

SCOTUS poised to rule against student loan forgiveness as protestors rally to save Biden’s plan

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Millions of student loan borrowers, particularly those of color, risk losing out on relief if the Supreme Court strikes down President Joe Biden’s student loan debt forgiveness plan.

The plan, which aims to forgive or reduce the student loan debt held by the millions of eligible Americans that qualify for the program, has faced opposition from Republican-appointed judges on lower courts and now faces an uncertain future as it is being challenged before the land’s highest court.

In a three-hour-long argument Tuesday, Chief Justice John Roberts led his conservative colleagues in questioning the administration’s authority to cancel federal student loans due to the COVID-19 emergency broadly.

It remains unclear whether any of the six justices appointed by Republican presidents will approve the debt relief program. However, Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett appeared most open to the administration’s arguments.

As the Supreme Court heard oral arguments, demonstrators converged on the nation’s capital to showcase their support for debt relief.

The People’s Rally for Student Debt Cancellation was the largest-ever mass demonstration by people with student debt in front of the Supreme Court, bringing together individuals from across party lines, industries, faith communities, socioeconomic sta-



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18-year old Terry Rogers candidate for MS Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce

By Jackie Hampton
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Terry Rogers of Quitman, MS announced at a press conference February 1 at the State Democratic Headquarters in Jackson, that he was running for Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture & Commerce.

Rogers told *The Mississippi Link* in a phone interview Tuesday “I’m bringing my broom because it’s a mess.” Terry said this is what he might adopt as his theme.

The 18-year old graduated in May 2022 from Quitman High School. While at Quitman High he started a multi-cultural club promoting unity, in light of the George Foreman riots that had occurred all across the country. He said, “I wanted to show



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others how a voice can change a room, how a room can change a city, how a city and state can change a nation and how that nation can change the world.”

Rogers is currently enrolled at Jones College in Ellisville, MS majoring in political science. He said that once he announced his candidacy,

several organizations and national leaders, after meeting him, touted him as possibly the leader of politics in the state of Mississippi and very possibly the United States.

He was very pleased to receive an endorsement from Civil Rights icon, James Meredith.

Rogers stated that he is supported by several members of the Mississippi legislature and several legislative members of the Democratic Party in the United States Congress as a whole.

Rogers has fun memories of he and his father growing fruits and vegetables in their backyard as projects, and helping

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Mississippi Democratic Party welcomes new executive director



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By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Andre Wagner has been on the job as the new executive director of the Mississippi Democratic Party for three months and has hit the ground running. We met at his offices February 13, and his excitement, energy and humility were unmistakable and refreshing. Here in Mississippi, it can’t be an easy task filling his position.

Despite his youthfulness, he has an abundance of political experience, coupled with being worldly as his father was career Air Force and so he grew up at numerous duty stations around the world.

After various internships while in the process of gradu-

ating from Texas Southern University twice, he served as a campaign manager for a judicial race, deputy field director for a mayoral campaign, and then director of communication for a city council member. He then served on Hillary Clinton’s campaign as an organizer in Durham, North Carolina, and eventually returned to Houston City Council as director of Constituent Services.

In 2018 he became the lead organizer for Beto O’Rourke in the Houston area. He then went back to North Carolina to work for Next Gen, a Tom Styer organization, organizing activities and voter registra-

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Eva Crisler, candidate – Supervisor, District 1 – holds press conference



Hinds Co. Supervisor, District 1 candidate, Eva Crisler (speaking at podium) and supporters. PHOTO BY JANICE NEAL-VINCENT

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On Wednesday, Hinds County Democratic Executive Committee (HCDEC) unanimously declared Eva Crisler a certified candidate for Hinds County Supervisor, District 1.

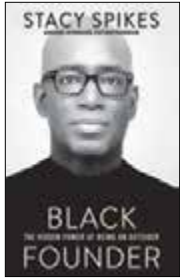
Crisler was recently challenged by Robert Graham – current supervisor of District 1. Accordingly, she became

the subject of a hearing by the Qualifications Committee of the HCDEC. There she informed the committee that “the challenge against my residency was malicious and unwarranted.”

Crisler held a 2:30 p.m. press conference March 1 at the old Luby’s Restaurant parking lot (5471 I-55

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Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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The Hinds County School District receives the Lantern Award

The Hinds County School District was given the Lantern Award from the Lighthouse School Leaders of Mississippi School Boards Association for being a “B” District. Dr. Linda Laws, President of the Hinds County School Board, accepted the award on behalf of the Hinds County School Board and The Hinds County School District. Dr. Delesicia Martin, Superintendent of the District and her staff were in attendance to witness this fantastic achievement.



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out at his uncle and aunt’s farm.

He said that he is running because a band of farmers told him he is the voice of the people. He went on to say that he had prayed regarding getting in the race, and if God instructed him to do so he would run. He stated, “God instructed me to do so.” He then announced his candidacy at the Mississippi Democratic Headquarters in Jackson.

Rogers says he is a God-fearing family man and is a Christian believer. Regarding his age, Rogers declared himself to be a part of the Biblical Joshua generation, that he said was too young to remember what happened in Egypt, but continued to do God’s work anyhow.

He also spoke on the economic advantages not being addressed. He said there is a lack of knowledge by young Mississippians regarding the benefits of agriculture and the lack of information given to Mississippians. He said there are perhaps thousands of grants Mississippians don’t know about in the agricultural field.

Rogers says he wants to help get the legislature to do away with the 7% grocery tax which is the highest grocery tax in the United States for the poorest state in the United States. He said this is something his opponents haven’t spoken about as a major issue.

Roger says he has a plan for all Mississippians to get cheaper products such as eggs and dairy while at the same time, boost the agricultural revenue. He said the 7% grocery tax is hurting Mississippians.

“We are the poorest state in the United States and taxing the things necessary for us to live is ridiculous and when elected I’ll work too get it eliminated.”

He also spoke about getting younger farmers more grants and equipment and boosting farm numbers and revenue as a whole in the agricultural industry.

Another of his plans is to get Future Farmers of America (FAA) back in schools.

He said, “I can help this good agricultural state become a better agricultural state; we have good farmers but we need better farmers with better equipment and better grant opportunity.”

He said he will also work with the USDA to provide land grants for those interested in getting into farming where they will be provided money to get their own piece of land to help them get their farm started.

Rogers said, “We have to tell our next generation, as former Governor William Winter told the state, ‘the road past the poor house leads right past the school house’ and for some, leads right into what the Bible calls a land of milk and honey.”

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North, Jackson, Miss.) “This is a great day for the rule of law and democracy. On last night’s ruling... I am a residing citizen and resident of Hinds County. This was a malicious attempt by my opponent about my qualifications. It makes me wonder if this is because I am a female.”

To this date, Peggy Calhoun has been the only female elected official, thereby serving as District 3 representative.

The Hinds County District 1 candidate for supervisor made it clear that she and

her supporters are maintaining their claim of service. “We are not deterred, only more determined to serve the community and all parties involved.”

Crisler highlighted a pledge to bring more businesses, to add better paying jobs, to develop a comprehensive plan to keep roadways to highways for a clean and better community. “I’m running for District 1 as the next supervisor,” she stated.

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tion on HBCU campuses before returning to Texas working for two different state senate campaigns and then moved on to Elizabeth Warren’s campaign as community organizing director. He then served as deputy coalitions director for the Joe Biden campaign.

During the last election cycle, he worked for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in Washington DC where he was responsible for multi-state organizing activities in North Carolina, Florida, New York and Ohio.

“I understand that Mississippi is unique; there are unique concerns and challenges for the state. I don’t have all the answers. I want to work with the people that have been here and help find funding, get more exposure and help build-out growth. If I do my job well I’ll be able to then pass the baton to someone who is from here. My family is spread out in Kentucky, Florida and Texas, so my goal is to be here two or three years.”

In getting the lay of the land in Mississippi, he has been in contact with all eighty members of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party, then reached out to all Democratic members of the state legislature, before moving on to all of the progressive organizations across the state. He reports listening hard and learning much.

When it comes to strategy, Wagner was asked about his expectations, and indicated that he has a very positive outlook. He noted that Republicans have unfortunately done a very good job through redistricting and gerrymandering to pack or crack African-American voters into a super minority.

He sees Senate Districts 2, 7, and 10 and House Districts 45 and 64 as all being very competitive with top tier Democratic candidates. Additionally, there will be broad-based support for statewide candidates, including Brandon Pressley for governor, Greta Martin for attorney general, and Shuwaski Young for secretary of state.

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tuses, and cities and states throughout the country.

Speakers at the rally emphasized the legality and urgency of President Biden’s relief action, citing the ongoing economic distress caused by COVID-19 on borrowers and the history of abuse and mismanagement throughout the student loan system.

Organizations representing millions of borrowers and supporters co-sponsored the rally to show the broad and growing support for debt relief.

If the Supreme Court strikes down President Biden’s plan, it will negatively impact millions of borrowers, particularly those of color. The administration says that 26 million people have each applied for up to \$20,000 in federal student loans forgiven under the plan.

If the plan isn’t allowed to take effect before a three-year pandemic-inspired pause on loan repayments ends no later than this summer, “defaults and delinquencies will surge above pre-pandemic levels,” according to U.S. Solicitor General, Elizabeth Prelogar.

The debt relief program has faced opposition from Republican-led states and lawmakers in Congress, as well as conservative legal interests, who argue that it is a clear violation of Biden’s executive authority.

They claim that the plan is not necessary now to keep defaults roughly where they were before the pandemic and that the 20 million borrowers who would have their entire loans erased would get a “windfall,” leaving them better off than before the pandemic.

The administration argues that a 2003 law, commonly known as the HEROES Act, allows the Secretary of Education to waive or modify the terms of federal student loans in connection with a national emergency.

The law was primarily intended to keep service members from becoming worse off financially while fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

The Supreme Court’s conservative majority has questioned the administration’s authority to implement the debt relief program, with Chief Justice John Roberts pointing to

the vast impact and expense of the program, estimating that it would cost “a half-trillion dollars.” Kavanaugh suggested that the administration was using an “old law” to implement a debt relief program that Congress had rejected unilaterally.

However, some speakers at the rally argue that the student loan system has a history of abuse and mismanagement that disproportionately negatively impacts people of color. Advocates point out that black and Latinx borrowers, for example, are more likely to take on debt to attend college and that they are also more likely to struggle to repay those loans.

The issue of student loan debt relief has also become a political issue, with Democrats predominantly supporting President Biden’s plan and Republicans opposing it.

Debt relief advocates say it is necessary to address the financial burden that student loan debt places on individuals and the broader economy, particularly during the ongoing pandemic.

A colorful poster for Hinds County Human Resource Agency Project Head Start. At the top, five diverse children are smiling and holding a banner that reads "HINDS COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY Project Head Start". Below them is a large, stylized pencil graphic with the text "Now Accepting Applications for the 2023-2024 School Year!". To the left, a starburst lists services: "Preschool Education", "Literacy", "Leadership Development", "Disability", "Nutrition", "Mental Health", "Limited Transportation", and "Medical and Dental Screenings", followed by "ALL AT NO COST TO THE PARENTS!". To the right, a purple cloud contains the text: "To enroll your child all you need is your child's Social Security number, proof of your child's age, family income, and residency." Below the starburst, a pink and black arrow points to a yellow box that says "SPACE IS LIMITED - APPLY EARLY". At the bottom left is the Hinds County Human Resource Agency logo with the tagline "Helping Families. Strengthening Communities." At the bottom right, a series of green arrows point upwards, containing the text: "To Qualify your child must live in Hinds County be part of a low-income family be 3 or 4 on or before September 1st". Below this, a green arrow says "For more information about Early Head Start or Head Start call (601) 923-3940". At the very bottom, a green arrow says "You can APPLY NOW by calling our 24 hour appointment line at (601) 962-5935".

Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey speaks at Annual Sam Bailey Scholarship Heritage Banquet at College Hill Baptist Church

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The annual Sam Bailey Scholarship Heritage Banquet was held Saturday, February 27, 2023, in the Family Life Center at College Hill Baptist Church located at 1600 Florence Avenue in Jackson. The theme for the occasion was "Honoring the Legacy: In Pursuit of Excellence." This event is held yearly in honor of Samuel L. Bailey, a civil rights advocate who worked for racial equality in Mississippi. Bailey was a member of College Hill where he served as a deacon for numerous years.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey, a Mississippi native that became the first black female judge in the state of Mississippi. She was introduced by The Honorable Judge Carlton Reeves, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi who described her as a fearless leader. He told of her being the first black female to gradu-



Attorney Slaughter-Harvey with her grandson Tre' and Judge Carlton Reeves PHOTOS BY JIMMY COLEMAN

ate from Ole Miss Law school in 1970. Reeves commended the committee for choosing her as speaker.

When Slaughter-Harvey approached the podium she said it felt like a family reunion because she saw so many familiar faces. She said she was reminded of the days when black folks cared about each other. She said her heart got heavy when she saw the young

group, Visions of Praise perform their Liturgical dance. She said these children were aware of their feelings and it came through. She complimented Chelsea Walker, the director, and stated "the children are our future."

Harvey-Slaughter said she normally writes a speech when she speaks to a group that she does not know but when she feels a kindred spirit, she just talks and



(L-R) Debra MaGee, Alyssa James, Robert Clark IV, Attorney Slaughter-Harvey, Pastor Chauncy Jordan Sr.

that's what she did at College Hill.

She said for a long time we as a people thought we had made it and we got comfortable, and conceited but now things have changed and we have to change.

Slaughter-Harvey spoke of the challenges teachers are having in the schools now, she spoke of Sam Bailey, who always made sure he was heard. She spoke of his late daughter Shirley Bailey

Johnson, who was her classmate at Tougaloo College. She spoke of Medgar Evers, who had purpose and direction. She was reminded that Medgar always felt safe at home, and yet there is where he was murdered.

She told the listeners that they should get up every day with a purpose and know where they are going. She said the only way we can influence change is to get a

ballot and use it.

Before taking her seat she said Sam Bailey and Medgar Evers would be so proud of Judge Reeves. She asked the congregation to hold him up in prayer as the chairman of the sentencing committee. Slaughter-Harvey received a hearty standing ovation.

An additional highlight in addition to the keynote speaker's message was the awarding of the Sam Bailey "Ordinary Man" Scholarship. Linda Rush gave a history of the scholarship prior to presenting it to Robert Clark, IV. Dr. Shirley Bailey Johnson book stipends were awarded to Alyssa James and "CJ". Jordan II.

Remarks were given by Debra MaGee, Sam Bailey Scholarship Committee chair and College Hill Pastor Chauncy L. Jordan Sr.

Other participants included program guide Taylor Hardy, musical presentations by Sean Taylor and Amy Johnson, entertainment by Alkebulan Music Philosophy and Gabrielle Love.



Oppressing its’ people while claiming devotion to freedom

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

How often do we hear the Governor and other white elected officials using the word freedom? It seems like it’s baked into Mississippi’s DNA, for them; academic freedom, tax freedom, religious freedom – followed closely by the words liberty and individual rights. The undergirding appears to originate from a steadfast determination to push back against being told what to do, while simultaneously bragging that Mississippi controls its own destiny.

During Governor Tate’s State of the State address last month, we heard things like: “I have to thank the three million Mississippians who have helped our state usher in an unprecedented period of economic growth, educational achievement and freedom.” There’s that freedom word again. Then the very next line, “2022 was perhaps the best year in Mississippi’s history. Because, here in Mississippi and unlike in Washington, D.C., we still have the incredible capacity to work together and accomplish great things for our constituents.” First freedom, then pushing back against the perceived arch-nemesis – Washington, DC.

Despite 46% of its coffers being filled this year by the federal government – taxpayers around the country effectively paying Mississippi’s bills – there is disdain for the Feds. An attitude of white superiority – like “hey, we’re Mississippi and we know what’s best” kind of thing. A major problem is that is a theory, not the facts. The fact is that while claiming a devotion to freedom, Mississippi has always been in the business of oppressing its people – with black and poor people obviously at the top of the list.

Forty-five years into Jim Crow, a full one-hundred years ago, the Mississippi Senate voted 25-9 to ask the federal government to trade some of the World War I debts owed by European countries for a piece of colonial Africa – any part would do – where the government would then ship Mississippi’s black residents, creating “a final home for the American negro,” per same-passage.org and *The Washington Post*. This would strip citizens of political rights and remove people from the land of their birth, a prevailing

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Mississippi mindset just 100 years ago.

Fifty years later, the federal government (Department of Justice) “sues Mississippi for not desegregating schools and adopting instead a token integration using freedom of choice schools in 19 districts, covering 38,741 white, and 31,135 negroes,” says the *New York Times* on July 10, 1970 – sixteen years after Brown v. Board of Education.

Two years later, in September 1972, there was Gates v. Collier centering on unconstitutional conditions and treatment of inmates at Parchman Prison. The United States of America joined the suit as plaintiff-intervenor.

The Equal Justice Institute reports on November 15, 2012, that the Department of Justice sues the City of Meridian due to Lauderdale County youth court judges incarcerating black and disabled students for minor infractions (i.e. untucked shirts, wrong color socks), violating their statutory rights. The only students referred to the youth court were minorities.

When the 13th amendment was adopted in December 1865, Mississippi was a holdout. Mississippi remained a holdout for ratifying the amendment for 130 years, finally doing so in 1995. Yet despite the combined acumen of former Governors Fordice, Musgrove and Barbour, as well as that of Lt. Governors Briggs, Musgrove, Tuck and Bryant, as well as Speakers of the House Ford and McCoy – nobody made it official by informing the U.S. Archivist until February 7, 2013. Officially ratifying the 13th amendment abolishing slavery was not a priority for all these white Mississippi leaders.

Two years later, United States of America v. Leflore County Mississippi. Violations of the constitutional and federal statutory rights of juveniles detained at the Leflore County Juvenile Detention Center. These folks were acting outside the law, and they weren’t going to correct themselves without federal intervention.

In January 2020, back to Department of Corrections again, following deadly riots sparked by inhumane conditions: DOJ Civil Rights Division says that Mississippi

Department of Corrections violates prisoners’ civil rights by not providing adequate mental health services and protecting inmates from physical harm. “The Constitution safeguards the inherent dignity of every human being, including people serving time in our prisons and jails,” per Kristen Clarke, Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division, as reported by *USA Today* on April 21, 2022.

Just a few months ago, wrong-headed white-owned farming operations in the Delta were held to account by U.S. Department of Labor. “The outcome of these investigations confirms that employers denied many farm-workers their lawful wages and, in some cases, violated the rights of U.S. workers by giving temporary guest workers preferential treatment,” per Audrey Hall, Director of Jackson District Department of Labor, Wage and Labor Division, as reported by *Mississippi Today*. The farms fined were: Clark & Co. in Shelby, Egremont Baconia Farms in Cary, White Farms AJV in Marks, Van Buren Farms II in Belzoni, Bulldog Farms LLC in Tutwiler, Custom Ag Services LLC in Isola, Bruton Farms Partnership in Anguilla, Durst Farms in Rolling Fork, Carter Plantation LTD in Rolling Fork, Harris Russell Farm in Moorhead and Murrell Farms in Avon.

This year, of course, we have the attempted takeover in Jackson – water system, unelected judges, expanded white-centric CCID, expanded policing – usurping the constitutional rights of our predominantly black citizens by aggressive white Christian republican lawmakers, and although this appears to be partially thwarted, we’ll see what the end result reveals.

Never missing a beat, our 2nd Congressional District Congressman Bennie Thompson has already made the Department of Justice aware of these oppressive efforts.

Even through this partial list, not nearly all-inclusive, we easily see the oppression at the hands of those who so often claim their devotion to freedom. Tragically, and unrelentingly, this is genuine Mississippi.

Thank God for the federal government and for the lawyers who protect our actual freedoms.

Black Mississippi capital distrusts plans by white officials



Recent vandalism of Mom’s Dream Kitchen causes concern to the restaurant’s owner, Timothy Norris. Norris said the neighborhood around the restaurant has become less safe, but he is also concerned that proposed legislation by a majority-white Mississippi Legislature would limit self-governance in the majority-black city. AP PHOTO/ROGELIS V. SOLIS

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Random gunfire, repeated break-ins and a decaying city water system are constant challenges at Mom’s Dream Kitchen, the soul food restaurant Timothy Norris’ mother opened 35 years ago in Mississippi’s capital.

“I have some cousins that live in Ohio,” said Norris, 54, who now owns the restaurant. “They came last year. They hadn’t been here in 22 years. They were completely shocked at Jackson.”

Citing rising crime, Mississippi’s Republican-controlled House recently passed a bill expanding areas of Jackson patrolled by a state-run Capitol Police force and creating a new court system with appointed rather than elected judges. Both would give white state government officials more power over Jackson, which has the highest percentage of black residents of any major U.S. city.

The state Senate also passed a bill to establish a regional governing board for Jackson’s long-troubled water system, with most members appointed by state officials. The system nearly collapsed last year and is now under control of a federally-appointed manager.

The proposals for state control have angered Jackson residents who don’t want their voices diminished, and are the latest example of the long-running tensions between the Republican-run state government and Democratic-run capital city.

“It’s really a stripping of power and it’s happening in a predominantly black city that has predominantly black leadership,” said Sonya Williams-Barnes, a Democratic former state lawmaker who is now Mississippi policy director for the Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund. “You don’t see this going on in other areas of the state where they’re run by majority white people.”

Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba said the proposal reeks of apartheid and “plantation politics.”

“If we allow this type of legislation to stand in Jackson, Mississippi, it’s a matter of time before it will hit New Orleans, it’s a matter of time before it hits Detroit, or wherever we find our people,” Lumumba said.

The sponsor of the expanded police and court bill, Republican Rep. Trey Lamar, from a rural town 170 miles (275 kilometers) north of Jackson, says it’s

aimed at making Mississippi’s capital safer and reducing a judicial backlog.

“There is no intent for the effect to be racial whatsoever,” said Lamar, who is white, in response to arguments that courts with appointed judges would disenfranchise Jackson voters.

Still, black lawmakers say creating courts with appointed judges would strip away voting rights in a state where older generations of black people still remember the struggle for equal access to the ballot.

The appointed judges would not be required to live in Jackson or even the county where it’s located. They would be appointed by the chief justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court – a position currently held by a white conservative from outside Jackson.

About 83% of Jackson’s nearly 154,000 residents are black, and about 25% live in poverty. The pace of white flight accelerated in the 1980s, about a decade after public schools integrated. Many middle-class and wealthy black families have also left.

Republican Gov. Tate Reeves has campaigned on withholding state financial support the city requested. During last year’s water crisis, Reeves, speaking elsewhere, said, it was “as always, a great day to not be in Jackson.”

Jackson residents have a long-standing distrust of the water system; during crises in August, September and December, people waited in long lines for bottled water. Still, opponents of a regional water board note state officials sought a role only after the federal government approved hundreds of millions of dollars for the troubled system.

The state-run Capitol Police department has been involved in several violent incidents, including the shooting death of a black man during a traffic stop and a crash that killed another black man during a police chase.

At Mt. Helm Baptist Church, the Rev. CJ Rhodes said many people in his predominantly black congregation strongly object to expanding Capitol Police territory and creating courts with appointed judges.

“They feel – viscerally feel – like this is taking us back to the 1950s and 1960s,” said Rhodes, the son of a civil rights attorney. “It feels like this sort of white paternalism: ‘We’re going to come in and do what we need to do, citizens of Jackson be

damned.”

Maati Jone Primm, who owns Marshall’s Music & Bookstore in a struggling black downtown business district, said she’s not surprised by the majority-white Legislature’s attempts to control Jackson.

“It’s a way to disempower Jackson and its citizens,” said Primm, whose storefront window displays a handwritten sign: “Jim Crow Must Go” – a phrase on T-shirts that Mississippi NAACP leader Medgar Evers had in his car the night a white supremacist assassinated him in Jackson in 1963.

Capitol Police currently patrol state government buildings in and near downtown. The House bill would expand the territory to cover the city’s more affluent shopping and residential areas, and several neighborhoods that are predominantly white.

The House and Senate have exchanged bills for more debate. On Thursday, a Senate committee suggested having Capitol Police patrol the entire city. Some white residents object to a wider territory for the Capitol Police and new courts.

“It’s ridiculous. I think judges should be elected officials,” said Dan Piersol, a retired art museum curator who lives in a neighborhood that would be patrolled by Capitol Police and in the new court district.

Mom’s Kitchen, located in the once-safe neighborhood where Norris grew up, is a casual place serving baked chicken, turnip greens and candied sweet potatoes. The dining room has a broken window with cardboard taped over it, a vestige of earlier vandalism.

Norris said he often feels unsafe working there. A few months ago, he said, he was looking outside when “a guy just rolled by ... shooting in the air.”

“It scared me,” said Norris, who’s also a licensed therapist specializing in helping young black men, including some who have had violent encounters with law enforcement officers.

Norris said he would like to see a more effective police presence in Jackson, but he believes the Capitol Police are not the answer.

“Policemen should be building a relationship with the community,” Norris said.

Associated Press writer Gary Fields in Washington contributed to this article.

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Tulsa Race Massacre survivors set to receive Ghanaian citizenship at ceremony in Washington

By Stacy M. Brown
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Viola Fletcher, the 108-year-old survivor of the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921, and her 101-year-old brother, Van Ellis, acquired Ghanaian citizenship during a ceremony at Ghana’s embassy in Washington Tuesday, Feb. 28. In 2021, Fletcher, called “Mother Fletcher,” and Ellis, often called “Uncle Red,” traveled to Ghana for the first time.

The visit was part of Ghana’s Remembrance Day. For Fletcher and Ellis, it also counted as a time of reflection on the Tulsa massacre, which left about 300 dead, hundreds more injured, and 10,000 African Americans homeless.

The pair returned to Ghana in February but will attend the citizenship ceremony organized by the Ghana Tourism Authority, members of the government, and H.E. Dr. Erieka Bennett, the founder, and head of mission at the Diaspora African Forum.

The Ministry of Tourism,

Arts, and Culture, the Ministry of Interior, and the Ghana Tourism Authority hosted the event. “The family is honored to be receiving Ghanian citizenship for our priceless Black icons,” Ike Howard, Mother Fletcher’s grandson, told NNPA Newswire from Africa.

“Mother Fletcher wanted to visit the Motherland before she caught her wings,” Howard stated. “Now she has the option to live in the Motherland.”

In 2021, the Ghana Tourism Authority, Diaspora Africa Forum, and Osu Traditional Council honored the Fletcher and Ellis in Accra with a naming ceremony. Fletcher received the name Naa Lameley. Ellis was given the name Bio Lantey. Both received certificates with their new African names.

“The naming ceremony is for our brothers and sisters to reconnect with them and welcome them back home, and also to renew their identities as Africans and Ghanaians, to be precise,” Deputy Minister of Arts, Culture, and Tourism Mark

Okraku Mantey said.

“Ghana is a hospitable country, and I am sure you have seen places, worn Ghana, eaten Ghana, and heard Ghanaian music. Share the word that Ghanaians love people, especially Black people,” Mantey declared.

H.E. Bennett said Fletcher and Ellis combined for more than 200 years of history and experience of the diaspora and are an embodiment of the strength and resilience of the African spirit. She said their history would live forever, and all generations would come to hear about them.

“DAF together with GTA intends to do a memorable ceremony at the Ghana Embassy in Washington ” H.E. Bennett wrote in a Jan. 26, 2023, letter to the CEO of the Ghana Tourism Authority.

“We have engaged Tyler Perry, the world-renowned actor, playwright, author, songwriter, entrepreneur and philanthropist, to film this ceremony as a documentary,” she stated.



Mother Viola Fletcher

A new bill in Florida would give the governor complete control over the state’s higher education system

By Stacy M. Brown
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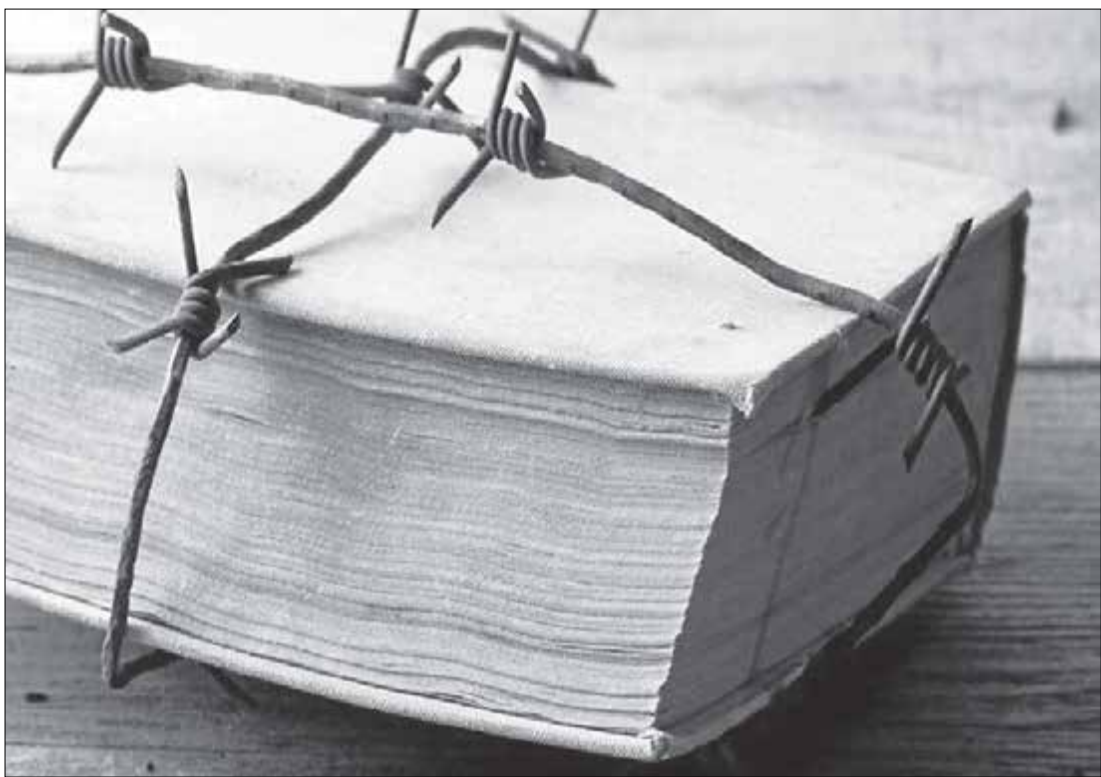
In perhaps the most racist, sexist, homophobic and xenophobic bill crafted since the end of slavery in America, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and his Republican cronies have authored a bill that takes “breathtaking control of viewpoint and content throughout all academic activity in the entire Florida system.”

HB 999 says that all colleges and universities must not spend money on education programs, or other things that support diversity, equity and inclusion.

“This bill is a road map for wrecking one of our great state systems of higher education,” the University of Michigan Law Professor Julian Davis Mortenson tweeted. The bill eliminates Women’s and Gender Studies as a major or minor at state colleges and universities.

It dictates that there can’t be a major or minor that is “based on the belief system of Critical Race Theory.”

According to the text of the bill, the university president or board would do all faculty hiring. It asserts that they “may not delegate” any aspect of any hiring decision or hir-



ing authority to any group or faculty however constituted.

Further, the bill asserts that they are “not required to consider recommendations or opinions of faculty.”

Jeremy C. Young, Pen America’s senior manager of Free Expression and Education, called the bill “terrifying.” Pen America is a non-profit group that protects and promotes free speech around the world by promoting litera-

ture and human rights.

“Florida HB 999 would enact the most Draconian and censorious restrictions on higher education in the history of this country,” Young stated. “The bill would make tenure and faculty hiring committees meaningless, ban diversity statements and centralize control of core curricula and mission statements in the hands of political appointees,” Young said. “Unexpectedly, it

would also ban gender studies majors.”

Florida’s HB 999 would end state public higher education in favor of one man’s authoritarian control of public university decisions and end academic freedom and shared governance, Young added.

He observed that the bill would stop higher education in Florida from being a place where people could ask questions and speak their minds

freely.

“Free expression and higher education advocates must fight these provisions with everything we have, in Florida and any other state where they appear,” Young demanded.

“HB 999 is the central battleground for the soul of higher education. If we stand on the sidelines, we will lose.”

DeSantis has repeatedly said he would fight censorship against Floridians from big tech companies and social media platforms. He also said the state should ban “ideology” and “indoctrination” in state schools.

The bombastic governor said Florida education should be “rooted in the values of liberty and the western tradition” and block public institutions from “supporting campus activities or programs that promote” so-called divisive concepts such as CRT or DEI.

The new law would build on the governor’s Stop WOKE Act from 2022, which says that certain ideas about race can’t be taught in schools.

The new bill would prohibit specific academic concepts, putting the governor’s calls into legislation.

The bill text states the hiring process rule applies to

any position at a university, including the president. Further, faculty members’ tenure status would also be open for review by the board of trustees at the request of a board’s chair.

HB 999 prohibits officials from using university resources to “promote, support, or maintain any programs or campus activities that espouse diversity, equity, and inclusion, whether directly or through contracts, grants, or service agreements.” In January, DeSantis talked about tenure and hiring practices for Florida universities.

He said the change would allow the state to prevent “certain worldviews” from being promoted when faculty committees make academic hiring decisions.

Study of Western civilization, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, subsequent amendments, and the Federalist Papers would also be required.

There are also requirements and changes for college and university courses focusing on social sciences and behavior, natural sciences, and math.

If the bill passes the Florida Legislature, it will take effect on July 1.

Do we really have to workout?

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Just in case you need more evidence on exercising, I found four studies that found that exercise is indeed good for you. Exercise is even critical if you want to survive to a vigorous, hardy and tough boned old age. All four studies were published in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*.

Everything we know already suggested that being active is healthier than being inactive. Exercise is better than any drug or anything else we have for good health. There's no downside. If exercise was a drug it will be the safest, most effective drug on earth.

The first study was based on data from the Nurses Health Study in the United States. This study found that women who are more physically active during middle age were more likely to be healthy by the time they reach age 70. Even walking and other moderate intensity exercise, lowered their risk for chronic diseases, heart trouble and cognitive impairment.

The second study focused on women that participated in a high intensity exercise program four days a week. This



study found that the women had stronger bones and less chance of falling than women who did relaxation, flexibility, endurance and balance.

The third study out of Germany, found more evidence that either moderate or high intensity exercise reduced the risk for cognitive impairment in men and women, over the age of 55 over two years.

The fourth study in British Columbia, Canada reported that women who did resistance training at least twice a week had improved cognitive skills compared to women that fo-

cused on balance, relaxation and flexibility activities. The resistance training included leg presses on the resistance machine had an added benefit of strengthening their legs.

If you have never worked out or you're out of shape see your doctor to get his approval to start a program. You have to work your way into a program gradually. If you're coming back from a long lay off (over 6 weeks) due to an injury or similar reason you need to be very careful and follow your doctor's orders.

Exercising can be dangerous

if you don't do the exercises correctly. Always concentrate on what you're doing. Being careless and taking your movements for granted can cause injury.

A good beginner workout would consist of a light aerobic workout like brisk walking and basic calisthenics like push-ups for the shoulders, chest, back and triceps and crunches for the abdominal area.

Aerobic exercise primarily works the heart, lungs and circulatory system. Aerobic workouts will also help you burn body fat if you do 30 minutes or

more of continuous movement. It takes your body 20 minutes to switch to the fat burning stage during a workout. Try to get in at least 30 to 45 minutes of aerobic exercise three to four times a week. Try to keep your aerobic workout under 60 minutes. This way you won't overdo it and you'll decrease your risk of injury due to repetitive stress. Thirty to 45 minutes is ideal, but you may have to start below 10 minutes and increase your workout time gradually.

Some examples of aerobic exercise include 30 minutes or more of brisk walking, jogging, bicycling, swimming, walking in a pool, aerobic dance and jumping rope.

Workouts, which include a lot of, stop and go movements will burn some calories but are not considered good aerobic exercises. These include karate, volleyball, weight training, sprinting, tennis, ballet and gymnastics.

You also need to do some toning and strength building exercises for a totally fit body. Calisthenics, resistance training with weights or machines will strengthen and tone your body. A complete workout should include exercises for each body part. Start with 1 or

2 different exercises for each body part. Gradually work up to 8-12 repetitions for each exercise. Do each exercise 1-3 times to start. If you can do more than 12 repetitions for a set the weight is too light. If you can't do at least 8 repetitions for a set the weight is too heavy.

I recommend using a combination of free weights (dumbbells and barbells) and machines. Using free weights during some exercises will give you more control over your range of motion. Because machines can't possibly fit every body shape they don't provide a full range of motion with every exercise. People who don't have access to resistance training equipment can improvise with sandbags, plastic bottles filled with water or even canned goods.

Exercise has been shown to fight against arthritis, osteoporosis, heart disease, lung disease, cancer and many more woes. Exercise is one of the most important things you can do to stay healthy. The bottom line is that you should do some physical activity.

Before starting your fitness program, consult your physician.

To make history, a major study on black heart health looked beyond the lab

By Michael Merschel
American Heart Association News

A quarter-century ago, the foundations were laid for the Jackson Heart Study, one of the most significant research efforts in the history of heart health.

As the largest single-site study of black people's heart health ever undertaken, it would eventually spawn more than 800 scientific papers and provide critical insights on genetics, prevention and more, based on examinations of thousands of black men and women living in and around Jackson, Mississippi.

But before the study could make scientific history, it had to confront issues that went far beyond the lab, say people who shaped the study.

"We did focus on much more than looking through a microscope at something," said Frances Henderson, who started working with the study in 1997, during its design phase, and held multiple positions with it over the decades, including deputy director.

The need for research into the cardiovascular health of black people was clear, said Dr. Herman Taylor, the study's founding director. "There was a huge gap in terms of death and disability between the black and white populations in Mississippi. And that was reflective of a gap that could be found across the country."

But black people had historically been left out of research studies. Taylor, now endowed professor of medicine and director of the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, pointed to the example of the Framingham Heart Study, which established the very concept of risk factors for heart health. The participants in that seminal project, which



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began in 1948, were 98% white.

Better data on black men and women clearly was needed. But, Taylor said, the history of all-black, government-backed studies in the Deep South was problematic. The infamous Tuskegee study, which withheld lifesaving penicillin from black men so scientists could chart the progress of syphilis, may be the best-known example of how black people were exploited in the name of science, but it's far from the only one.

The Tuskegee study was shut down in 1972, but Henderson said the history of it and other "horrible things" done in the name of medical research lingers in the minds of many black Americans.

Many think, "I don't want to be a guinea pig," she said. "And I don't want them to find something and not tell me, so they'll let me die."

Broader than the issue of how black people were treated

in medical research, Taylor said, was suspicion and mistrust of a system "that was deeply discriminatory for much of the lives of the people we were seeking to recruit."

Jackson Heart Study designers worked to overcome that legacy by making partners of participants.

"They had to have ownership in the study and feel they were a part of it," Henderson said. "We didn't have them under a microscope, looking at all the things that were wrong with the population and then going back to California somewhere. We were a part of the community."

Study designers listened to Jackson residents' frustrations with the medical system. Some had lived through the era when black patients had separate, unkempt waiting rooms and were seen only after white patients had been treated.

Henderson, who is retired but continues to serve as a consultant for the study, said trust

was fostered in many ways. Potential participants were consulted to make sure language on consent forms was clear. For people who might have trouble reading, videos were recorded. A "council of elders" was made part of hiring decisions. People were promised that lab results would be shared with their primary care doctors.

The Jackson Heart Study did not invent the idea of such community engagement, Henderson said. But designers embraced the concept, which since has been used by many others.

The idea was controversial. "Epidemiological purists" might have said sharing information changes what you're doing from a study into an intervention, Taylor said, but ultimately, designers found that sharing information "was not only not a contradiction to scientific inquiry, but in fact, there was a moral obligation to do so."

The study began enrolling participants in 2000. It eventually recruited more than 5,300 people whose participation would lead to important findings related to the genetics of heart disease, links between discrimination and high blood pressure, the significance of social factors in heart health, and more.

By design, the study's goals went beyond understanding heart disease and into the world of education. Part of this was out of necessity, Henderson said. Jackson lacked experts in public health, so "we had to build our own cadre of health researchers."

So the study created ways to make sure high school students were ready for college and provided career mentors for older students. "That was unusual" for such a study, Henderson said. But it did develop medical experts. Not all of them ended up staying in Jackson – but some did, Henderson said.

It also meant collaborating with some very different educational institutions. Jackson is home to two historically black colleges: the small, private Tougaloo College, which has educated many of the state's black healthcare professionals; and the larger, public Jackson State University, a former teachers college later designated "the Urban University of the State of Mississippi." The city is also home to the University of Mississippi Medical Center. UMMC, part of "Ole Miss," is the state's only academic medical center but didn't graduate a black doctor until 1972.

Diversity among physicians and researchers can directly benefit black health, and Henderson said the study helped forge ties that bolstered all three institutions.

"It was not easy to do," she said. "But it worked."

To Taylor, the study's broad goals meant it had been, and continues to be, "truly audacious, truly ambitious."

Researchers, of course, have not closed the racial gap in heart health. A 2022 study in the American Heart Association journal circulation showed that between 1999 and 2019, cardiovascular age-adjusted mortality rates declined significantly for both black and white adults, but black women and men continue to experience higher cardiovascular mortality rates.

"Research is a slow enterprise," Taylor said. "Way too slow." Participants often say, "As I'm doing this, I realize it may not help me. But I want to do it for the future and my children."

But even as he considers the Jackson Heart Study to be "landmark" in terms of understanding black health, Taylor said it has been more.

It is also a source of expanded health literacy in a large black community," he said. "It is a transgenerational intervention to expand diversity and inclusion of young black learners into the pipeline of researchers and providers. It is the hub of an international network of scientists of multiple disciplines to better understand human biology as it operates in an environment marked by adverse social and political circumstances. And it is a gift to the world from the black community of Jackson, Mississippi."

Because ultimately, he said, "discoveries made in Jackson will transcend race and geography – just as they have in Framingham."

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P R E S E R V E D

Changing your picture of sin

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A number of years ago, I watched the 1945 version of Oscar Wilde's classic novel *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and it reminded me of the struggle with covering up sin that myself and other Christians have. Set in Victorian England in the late 1880's, the film begins with a handsome, well-to-do Londoner Dorian Gray having his picture painted. As was the custom at the time, the picture was a life-size memorial designed to show Dorian at his best. After seeing his picture, Dorian innocently comments, "If only it was the picture who was to grow old, and I remain young. There's nothing in the world I wouldn't give for that. Yes, I would give even my soul for it."

These words come back to

haunt him later.

Not long after making this statement, Dorian meets and falls in love with Sibyl Vane, a singer played by the late Angela Lansbury. They soon become engaged. Taking the bad advice of an older male friend, Dorian tests Sibyl's integrity. When she fails his test, he cruelly calls off the engagement. Heartbroken, she commits suicide. Guilt-ridden about the part he played in her death, Dorian adopts an outward appearance of indifference. This one incident begins a downward spiral into a life of immorality for Dorian.

As he continues in his increasingly self-centered lifestyle over the next 20 years, Dorian's wish to remain youthful-looking appears to have been granted, noticed suspiciously by others. However, the picture that he once treasured and proudly displayed in his living area now is hidden in an abandoned up-

stairs bedroom.

For every act of wrongdoing, the portrait is supernaturally changed. By the end of the film, the handsome young man in the portrait has been transformed into a hideous old man with cold, unfeeling eyes and blood stained hands.

As I watched the movie, I thought about how the story, though not originally written for a specific Christian audience, accurately shows the negative effects of sin. Dorian's picture was an eerie mirror of the inner turmoil that he felt for his wrong actions. It's not until he confesses his guilt that his conscience is cleansed and the portrait is transformed back to its original state.

I Samuel 16:7 reminds us of the importance of having a pure heart, "...The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Without realizing it, we

may also try to hide our guilt for previous wrongdoing under layers of makeup, new clothes and material things. Some of us even try to cover our guilt with layers of overzealous, empty religiosity without ever truly submitting to God and openly confessing our sins.

This movie showed very powerfully the great effect that sin has on the heart of a man. And that's a portrait that only God's grace and forgiveness can change.

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We need a stronger vision

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



As Saints, we need to have a stronger, spiritual vision. If we are unsaved, our greatest desire should be that we would have our spiritual eyes opened. If we are unsaved, I want us to listen, the Bible lets us know that we are spiritually blind. We have no idea which way we are going. The Bible says in Proverbs 16:25 "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Everyone of us, as we grow into adults begin to make decisions. We start to stand on our own and make proper decisions. We think we can control things, but the Word of God says that we are blind.

Jesus was walking with His disciples, and they saw a man who was born blind. They asked Jesus about it. "Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus healed the man. Later, some were asking "Who is this man?" along with other questions. The man who was healed said, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."


What does it mean to "have a vision?" A lot of people have visions of many things in the world. There are some things that God tells us that are good.

The Bible says, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing." It is good for young people to have a desire, through the help of the Lord, to find a wife or a husband. As young people grow up, they have a vision of having a home, children, and a good job, but my thought for now is: How is your spiritual vision?

We may have a lot of visions of different things, but how is our spiritual foundation? How is our spiritual purpose in life? Let us go to Matthew, Chapter 16. Jesus is talking to His disciples. We will begin with verse 13: "When Jesus came into the coast of Caesarea Philippi, he asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am? And they said Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some Elias; and others, Jeremias or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock, I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against."

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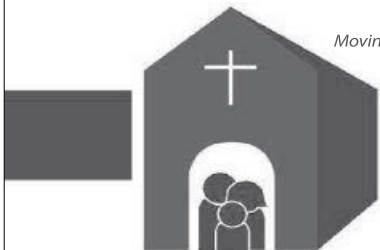


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Hearing the right things across the country

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way

 As a lifelong organizer, I know that you grow movements by listening first, so that’s how I’ve spent the last month as I started a new job as executive director of the Sierra Club. I’ve traveled more than 15,000 miles, crisscrossing the country from the Deep South to New England to the Pacific Northwest to listen.

Our organization is the oldest and most influential grassroots environmental group in the country with chapters in every state and more than 1 million members and supporters. We believe in building coalitions; for example to shut down hundreds of coal-fired power plants that pollute the air and neighborhoods where 11 million Americans, most of them black and brown and poor, live and raise families.

What I’ve seen in the last month is that during a time of great peril for our country, Americans still believe that we have things in common worth fighting for. Poor or rich, black or white, I met with activists who want nothing more than to come together and work side by side even as the voices promoting division seem to be the loudest.

In New York City, I met two women who with three others on their team have written more than 300 letters to the editor in the last year on issues from buildings’ electrification to cleaner public transportation. In Mobile, I met with descendants of 32 West Africans thought to be the last shipment of enslaved people brought to the United States who with other leaders are fighting to save the Africatown community founded by their ancestors. They are waging a lopsided battle against special interests who are displacing residents to build plants that dirty the air and water. Descendants of those who enslaved Africans own many companies involved.

These activists understand that, as in the civil rights movement, change always comes from the bottom up, that it is not the politicians who launch change. On the toughest challenges, people lead and politicians follow. The people I met want to grow movements, whether by fundraising, legislative advocacy or lawsuits.

We need this kind of enthusiasm and commitment right now across many issues, and I believe it is there. The struggles over everything from women’s health to voting rights to environmental protection are all intertwined and will play out state by state. We need activists and advocates in every single one.

An example is the once-in-a-generation investment this nation will make over the next decade to improve infrastructure and create jobs in ways that have environmental repair and renewal at their core. We will spend more than \$700 billion, more than double what we spent to make good on President Kennedy’s pledge to send a man to the moon. While President Biden and Congress have committed that money, the decisions on exactly how it will be spent will happen in cities, counties and states. We need to ensure the money is spent effectively and not hijacked by special interests. We need to be watchful to win.

The hard truth is that all the self-interested need to do to win is to drive a wedge between us. That’s a much easier task to accomplish than the unity I’ve seen. It just takes a little disinformation mixed with some concocted grievance.

The folks I met show that we’re smarter and stronger than that. We can’t let special interests make us appear more divided than we really are, putting our republic and our planet at even greater risk. Based on what I’ve heard, I’m convinced that many of us are ready to stay vigilant and to oppose those who want nothing more than to profit from dividing us, whether it’s politically or financially.

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Quench the thirst of your spouse

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
Guest Writer



Imagine working hard all day (or at least it feels like it) at work or with some other endeavor, and you begin feeling parched but you are told that you cannot obey your thirst. Further, you begin to feel extremely thirsty; mouth is dry, tongue feels like it in the midst of the African hot dessert and you began to feel a sense of anxiousness and urgency. Further, your mind can’t think of anything else but drinking something good, drinking something cold, drinking something that will fulfill you, but you are told that you cannot quench your thirst.

Furthermore, envision your tongue sticking, saliva is slowly developing, and you are beginning to feel frustrated, defeated, almost sad, miserable, and even angry that your thirst cannot be quenched because someone is telling you that it can’t. All you can think about is how thirsty and miserable you are and you began to feel hopeless because you can’t fulfil your thirst. Guess, what, many spouses are feeling this way right now. Quench your spouse’s thirst.

According to Dictionary.com, quench is defined as to satisfy. Satisfy your spouse’s thirst. Your spouse is thirsty – parched. They desperately desire for you to quench their thirst. Your spouse is feeling dry, empty, undesired and lonely because you are failing to quench their thirst. Unfortunately, some spouses have not quenched one another’s thirst for a long time.

Many spouses have checked out of their marriages because of their thirst. Communication and dating have come to a standstill because you have chosen not to quench your spouse’s thirst. Moreover, their desire to be around you

have diminished greatly because you have failed to quench their thirst. Additionally, many spouses tune one another out in the following ways: ignore you, avoid being around you, stop listening to you, you gift them with something special and they show little to no gratitude (in fact any positive gesture you make means nothing to them), have little tolerance for you, if any, tense around you, argue over petty things, (example, make a big deal because you didn’t close the refrigerator – gets blown out of proportion – argument has nothing to do with you not closing the refrigerator – they’re thirsty), go to bed before you or hours after you, come home only when necessary, they intentionally don’t meet your needs and desires whether it is regarding finances, children, helping with house chores, health matters, sad countenance and so much more. Please quench your spouse’s thirst; they are thirsty.

Many spouses have sought counseling, indulged in research, and some have even tried to tell you that they are thirsty. But for some reason, you tend to have not taken notice – only thinking about yourself in most instances. Picture this, as Sophia, from the Golden Girls would say; imagine your spouse is thirsty, spouse haven’t drunk anything in at least two days, they have cheerfully anticipated going home getting something to drink, they arrive home and ask you to give them something to drink, and you abruptly say no. You not only say no, but you say no with no explanation, no empathy, no apology, no care, no sympathy – you simply say no. Unfortunately, many spouses look to others or things to fulfill their thirst. Is it wrong, yes, it is wrong, but can you honestly blame them?

A spouse should never look to anyone or anything to quench their thirst. Nevertheless, many do,

therefore, leading to broken marriages, separation and divorce.

I am sure that by this point many of you are wondering exactly what spouses are thirsty for. How are spouses not quenching one another’s thirst? What about this thirst can cause a spouse to feel forgotten about, lonely, undesired, dry, empty, sad, frustrated and downright angry? Why aren’t spouses simply quenching their spouses’ thirst if it can possibly help them avoid separation and/or divorce? Well, I am so glad that you are interested in knowing what spouses are thirsty for. Are you absolutely sure that you want to know what spouses are craving? Well, since I believe you truly want to know, the answer is sex. Yes, you read correctly: sex, sex, sex, and sex is what many spouses are thirsty for in their marriages.

Why is sex lacking in many marriages? Some possible reasons that spouses are not having sex include the following: child abuse – were abused as children and suffer from anxiety, lack confidence due to physical body, emotionally disconnected from the spouse due to betrayal, mistrust, disappointment, little to no communication, financial issues, unforgiveness, children, health issues, and punishment. Yes, that’s right – punishment.

Should a spouse punish their spouse by refusing to have sex with them? Hmmmm, interesting question. According to First Corinthians 7:3-5 (NJKV), God say: Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over their own body, but the husband does. And likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote your-

selves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

What the scriptures simply means is quench your spouse’s thirst. No, spouses should not intentionally deprive one another from sex; it is wrong. God expresses in His Word, that there should be one exception, which is if you agree that one or both of you are fasting then sex should be avoided, but even in that, once the fasting is over – quickly have sex, so that Satan won’t use your unfilled desire to tempt you to get your thirst fulfilled by someone else. Also, God makes it clear that the husband’s body belongs to the wife and the wife’s body belongs to the husband. Husbands or wives should not intentionally withhold sex, exchange it for anything, shouldn’t be a reward because God gave it as a free gift between spouses.

Now of course, there will be times that spouses will not always feel like jumping up and down due to exhaustion, sickness, headaches and even arguments, etc. So, of course, both spouses should be willing to be patient in circumstances like this. However, should this be long-term? No. If you desire to stay married and you are not having sex and have not had sex for a long time – you and your spouse need to communicate about this immediately, seek counseling, find a resolution, plan it (put it on the calendar), whatever you do, do something soon to quench your spouse’s thirst.

Contact: Dr. LaShunda Calvert for speaking engagements (motivational, ministering, marriage workshops, marriage seminars, marriage conferences, etc.) on Instagram: letsstay2gether4ever (Dr. LaShunda Calvert) Facebook: Dr. LaShunda Calvert Email: letsstay-together4eva@gmail.com/ Contact # 769-206-3749.

The End of Black History Month and our challenge

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



Now that Black History Month has come to an official end, it is important, now more than ever, that we not only continue to review and remember our history and those that contributed to it, but also that we take up the guardianship of all our gains and not let new attacks destroy them.

I speak specifically to the “Jim Crow, 2 plus 2” attacks now underway in states like Florida and Mississippi. While the Governor of Florida would stamp out black history, we must not only fight in the legislature itself, but take the battle to the courts as attorney Benjamin Crump is doing, to stop the efforts to remove books and discussions about race.

We must rally to support the people of Jackson, Mississippi as they fight efforts to create a new segregated judicial district, in the heart

of Jackson’s black community, that would empower white control of all legal aspects of life in a city with an elected black mayor. This is an effort to institute “apartheid” and nullify the U.S. Constitution within a state that is a part of these United States. We can assume that the U.S. Supreme Court, which has been stacked with Trump judges, would certainly find a way to uphold such actions much like we have seen before in a Segregated South.

These restrictive legislative proposals pending in the Mississippi

State Legislature must be watched closely as we not only seek to support our brothers and sisters in that state and stand guard against such efforts in other states.

We know from our history that we do have the ability to self educate. We do have the ability to organize and vote to replace those in office who would legislate against our interest.

No. Black History is now everyday as we continue to make history by how we live. What we do today is the history of tomorrow.

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ShapeADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSAL FOR
RENTAL CAR SERVICES AT JAN
BY THE
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PROJECT NO. 012-23

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) is seeking electronic proposals (“Proposal”) for Rental Car Services at JAN.

Sealed Proposals to perform the services will be accepted at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Monday, April 17, 2023 (the “Proposal Deadline”). Proposal shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

Email: bids@jmaa.com

By mail or hand delivery:
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
100 International Drive Ste 300s
Jackson, Mississippi 39208

The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) Attention: Marvin Buckhalter, Director of Procurement; (ii) the wording: “Rental Car Services at JAN, Project No. 012-23.” If the submission is submitted via email, the identification information must be provided in the email subject line. If the submission is submitted by hand delivery or mail, the identification information must be marked on the outside or exterior of the bid envelope or container.

JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Marvin Buckhalter, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Marvin Buckhalter
Telephone: (601) 664-3516
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713
Email: mbuckhalter@jmaa.com
or from JMAA's website at https://j111aa.com/par111cr-with-us/procureme11t/.

Based on the Proposals received and the scoring of each proposal, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on Tuesday, March 07, 2023, at 11:00am (CST) in the Community Room on the third (3rd) floor of the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport:

JMAA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

JMAA has chosen to not establish a DBE participation goal for this RFP. However, twenty (20) points are potentially available to Respondents submitting an acceptable minority participation proposal for the Services.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
Date: February 22, 2023
John Means, Acting Chief Executive Officer

2/23/2023 3/2/2023

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed RFP's 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 21, 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:

84084-032123 36 Month Term RFP for SAFECITYCAM Surveillance Video Cameras & Installation

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV & WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM

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, Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1028/1025

2/23/2023, 3/2/2023

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF ANTHONY CHARLES SMITH,
DECEASED CAUSE NO.: P2022-448 T/I

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator upon the Estate of Anthony Charles Smith, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 21st day of February, 2023.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Gwendolyn Porter Smith, Administrator for the Estate of Anthony Charles Smith, deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.

ANN JAMES
NOTARY
Damon Stevenson
Stevenson Legal Group, PLLC
1010 N. West Street
Jackson, MS 39202
Telephone: (769) 251-0207, Facsimile: (601) 608-7872

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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 21, 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:

05554-032123 Eighteen-Month Supply of Barlights, Electronic Sirens, Switch Boxes, Speakers, Communication Organizers and Security Screens.

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV & WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM

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

2/23/2023, 3/2/2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Jackson (“City”) is seeking to complete a smart parking meter system complete with associated software, data, operational support, staff, programming management and maintenance. The Vendor may offer any additional or related services that may complement the core Vendor Services that are the purpose of this procurement process.

Detailed information pertaining to submission of a response to this request for proposals may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Development, Suite 201, Warren Hood Building: 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or by contacting Chloe Dotson at 601-960-1172 or e-mail: c_dotson@lacknms.gov.

Responses will be received by the City of Jackson, Office of the City Clerk at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205 until 3:30 p.m., Central Standard Time on March 21, 2023. Each proposer must submit a signed original, six (6) printed copies and an electronic copy (thumb drive w/ pdf) of its proposal. Official proposal documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic responses can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic response process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting and professional services. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City.

Chloe Dotson, Director Department of Planning and Development City of Jackson, Mississippi

3/2/2023, 3/9/2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION
ZONING CASE NO. 4203

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 Harvey Williams Sr. has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for a residential community facility within a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 5129 Andover Dr. (Parcel: 640-428) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot Sixty-five (65), Clinton Boulevard Subdivision, part 5, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 16 at Page 40 thereof, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

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, March 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 MARCH 15, 2023.

WITNESS my signature this 24th day of February 2023.

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

3/2/2023, 3/16/2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4204

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 Fondren Tobacco & More, Inc has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a bar/lounge within a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District on property located at 663 Duling Ave. (Parcel: 47-27), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A tract of land situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the point where the South line of Duling Avenue intersects the West line of Old Canton Road, as said highways are now laid out, improved, and used in this city, said corner being the Point of Beginning of the following described property; from said Point of Beginning, run south 25 degrees 51 minutes 43 seconds West along the West line of Old Canton Road a distance of 300.63 feet; thence North 64 degrees 34 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 25.07 feet to the Northwest corner of a concrete retaining wall; thence North 64 degrees 18 minutes 49 seconds West along the North face of said wall a distance of 29.26 feet; thence South 73 degrees 58 minutes 14 seconds West along the North face of said wall a distance of 111.52 feet; thence North 83 degrees 27 minutes 14 seconds West along the North face of said wall a distance of 15.52 feet; thence North 82 degrees 52 minutes 57 seconds West along the North face of said wall a distance of 30.05 feet; thence North 82 degrees 48 minutes 12 seconds West along the North face of said wall a distance of 30.38 feet; thence North 82 degrees 39 minutes 45 seconds West along the North face of said wall a distance of 30.50 feet; thence North 81 degrees 58 minutes 09 seconds West a distance of 30.54 feet to the Northwest corner of said wall; thence North 81 degrees 58 minutes 09 seconds West a distance of 8.03 feet to the East line of Morgan Place; thence North 06 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds along the East line of Morgan Place a distance of 310.81 feet to the South line of Duling Avenue; thence South 82 degrees 52 minutes 12 seconds East along the South line of Duling Avenue a distance of 398.73 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The above described tract of land includes 2.37 acres, more or less.

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, March 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 24th day of February 2023.

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

3/2/2023, 3/16/2023

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Notice of Sale
Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for \$3,600 for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale. 2001 Ford Mustang GT, Vin #1FAFP45X81F193232

Date of Sale: March 21, 2023
Place of Sale: Unlimited Cars and Accessories – 829 So. Gallatin St., Jackson, MS 39204
Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids. Time: 10:00 A.M.

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**Electronic Bidding
Advertisement for Bid 3230**
ESSER Renovations for Callaway H.S., Kirksey Middle School, North Jackson and McWillie 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) April 17, 2023 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid conference for schools will be held at Kirksey Middle School, 5677 Highland Drive, Jackson, MS 39206 at 2:00 p.m. on March 30, 2023. Following the pre-bid conference, site visits will be conducted at North Jackson, Callaway, and McWillie schools. 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 jpsdmsprojects.com. A \$350.00 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 John Murray with Canizaro Cawthon Davis at 601-948-7337 ext. 229 or at jmurray@ccdarchitects.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.

3/2/2023, 3/9/2023

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**Advertisement For Bids
JTRAN JANITORIAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES
CITY PROJECT No. RFP#2023-01**

Sealed bids will be received by the City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 219 South President Street, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, March 28, 2023, for janitorial services and supplies (as specified) necessary for REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP#2023-01.

- Principal items of work are as follows:
1. Janitorial Services for JTRAN Administrative Building (13,695 SF) six (6) days a week, 9:00am —6:00 pm;
 2. Janitorial Services for JTRAN Customer Service and Bathrooms (3,983 SF) three (3) days a week; 1 lam
 3. Restroom Supplies;

The term of the contract will be for five (5) years with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods by consent of both parties.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provision of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder, or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Division of Equal Business Opportunity at 601-960-1856. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Suite 223, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4, that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, in consideration for an award.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and/or conduct business in the City to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

The City of Jackson ensures that the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as outlined in 49 C.F.R. Part 26, as amended, have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts. Therefore, it is imperative that you read the DBE Section and complete the necessary paperwork in its entirety. If there is any evidence or indication that two or more bidders are in collusion to restrict competition or are otherwise engaged in anti-competitive practices, the submission of all such bidders shall be rejected, and such evidence may be cause for disqualification of the participants in any future solicitation undertaken by the City of Jackson.

Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal forms to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid for JTRAN JANITORIAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-01." Each bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal.

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

Official Bid Documents, including the Contract Documents and Drawings can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbiddina.com. Electronic Bids may be submitted at www.centralbiddine.com. For any questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Awarding public contracts to non-resident Bidders will be on the same basis as the non-resident bidder's state awards contracts to Mississippi Contractors bidding under similar circumstances. Current state law, Mississippi General Laws of 2010, Chapter 383, section 31-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, requires a non-resident bidder to attach to the bid a copy of the Bidder's resident state's current laws pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors. Non-resident bidders must attach to their bid a copy of any bid preference law of the state, city, county, parish, province, nation or political subdivision where they are domiciled. If there is no such law where they are domiciled, all non-resident bidders shall attach a letter to their bid stating that there is no bid preference law where they are domiciled. The bid of any non-resident bidder who fails to attach to its bid a copy of its domicile's bid preference law or a letter stating that its domicile has no such bid preference law, whichever is applicable, shall be rejected and not considered for award.

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

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

Christine Welch, Deputy Director
Office of Transportation

3/2/2023, 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023, 3/23/2023

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**Jackson Redevelopment Authority
Jackson, Mississippi
Proposals For Contractor Services For Various J.R.A. Properties
- Issued March 2023**

INVITATION FOR BID

Sealed Bids will be received by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (JRA) to provide the hourly rate that will be charged per person when a particular handyman type job is assigned. Bids will be received by JRA at the Porter Building, 218 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 3rd Floor until 3:00pm on Thursday 6 April 2023, and thereby publicly opened and read.

Scope: At any time during the contract period when JRA shall request that the Contractor provide JRA with a proposal, the contractor shall provide details, fees, materials, equipment rentals, plus labor costs (based on hourly rate in bid), for the work to be performed. The listed costs shall be subject to approval by JRA before a Notice To Proceed is issued.

The majority, if not all, of these services will occur in the Downtown Jackson and Farish Street commercial areas, at JRA owned properties.

Separate sealed bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated on the Bid Form.

Bidding Documents are available at the JRA offices at 218 S. President Street, 3rd Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm. Contact Mary Ealey at (601) 960.1815 or mealey@jacksonms.gov.

JRA will hold a non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference at 3:00pm on Thursday 30 March 2023, in its 1st Floor Conference Room, located at 218 S. President Street, Jackson, MS 39201. All visitors are urged to wear a face-covering to ensure protection against transmission of COVID-19 and practice social distancing at all times inside the building. The Owner will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as the Owner considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

3/2/2023, 3/9/2023

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4205**

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 Mohammed Alyadi has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a tobacco paraphernalia retail business in a neighborhood shopping center and not in combination with a convenience type grocery store or service station within a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 4429 North State St. (Parcel: 430-42), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land being a part of Lot 12, Block L, North View Addition, Part II, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book B at Page 116 in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Point of Intersection of the South line of Lot 11, of said Block L, North View Addition, Part II and the East right-of-way line of Northview Drive (as now laid out and improved) said point being 637.70 feet North 21 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East along the East right-of-way line of Northview Drive from the intersection of the East right-of-way line of Northview Drive and the North right-of-way line of Meadowbrook Road (as now laid and improved) and run thence South 88 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds East along said South line of Lot 11 for a distance of 210.00 feet to the Southwest corner of an existing building; run thence North 21 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 150.00 feet to a point on the North line of said Lot 11; said point also being on the South line of the aforesaid Lot 12; said point further being the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence North 88 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds West along said South line of Lot 12 for a distance of 16.50 feet to a point; run thence North 09 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 71.50 feet to a point; run thence North 01 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 70.30 feet to a point on the North line of said Lot 12; run thence South 88 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds East

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
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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, March 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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along said North line of Lot 12 for a distance of 237.36 feet to a point on the West right-of-way line of North State Street (as now laid out and improved); run thence South 09 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds West along said West right-of-way line of North State Street for a distance of 142.61 feet to a 1" pipe on the aforesaid South line of Lot 12; run thence North 88 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds West along said South line of Lot 12 for a distance of 210.85 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 32,482.62 square feet or 0.75 acres, more or less.

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Letters of Administration on the Estate Patricia McLaurin, deceased, having been granted to me on the 1st day of March, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to Antonyo Mosley, as Administrator of the Estate of Patricia McLaurin, deceased, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present such claims to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days of the date of the First Publication of this Notice, or they will be Forever barred.

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Major Frank J. Branch receives "Counselors That Change Lives Award"



Branch

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Major Frank J. Branch of Jim Hill High School in Jackson has been chosen by the Colleges That Change Lives (CTCL) membership and Board of Directors as one of its' 2022 Counselors That Change Lives.

CTCL is dedicated to the advancement and support of a student-centered college search process and recognize those whose dedication to the college counseling profession reflects the CTCL ideal: to help students frame their search to find a college or university that cultivates a lifelong love of learning and provides the foundation for a successful and fulfilling life beyond their degree.

Since 2009, the Counselors That Change Lives Award recognizes those whose dedication to the college counseling profession that reflects the CTCL ideal of helping students frame their search beyond the ratings and rankings to find a college that provides the foundation for a successful and fulfilling life, these counselors change lives.

Major (R) Frank J. Branch was nominated by Susan Margaret Barrett of Millsaps College, and he is the 1st person from Mississippi to receive this prestigious international award.

Major Frank Branch (Retired) believes preparation is the foundation for success and

he always coached his students to start that preparation as early as they can in their educational careers.

He is a standout role model for them and the elementary and middle school students he inspires as a mentor and health and wellness program coordinator.

He chairs several scholarships and community-based education awareness efforts to support as many students as possible on the road to college. Every August he facilitates a college planning series that includes an orientation and a goal-setting workshop to launch students into their college admission and financial aid journeys. He empowers his advisees through intrusive intervention, pushing them to look beyond their comfort zones for the greater opportunities and options he knows they deserve.

As a mentor, Branch believes in his students until they can believe in themselves. His kinetic optimism motivates and uplifts the students and colleges to which they are introduced; it fuels his drive to get them to recognize the potential, talent, and tremendous impact they can have on their communities and world.

Major Branch says, "It is never too early to start PREPARING for SUCCESS."



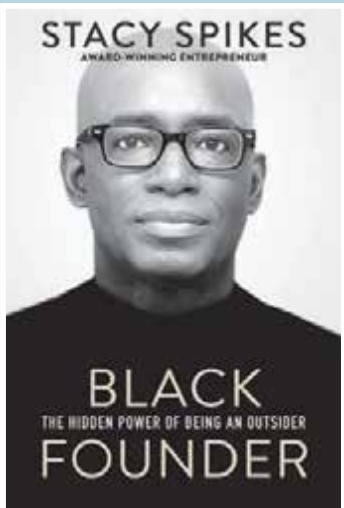
Middle School Partnership Excellence Awards – Blackburn Middle

Blackburn Middle School partnered with Jackson State University's Department of Community Engagement, Dr. Heather Denne' and Khaliya Ervin of JSU, and Murphy Greer of Blackburn to create, develop and maintain a community garden, culminating with the Annual Greens Cook-off. After planting greens and other vegetables, teams of scholars and community volunteers worked in the school's learning garden regularly to water the seeds and weed plants. Once harvested, scholars and community volunteers participated in the annual Greens Cook-Off to determine which team produced the best-tasting greens. Additionally, in the spring, a scholar-led farmer's market is held, offering a variety of vegetables for sale. This provides an invaluable lesson in entrepreneurship. One hundred percent (100%) of all proceeds are divided among participating scholars. This is an amazing demonstration of the opportunities available with this farm-to-table concept.

High School Governor's Awards – Lanier High

In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, Lanier High School and the Lanier High School Alumni Association worked together to continue its stellar support of scholars and their families. Partnerships were cultivated to provide vital support within the community, emphasizing mental health and nutritional support, including a food pantry distribution. In-kind and financial donations were provided for these services, in addition to a \$13,000 contribution towards the school's annual budget. The school and the Alumni Association work together to determine which projects will be supported with these funds. Partners include the University of Mississippi's Medical Center School of Nursing, Children's of Mississippi Community Outreach Program, MS State Dept. of Health Dentistry Program, Farish Street Community of Shalom, U Sew Nice, Stanley Weakley and Associates, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, Lanier High School Health Clinic, Footprint Farms, and United Healthcare.





BOOK REVIEW:

BLACK FOUNDER:

THE HIDDEN POWER OF BEING AN OUTSIDER

BY STACY SPIKES

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

A good building starts with a substantial foundation. No matter where you go from there, that base is an opening action, an announcement, a public sign of things to come.

Whether it's a new home for human, hoopy, or heirlooms, or the future site of industry or ideas, the foundation is the start of something exciting. In a new business and as in the new book "Black Founder" by Stacy Spikes, it needs to be solid.

With high school graduation

on the horizon, Stacy Spikes was itching to move.

His hometown of Houston, Texas, had become "too small" to hold his dreams. Education was important in his family, but college held no interest to him, either. Instead, he was going to Los Angeles to chase a career in music and movies.

He broke the news to his parents and, with \$300 in his pocket, he drove northwest.

Once in California, Spikes quickly understood that he didn't need a job, he needed several of them. Before he could

get settled, though, he fell in with a bad crowd and was hospitalized to help him kick drugs and alcohol abuse forever.

He returned to a job he had working with a two-in-one company in Encino, making and packaging videos. The men he worked with mentored him; it was there that he learned the need to "go to extra lengths to meet [someone] in their field."

Spikes took acting classes and absorbed as much as he could about old-time black comedians. He built a recording studio in his home and learned to make

album covers, which led him to a job at Motown, where he went into sales and learned how to make an impression.

The "Black Godfather" taught him that it was possible to talk with anyone, black or white, with honesty. And before he founded Urbanworld Film Festival and MoviePass, Motown helped him see that to succeed, "You didn't need an army, just a small group of like-minded souls set on making a difference."

Readers looking for a good business biography are in for

a nice surprise when they read "Black Founder." They'll also get some entrepreneurial advice. It's not bold-face or bulleted; you'll have to look for it, but it's in there.



"Transparency" is what author Stacy Spikes learned early, and it's what he applies inside this book, which is refreshing.

This isn't a book about a meteoric rise; Spikes instead writes about setbacks, both personal and professional, and times of struggle. Readers can imagine a Parkour-like hustle that Spikes describes as he overcame seem-

ingly-catastrophic events and still landed with both feet; such tales serve to instruct as much as does the actual instruction.

Though it may seem to lag a bit – especially for older readers, or those who are unfamiliar with the businesses Spikes founded – "Black Founder" is entertaining enough to read for fun, with a side dish of instruction.

Whether you're ready to act now or you're just finding your inner entrepreneur, to launch your idea, it's a good base.



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Tougaloo wins GCAC Tournament

By Timothy Ward
Sports Writer

Tougaloo Bulldogs men’s team continued their magical season with a 62-61 win over the Philander Smith College Panthers last Sunday. The Bulldogs lead most of the game, but with the season on the line, the Panthers were able to tie the game up leaving 0.5 seconds on the clock.

Tougaloo head coach, Eric Strothers, took a timeout to design the final play. Game is tied at 61. Tougaloo would have to inbound the ball on the other side of the court. Out of the timeout, the Tougaloo gymnasium is on edge. Tougaloo throws the ball across halfcourt, Andre Brunt for the Bulldogs goes up in the air for the pass, but as he tries to catch the pass, he’s fouled! Because Tougaloo was fouled before they could catch the pass, no time ran off the clock, keeping the game clock at 0.5 seconds.

Tougaloo fans erupt, the Bulldogs can win the game at the free throw line. Brunt steps to the line and takes the first shot. He missed! Panthers players clapping, the few Panthers fans in attendance cheer. The ref throws the ball to Andre Brunt for his second free throw. He pauses, takes a breath, goes through his free throw, shoots the ball and he makes it!

Tougaloo leads 62 to 61 with 0.5 left. Philander Smith inbounds the ball, attempts a full court shot that falls short. Pandemonium at Tougaloo’s gym!



Andre Brunt nailed the go ahead free throw to win the game.

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Bulldogs rush the court



Tournament MVP Cameron Copeland



Tougaloo head coach Eric Strothers holds the championship trophy.



Tougaloo championship photo



Darryl Jones

Players run on to the court, fans cheering, music blasting, coaches congratulating each other, and smiles are everywhere.

Cameron Copeland of Tougaloo won tournament MVP. His teammate, Darryl Jones was a 1st team all tournament selec-

tion. Tougaloo currently sits at 29-1. The Bulldogs have won 17 straight games. Tougaloo earned

the automatic bid to the NAIA National Championship Tournament. The teams that qualified for the tournament will be an-

nounced Thursday. Tougaloo is in a great position to possible host a first or second round game.

JPS has two teams make the basketball Final Four

By Timothy Ward
Sports Writer

Callaway’s Lady Chargers and Provine’s Rams punched their tickets to the Final Four held at the “Big House,” the Mississippi Coliseum.

Callaway’s road to the final four began with a 54 to 40 win over Cleveland Central, followed by a 53 to 50 win over West Point, and their latest victory was this past Saturday at Itawamba Community College defeating Ridgeland 57 to 55.

Callaway, 26-6, will play Laurel, 19-8. The winner will play the winner of the Lafayette vs West Jones game for the 5A girls championship Friday at 5 p.m.

Provine’s road to the final four began with a first round bye. The Rams won their district tournament and were awarded a first round bye. In the second round, Provine defeated Saltillo, 74 to 56. Provine would go on to win last Saturday at Itawamba Community College defeating Cleveland Central 53 to 50.

Next up, is Picayune. Picayune is 17-14 while Provine is 24-7. Provine head coach Sirdonta Washington, will not let his Rams look past any opponent. One of the greatest things about sports is anything can happen at any time.



Callaway head coach Ashli Sutton has led her chargers to the final four.



Provine head coach Sirdonta Washington has led Provine back to the boys final four.

Raymond vs Yazoo City’s boys will battle for 4A Championship



William Grayson takes a shot.



Coach Tadlock and the Raymond Rangers looking to repeat as champions.

By Timothy Ward
Sports Writer

One of the most winningest coaches in Mississippi High School basketball history has returned home to Yazoo City and built his school back to championship level. Coach Anthony Carlyle, has won 5 state championships and looking to add a sixth. The Indians come in with a 29-5 record.

Yazoo City defeated South Pike 46 to 35. Damarion Winston lead the team with 17

points.

Raymond has won 4 of the past 6 championships; winning last year and looking to repeat once again.

Head coach Tony Tadlock stated, “We lost, in my opinion, the best backcourt in the state.” “We lost four of our top five scorers last year, but to see this group grow up and gel has been amazing. You’ve got to enjoy every moment of it because these runs, one day it’s going to come to an end.”



Larry Lee Jr dunks.



Coach Carlyle talks with his Yazoo City Indians.



Damarion Winston lays the ball up.

Keep Jackson Beautiful & Community Cleanup Day

By Jeffory McKenzie
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On Saturday, February 18, 2023, several members of Brooks, Williams, Stewart Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9832 located on Willie Lindsey Jr. Dr. (f/k/a Sunray Dr.) along with several auxiliary members, teamed up with LTC Rodney Parker and members of Callaway High School JROTC cadets and students from Jim Hill High School, to conduct a Keep Jackson Beautiful, “VFW and Community Cleanup Day.”

This group of committed individuals cleaned up the streets of Willie Lindsey Jr. Dr., from the VFW Post to Sunset Dr. They also picked up trash on Sunset Dr., from Northside Dr. to the Dawson Elementary School, the adopted school of the VFW Post 9832.



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During The Cleanup



After The Cleanup



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, having one or more of the following puts you at high risk of getting severe COVID-19.

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- Hypertension
- Smoking
- Diabetes
- High Cholesterol
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