halsey Ave (Parcel 306-120) & 4311 Officer Thomas Catching Dr (Parcel 306-128) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

4306 HALSEY AVE (Parcel 306-122) - LOT 3 BLK E REEDBRIDGE ADDN
0 HALSEY AVE (Parcel 306-121) --LOT 2 BLK E REEDBRIDGE ADDN
0 HALSEY AVE (Parcel 306-120) -- LOT 1 BLK E REEDBRIDGE ADDN
4311 OFFICER THOMAS CATCHING DR (Parcel 306-128) -LOT 9 BLK E REEDBRIDGE ADDN

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 30th day of January 2023.

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY BENFORD DECEASED CAUSE NO.: P2022-31-M/4

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 25TH day of October, 2022 by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, First Judicial District, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Mary Benford, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this the 3rd day of February, 2023.

ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE ESTATE OF MARY BENFORD,
DECEASED

TERRANCE BENFORD

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi. until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

93440-031423- RFP Licensed Catering Services

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

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

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

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

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

TONY RAY CALVIN JR. PETITIONER
VERSUS CAUSE NO: 2020-1297
JABRIANNA THOMPSON RESPONDENT

TO: Jabrianna Thompson

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Tony Ray Calvin Jr. who is seeking Amended Petition for Modification of Custody.

THE Petition which has been filed in this matter is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights, if any.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 1 :30 O'clock P.M. on the 11th day of April 2023. in the courtroom of the Hinds County Chancery Courthouse at Jackson, Mississippi. before Honorable Dewayne Thomas. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment may be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. If you file an Answer or other pleading, you are required to mail or hand - deliver a copy to the attorney for the Petitioners, Damon R. Stevenson, 1010 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, 769-251-0207.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 20th day of January, 2023.

Eddie Jean Carr, Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 219 S. PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39201. IT IS HEREBY SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THE RENAMING OF GRIFFITH STREET FROM NORTH MILL STREET TO NORTH WEST STREET TO JAMES H. MEREDITH DRIVE

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI RENAMING GRIFFITH STREET, FROM NORTH MILL STREET TO NORTH WEST STREET, TO JAMES H. MEREDITH DRIVE.

2/16/2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

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A Pre-Submission Conference at 2:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (CST) at Enochs Administrative Complex, 101 Dr. Dennis Holloway Drive, Jackson, MS 39203. Attendance at the PreSubmission Conference is not mandatory, but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all RFQs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any RFQ if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date RFQs are opened.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 219 S. PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39201. IT IS HEREBY SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THE RENAMING OF BAILEY AVENUE (FROM RIDGEWAY STREET TO MAYS STREET) TO LESTER RICHMOND, SR. DRIVE

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORARY RENAMING BAILEY AVENUE (FROM RIDGEWAY STREET TO MAYS STREET) TO LESTER RICHMOND, SR. DRIVE.

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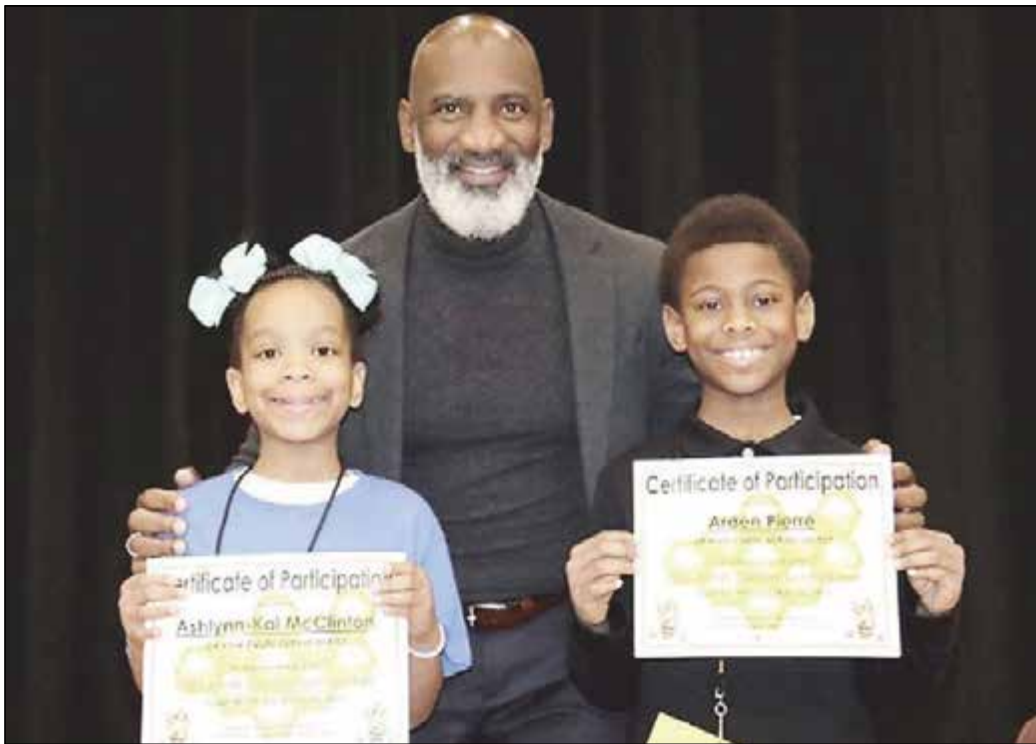
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Two JPS scholars are best spellers in Hinds County



Ashlynn-Kai McClinton



Superintendent Dr. Errick L. Greene with winners



Arden Pierre

Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson Public Schools hosted the 2023 Hinds County Spelling Bee Saturday, February 11, at Northwest Jackson IB Middle School.

Ashlynn-Kai McClinton, a 5th-grader at Raines Elementary School, defeated 45 other contestants and was named the 2023 Hinds County Spelling Bee Champion.

After extensive final rounds of competition with Arden Pierre, a 4th-grader at McWillie Elementary School, McClinton

won by spelling the word, “ramifications.” Pierre won second place in the competition.

Dr. Vicki Davidson, Chasedy Gilford and Othor Cain judged this year’s competition. Tiffany Cline served as the facilitator and JPS Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Michael Cormack, Jr. was the pronouncer. Dr. Kimberly Smith, executive director of the Office of Teaching and Learning, organized the competition.

District coordinators included Latesha Roby, Michaela Barnes

and Chuntil Johnson. 2nd through 8th-grade students from private and public schools in Hinds County participated Saturday. Each school previously held a school-level spelling contest, and the top spellers from those schools ad-

vanced to the county competition.

McClinton will compete at the state level March 3 and 4 at the 2023 Mississippi Spelling Bee at the Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Mississippi.

PRESS ROOM: The SANS Institute reopens HBCU Cyber Academy application window to address growing need for cybersecurity professionals

National Newspaper Publishers Association newswire

The SANS Institute is proud to announce the reopening of the HBCU Cyber Academy application window from February 1, 2023 to March 1, 2023. The HBCU Cyber Academy is a unique opportunity for students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to gain hands-on cybersecurity training and real-world experience, free of charge.

The HBCU Cyber Academy was established with the goal of addressing the growing need for cybersecurity professionals and increasing diversity in the field. According to recent studies, the demand for cybersecurity professionals is expected to increase dramatically in the coming years, making it a highly lucrative and fulfilling career path for those with the necessary skills and knowl-



Growing demand for cybersecurity professionals requires individuals from diverse backgrounds. PHOTO: ISTOCKPHOTO / NNPA

edge.

Through the HBCU Cyber Academy, students will receive in-depth training from top SANS instructors and access to cutting-edge cybersecurity

technologies. The program is designed to be flexible, allowing students to complete the training around their academic schedules and giving them the opportunity to gain practical

experience in a real-world setting.

“The HBCU Cyber Academy is more than just a scholarship program,” said Max Shuftan, director of Mission Programs

and Partnerships. “It’s an investment in the future of the cybersecurity industry and in the students who participate in the program. By providing free, in-depth training and real-world experience, we’re helping to prepare the next generation of cybersecurity professionals and ensure a diverse and well-rounded workforce.”

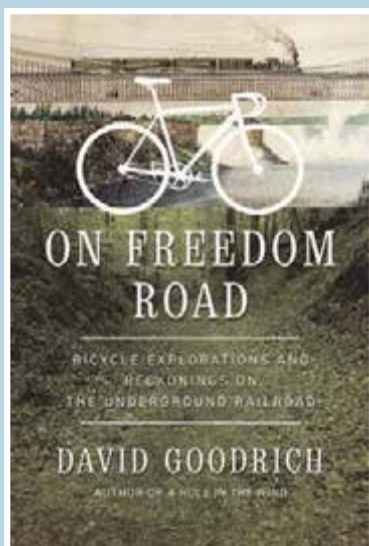
The application window for the HBCU Cyber Academy is open to all juniors, seniors and graduate students enrolled at HBCUs who have a strong interest in cybersecurity and any alumnus who would like to shift careers into cybersecurity. SANS Institute is dedicated to supporting the next generation of cybersecurity professionals and helping them to achieve their full potential.

“Misconceptions about cybersecurity abound due to popular culture, which often

suggests that only those with a computer science background are suited for the field,” says Delisha Hodo, chair of the SANS Institute HBCU. “The reality is that the growing demand for cybersecurity professionals requires individuals from diverse backgrounds, and even just having an interest in the field matters. Diversifying the industry now will improve its future and dispel these false ideas.”

“The HBCU Cyber Academy is a truly remarkable program,” said Shuftan. “We’ve seen firsthand the impact it can have on the students who participate, and we’re excited to see the positive impact they will have on the industry as a whole.”

For more information on the HBCU Cyber Academy and to apply, please visit <https://www.sans.org/scholarship-academies/hbcu-cyber-academies/>



BOOK REVIEW: ON FREEDOM ROAD: BICYCLE EXPLORATIONS AND RECKONINGS ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD BY DAVID GOODRICH C.2023, PEGASUS \$27.95 • 246 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

It's all in the balance. You need to maintain that first and everything else comes next. Without balance, the wheels won't turn and pedaling is a wasted effort. Without it, you'd dream of a place with no chance of biking there.

No balance, no movement – and, as in the new book, “On Freedom Road” by David Goodrich, forward, northward, is the only way to go.

In the early spring of 2011, while taking a rest from a cold bike ride, David Goodrich wan-

dered into a museum. There, he was handed a large brass ring that was once a slave collar.

It reminded him of something he knew: one of his ancestors was a ship's captain in the “Triangle Trade.” Holding the collar, and acknowledging that “white folks like” him have different ties to slavery than do black Americans, he yearned to “discover how some... [African] descendants later brought themselves to freedom.

In 2015 and 2017, he and a friend had taken trips from New Orleans and Jackson, Mississippi, respectively, on journeys revers-

ing routes that enslaved people might've been forced to travel. He writes about those trips in later pages here, but he begins this book near the birthplace of Harriet Tubman.

To find Tubman's exact route north on the Underground Railroad took some effort, Goodrich says, because she was illiterate and written details could have been dangerous. Still, there were notes and clues indicating where she went; she tried not to attract attention but the owners of the safe houses along her route knew her.

Those facts helped shape the journey that Goodrich and two fellow riders took in the summer of 2019.

From Maryland to Canada, they biked up hills, through wooded areas and mud, following an app, notes, roadside signage, and the words of Frederick Douglass, who “traveled along many of the same roads...” that Tubman made repeatedly under cover of night, despite threats on her life and that of her passengers.

As for Goodrich and friends, “we would be traveling by daylight, without dogs in pursuit,

and with the benefit of Gore-Tex, shiny gears, and freedom.”

“On Freedom Road” is a pleasantly odd read.

The timeline, first of all, is backwards: author David Goodrich opens this book with a recent tale, leaving a later journey for the back half. It's somewhat befuddling.

And yet, neither part lacks in excitement: because a bicycle isn't a car, Goodrich had a vantage point that's unique in travelogues, which is at least partly what this book is.

Readers will find biking and

scenery inside here but it doesn't distract from history, which is the reason behind the ride. The nimbleness of the transportation mode helps Goodrich share the smallest, bravest, most impactful-historic tales of danger, determination and daring.

“On Freedom Road” is not filled with the tales you learned in school; no, it recounts the wild and violent and heroic, told between gentle accounts of weather, traffic, flat tires and scenery. Readers who are looking for something unusual will find that to be a nice balance.

ZACK WALLACE
Hinds County Circuit Clerk

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Tougaloo wins Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) regular season championship

By Timothy Ward
Sports Writer

Going 25 & 1 so far this season and perfect at 13-0 in the conference, the Tougaloo Men’s Basketball team has won the regular season Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) championship. Powered by fast play, sharp shooting, team defense and great finishers around the rim, the Bulldogs have positioned themselves as the number 1 seed heading into the tournament.

For the first time in over 8 years, the men’s basketball team has a new head coach. Head Coach Eric Strothers, who is in his fourth year with the team, is now the man in the hot seat. Strothers replaced Legendary Coach Thomas Billups. Billups is still on staff, but now as an assistant coach. Coach Chris Stephens, 9th season with the team and coach John Neal, 1st season with the team round out the coaching staff.

The Bulldogs are currently on a 13 game winning streak heading into their next game, Friday at Rust College. At the end of the month, Tougaloo will host the GCAC tournament.

All of the schools in the conference will be in town to battle it out for the opportunity to make the tournament.

Cameron Woodall, from Raymond High School is on the team. The former Raymond Ranger arrived to the team last season. His highlight dunks keep the fans on the edge of their seat. This is a special team that’s making some noise.



Cameron Copeland soars to the rim



Cameron Woodall slams it home



Darryl Jones at the free throw line



Head Coach Eric Strothers has directed Tougaloo to a 25 win season so far



Trajan Fielder shoots a 3 pointer

2nd round of high school basketball playoffs schedule

By Timothy Ward
Sports Writer

Round 2 of the high school playoffs begin Friday. It’s officially WIN or GO HOME time – the most exciting time of the basketball season.

All the practices, private work sessions, extra film sessions all come down to this moment in the season. Win and you stay on the road to the “Big House,” Lose and your season is over.

For most seniors, it’s their last chance to capture the Gold Ball. A small fortunate group of seniors are looking to add an additional gold ball to their collection.

Need to know when your school or favorite player is playing? Here’s the schedule for the girls’ games Friday and the boys’ games Saturday for the entire (Mississaa) Mississippi High Schools Activities Association.

Friday, February 17, 2023
Game time: 6:00
6A Girls
Madison Central vs Tupelo
DeSoto Central vs Horn Lake
Ocean Springs vs Northwest Rankin
Meridian vs Biloxi
South Panola vs Center Hill
Starkville vs Germantown
Harrison Central vs Brandon
Gulfport vs D’Iberville
5A Girls
Callaway vs West Point
Greenville vs Ridgeland
Natchez vs Laurel
Brookhaven vs Gautier
Neshoba Central vs Lafayette
Holmes County Central vs



Callaway Girls Head Coach Ashli Sutton leads her Chargers into the second round of the playoffs

PHOTOS BY TIMOTHY WARD



Forest Hill Patriots will battle Canton Saturday night



Kari Hamilton and the Clinton Arrows look to 3 peat

Vicksburg
Hattiesburg vs West Jones
Wayne County vs West Harrison
4A Girls
Choctaw Central vs Tishomingo County
Pontotoc vs Gentry
Mendenhall vs North Pike
Bay High vs Quitman
Clarksdale vs South Pontotoc
Mooreville vs Louisville
Northeast Jones vs Raymond
Newton County vs Pass Christian
3A Girls
Nettleton vs Booneville
Independence vs Yazoo County
Crystal Springs vs Franklin
St. Patrick vs Morton
Kossuth vs North Panola
Alcorn Central vs Noxubee

County
Union vs St. Andrews
Forest vs Jefferson Davis County
2A Girls
Calhoun City vs Belmont
Walnut vs Potts Camp
Pelahatchie vs West Lincoln
Pisgah vs Lake
Bruce vs Baldwin
New Site vs East Webster
Bogue Chitto vs Velma Jackson
Kemper County vs Heidelberg
1A Girls
Okolona vs Biggersville
West Union vs Blue Mountain
McAdams vs Bay Springs
Sebastopol vs McEvans
Hickory Flat vs Ingomar
Jumpertown vs Coffeeville

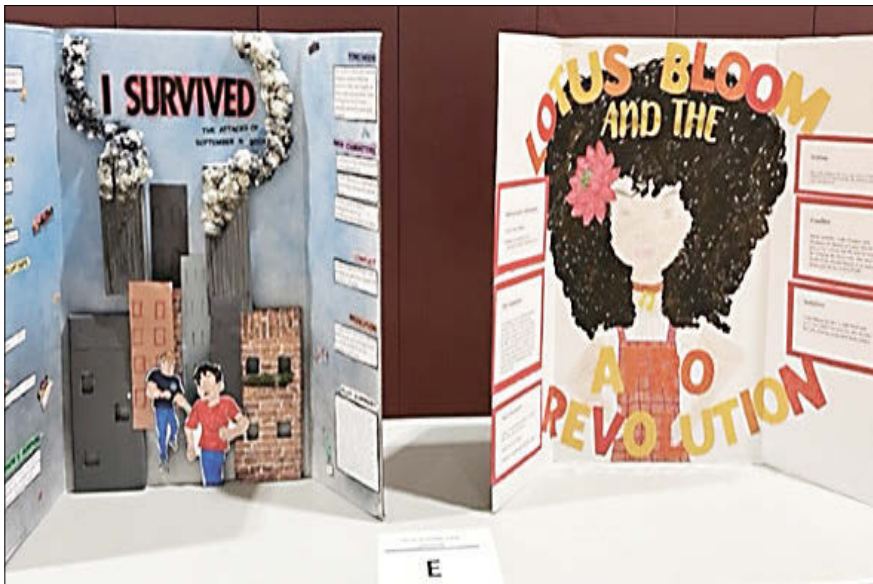
Tailorsville vs Noxapater
Simmons vs Lumberton
Saturday, February 18, 2023
Game time: 6:00
6A Boys
Clinton vs Starkville
DeSoto Central vs Horn Lake
Oak Grove vs Northwest Rankin
Meridian vs Biloxi
Tupelo vs Madison Central
Harrison Central vs Brandon
Terry vs Pascagoula
5A Boys
Vicksburg vs New Hope
Forest Hill vs Canton
West Harrison vs Hattiesburg
Florence vs George County
Columbus vs Cleveland Central
Saltillo vs Provine
Wayne County vs West Jones
South Jones vs Picayune

4A Boys
New Albany vs Corinth
West Lauderdale vs Yazoo City
Lanier vs Forrest County Agricultural
South Pike vs Quitman
Greenwood vs Pontotoc
Clarksdale vs Choctaw Central
Lawrence County vs Raymond
New County vs Bay High
3A Boys
Amory vs Booneville
North Panola vs Ruleville
Crystal Springs vs Port Gibson
St. Andrews vs Morton
Amanda Elzy vs Byhalia
Humphreys County vs Nettleton
Hazlehurst vs Magee

Southeast Lauderdale vs Ty-lertown
2A Boys
East Webster vs Baldwin
Choctaw Central vs Coahoma County
Scott Central vs East Marion
Pelahatchie vs Newton
North Side vs Potts Camp
Pine Grove vs Calhoun City
Bogue Chitto vs Velma Jackson
Kemper County vs Heidelberg
1A Boys
West Lowndes vs Biggersville
Ingomar vs Byers
Leake County vs Bay Springs
Sebastopol vs McEvans
Falkner vs West Union
Wheeler vs Houlka
Simmons vs McAdams
West Tallahatchie vs Richton

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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The Hinds County School District hosted a Reading Fair and had some scholars who really produced great posters to tell the story of what they read. The winners were presented with trophies and medals from Dr. Delesicia Martin, Superintendent of Hinds County School District.





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