

Meredith Mississippi March for Freedom revisited



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By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Fifty-seven years ago, this month, the indomitable James Meredith, set out to walk from Memphis to the Mississippi State Capital of Jackson. His purpose was to demonstrate that blacks could walk with dignity and exercise their freedom without fear of terror or abuse. Yet on Day 2 of the walk, he was shot by James Aubrey Norvell, a hardware clerk in Memphis. So much for freedom in 1966 Mississippi.

As we approach Mr. Meredith's 90th birthday later this month, *The Mississippi Link* newspaper is revisiting his March Against Fear, its impact on the Civil Rights Movement, and where we are today in the Magnolia State with freedom and racial justice.

Per numerous sources, including *The Smithsonian Magazine*, the Voting Rights Act had been passed only the year before the march, and his goal was to inspire African Americans to register and go to the polls. "I was at war against fear," he recalls. "I was fighting for full citizenship for me and my kind."

Four years earlier, he'd become the first black person to enroll at

the University of Mississippi, in Oxford, despite vehement protests from Governor Ross Barnett and campus riots that left 2 people dead and more than 160 wounded, including dozens of federal marshals.

"Basic rights of citizenship such as school integration and voting were systematically denied. Leaders and anyone else courageous enough to stand up and denounce Jim Crow status-quo, risked being killed or harmed by white racists. There was little or no recourse. Blacks in Mississippi were still mourning and being terrorized by the deaths of several prominent figures, most recently, Vernon Dahmer of Hattiesburg," per a Dr. Roslind McCoy Sibley, the only child of Dr. A.H. McCoy and Dr. Rose Embly McCoy, paper commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the March Against Fear for the Veteran's of Mississippi Civil Rights Movement newsletter, June 25, 2016. Please find a reprint of her entire paper in this issue of *The Mississippi Link*.

After Meredith was shot, "the Civil Rights Movement's most prominent figures – ranging from the Rev. Martin Luther

King Jr. to Stokely Carmichael, whom *TIME* called "the most militant of all civil rights leaders" – swooped in to finish to trek for him, what became known as the "March Against Fear." It is said to have grown to as many as 15,000 people once it reached Jackson on June 26, 1966. By the end, between 2,500-4,000 African Americans were said to have been added to state's voting lists, according to some counts, per *Time.com*. The largest civil rights protest in Mississippi history, per *Blackpast.org*.

"Speaking at a rally of supporters in Greenwood, Mississippi, on June 16, Carmichael (who had been released from jail that day) began leading the crowd in a chant of "We want Black Power!" The refrain stood in sharp contrast to many civil rights protests, where demonstrators commonly chanted "We want freedom!" The emergence of Black Power as a parallel force alongside the mainstream civil rights movement occurred during the March Against Fear," per *History.com*

Despite the passing of the Voting Rights Act of 1964 – the Act "had one major flaw. It did not address all the legal and il-

legal methods whites had used to systematically deny blacks the right to vote in state and local elections. Then on August 6, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the act into law with Alabama NAACP activist Rosa Parks by his side.

Laying out the importance of the bill, Johnson said, "The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men," per *pbs.org*. The timing and impact of the March Against Fear was profound and became a major milestone in the civil rights movements, predicated on the steadfast determination of one man.

Assessing our progress since then is an arduous task. There is no doubt we have seen forward movement, no doubt at all. Yet to realize all our freedoms more fully is like an obstacle course with a hundred speed bumps. Let's look at a few of them: 1) when people die for our right to vote and we don't exercise that hard earned right, we thwart

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Pamela Junior celebrates 35 years of service



Pam Junior with sons, Jarrel Junior (I) and Alfred Rashad Junior III (r)

By Jackie Hampton
Mississippi Link Publisher

A grand retirement celebration for the director of the Two Mississippi Museums, Pamela D.C. Junior, was held Thursday, June 15, 2023 at the museum located at 222 North Street in Jackson. It was sponsored by The Mississippi Department of Archives & History. A reception was held at 5 p.m. followed by a program of tributes beginning at 6 p.m.

Dr. Michael Matlock, one of several individuals paying tribute to Junior, taught her when she was a sophomore at Jackson State University and he and his family continued a long and loving relationship with her throughout the years. He flew in from Canada for her event and stated even though she would have forgiven him had he not been able to make her retirement celebration, he told his wife, and "I wouldn't be able to forgive myself".

Matlock said as a student Junior was "high energy, high capacity and high influence

of classmates, quiet until she had something to say, and principle driven." All of the speakers described her similarly.

Mark G. Henderson, director of JSU's Maddrama along with several of his performers gave a melodramatic performance dedicated to Junior.

Two poems were written on the retiree's behalf. Her cousin, Vicky Brown, paid tribute through a poem she had written and Amanda Furdge wrote and recited a poem as well. Both pieces of poetry brought tears and standing ovations from the audience.

Along with others, also speaking on her behalf and giving tributes included City of Jackson Mayor Chokwe Lumumba and City Councilman Vernon W. Hartley, Ward 5.

Her sons Alfred Rashad Junior III and Jarrell Junior also gave a tribute to their mother. They talked about how hard she always worked, as did most who paid tribute to her.

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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Brandon Presley, Part 1

The man with sights on being the next governor of Mississippi visits with *The Mississippi Link* in an expanded coverage Q & A

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Nettleton is a northeast Mississippi town of less than 2,000 residents, and Brandon Presley was raised there by a single mother after his father was murdered on Presley's first day of third grade. In a Youtube video entitled, Heartbeat, he mentioned being able to see through the floor in his home right to the dirt, and that his mother was the rock of the family and made sure that he and his siblings never felt as poor as they really were.

His campaign mantra of standing up for the little guy didn't come about by accident. Census data indicates that 20.3% of those under age 18 and 30.9% of those age 65 or over in Nettleton, live



Brandon Presley, PHOTO: PSC WEBSITE

below the poverty line.

He graduated Itawamba Community College and attended Mississippi State University, then returned to Nettleton and was elected mayor at 23 years of age,

one of the youngest ever in Mississippi history. At 30 – in 2007, he was elected to the Public Service Commission, Northern District, again, the youngest in our history – and was reelected in 2011, 2015 and 2019 without opposition. He has served on numerous national regulatory boards and served as the president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), which is composed of regulatory commissioners from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. He has also served as president of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, which is composed of Public Service Commissioners from the eleven (11) southern states and

Puerto Rico.

Now, at age 45, his campaign to become the next Democratic governor of Mississippi seems to be running on all cylinders, garnering attention across the state and the nation. Everybody the world over knows about Mississippi's torrid past, but even today, Mississippi is still sizzling – 49th in healthcare overall, 50th in healthcare quality, COVID death rate, life expectancy, fetal death rate, infant death rate, poverty rate, and incarceration rate, just to name a few, per U.S. News & World Report. And again 50th in Racial equity Index, per National Equity Atlas.

Presley gives no evidence of shrinking from our realities in Mississippi, moreover, his man-

ner of speaking truth about the failings of the current occupant of the Governor's Mansion is unrelenting.

Since announcing his candidacy in January, he has spoken out about our need to have a war on corruption – "We need to sanitize our state government that is infected with corruption so we can have a government that responds to the people, not just a government that is auctioned off to the highest bidder."

Pillars of his campaign include curbing the influence of lobbyists and giant corporations, cleaning up the largest public corruption scandal in state history, creating a strong non-partisan watchdog, establish a "Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Transparency

and Accountability" comprised of private citizens and good governance experts, to name a few. Visit www.brandonpresley.com to learn more.

Presley joined *The Mississippi Link* by telephone June 9, 2023, in response to our request for an interview.

Q: Democrat Jim Hood came within 5% points of Reeves in 2019, what have you been able to learn from his performance that can make a difference for you in November?

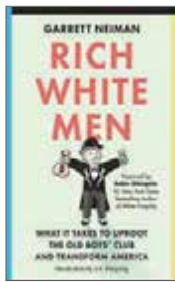
A: "First, we are going to compete for votes in every single county. Turnout was below normal in 2019. Our job is to compete and make the case why folks

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The Cheeks men: Like father, like sons

By Daphne Monix Higgins
Contributing Writer

The Word of God identifies several fathers throughout the bible who have passed their knowledge, faith, wisdom and courage on to their sons. This act of love from father to son is a generational strength that is often taken for granted, but it is a gift that can last as long as time itself.

Rev. Marcus Edward Cheeks, the father of three sons, is a prime example of imparting his children with seeds of success, while continuing to be an evolving role model. The four Cheeks men all recently graduated from academic programs within weeks of each other.

Rev. Cheeks received his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Mississippi on May 13, 2023. Myles Cheeks received his Associate of Applied Science in Drafting & Design Technology and a Technical Certificate from Holmes Community College in May 2023. Allen Cheeks received his diploma from Germantown High School on May 20, 2023. Jonathan Cheeks received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Mississippi State University in December 2022.



L-R: Rev. Marcus Cheeks with sons: Myles Cheeks, 21, Allen Cheeks, 18, Jonathan Cheeks, 24
PHOTO COURTESY OF CHEEKS FAMILY

The four Cheeks men, all local residents of metro Jackson, are extremely proud of this family accomplishment but none more than the senior Cheeks.

The pastor of True Light M. B. Church in Jackson, Rev. Cheeks leads by example. Before earning his Ph.D., he received his

Bachelor of Arts degree from Tougaloo College and his Master of Science degree from Jackson State University. Although the recent academic achievement among his sons has filled his heart with joy, Rev. Cheeks has challenged others to pursue educational opportunities.

The educator, who currently serves as the chief program officer at the National Association of ESEA, formerly worked with high-risk/low-income youth. He has served in and led several federal programs for the State of Mississippi. His commitment to education has earned him recog-

nition with numerous programs.

As seen with the academic success of his sons, Rev. Cheeks said, “I’ve always tried to set an example for my sons. Now, the bar has been set. They know that strength and perseverance run in their blood.”

Jonathan, the eldest of the three sons, noted the achievement of the male family members saying, “It is an example of what can be accomplished once a vision has been established, once a goal has been made. For all of us to have achieved this at the same time furthers the ideal that black men can make what’s perceived as impossible possible.

Myles, the middle son, echoed his brother’s sentiments and added, “My dad taught me if you’re going to do something, do it to the best of our ability.”

All of the Cheeks men have plans to continue their education. Rev. Cheeks will continue pastoring while helping to build the student population and theological programs at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. He also plans to publish his first book.

Jonathan will continue with engineering specific training, while Myles plans to get his bachelor’s in industrial technol-

ogy and Allen, the youngest of the three, will attend Belhaven University in the Fall. Allen, who has watched his older brothers progress in life said, “You can handle whatever the world throws at you if you stay with God.”

Rev. Cheeks is known within many circles as a dynamic and innovative leader who is committed to making a positive impact. He and his wife of 26 years, DeVonda, stand united in the vision that they not only have for their sons, but the church he pastors, as well. He noted that the vision for True Light is focused on fervent prayer, commitment and faithful service united with our Lord and Savior, “One in Jesus.”

This vision and success of this couple’s sons embody the scripture: Proverbs 1:8-9 - “Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendant for neck.

Because of their commitment to each other, their faith, their gained knowledge and added wisdom, along with their courage, the Cheeks men will succeed in whatever they pursue.



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Medgar Evers Library hosts Juneteenth Festival

By Angel Hampton
Guest Writer

About a month ago, I was asked if I would be willing to volunteer my time at the Medgar Evers Library during their annual 2023 Juneteenth Festival. Without hesitation, I agreed as I was looking forward to the opportunity to hang out with the kiddos, help out where I could and just be outside celebrating the culture on what I hoped would be beautiful weather at the start of the summer.

I made my way to the Medgar Evers Library last Friday morning for the 10 a.m.-2 p.m. event, after late night and early morning storms had swept through the city. During the drive I observed many trees down as well as several traffic lights out of service; however, in spite of the storms, the sun had come out and the festival could go on as planned.

As I arrived I could already hear the excited sounds of the children already playing and more participants arriving by bus loads and van loads, coming from summer camps, schools and nursing homes.

When I turned into the parking lot I immediately noticed all of the inflatable bouncy castles already in use. There were booths set up where the kids could get cotton candy and snow cones. Another section of the parking lot was dedicated for face painting.

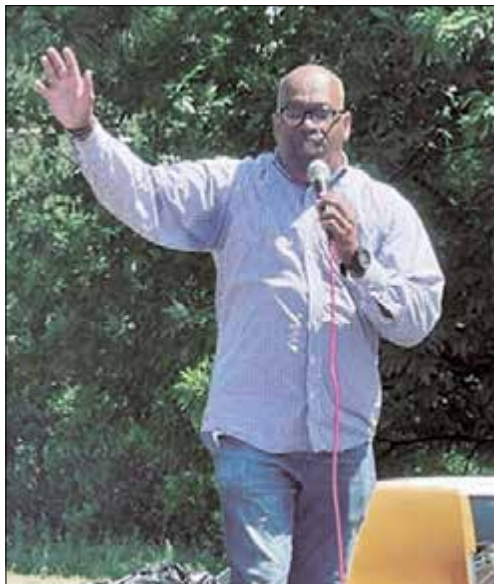
The celebration was hosted by the manager and staff of Medgar Evers Library with the support of Anne Sanders, manager of programs and partnerships for Jackson/Hinds Library System.

Sanders, who previously served as branch manager for the Medgar Evers Library has been coordinating Juneteenth events for over a decade, some of which began at what was known as the Northside Library. It is a tradition that started year ago and has been a consistent community event compared to other Juneteenth holiday celebrations in the city.

James Hampton, branch manager of the Medgar Evers Library, explained that the 'Celebration of Freedom' at the library has always been about getting the seniors citizens together with the young children, a time for the community to come together for a day of comradery and a bonding time for multiple generations to celebrate together.

He said, "This holiday event is about celebrating the people, African Americans that survived and even thrived in spite of enduring the harshest of conditions. These are the freedoms that we are celebrating during this holiday."

There was a stage set up for the opening ceremony where coach Andrew Campbell served as program guide for the celebration.



Director Floyd Council bringing greetings from the Jackson Hinds Library System
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COMMENTARY

The kids were so excited to see DJ Randy Wildman Brown of WMPR 90.1 FM, setting the tone and excited to see members of the Jim Hill High marching band perform.

Meanwhile, for those who preferred inside activities, Ranger Anne Quinn from the National Park Service was one of several who had story-time with the children. She read a story about the life of Medgar Evers and his wife and children. There was also a panel discussion which had an open forum of many topics. Lunch was served outside and everyone had plenty of good food that included fried catfish, chicken, potato salad, hamburgers and hot dogs. There was a DJ playing all kinds of music from blues to hip-hop and a live band and singers.

The common theme that continues to be emphasized this year is "information literacy." The American Library Association defines information literacy as the ability of individuals to 'recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate and use effectively the needed information.

Having cultural influence over the information that is disseminated in the media, both social and otherwise, is as important today even in this information age as it was then, which is the reason for this holiday: — people finally discovering that due to nationwide government that emancipation had taken place.

Hampton said, "Jackson-Hinds Library System is excited to have one of the earliest Juneteenth celebrations in the city and we are happy that the system and our director are enthusiastic about continuing the tradition of Juneteenth celebrations at the Jackson-Hinds Library System.



Story time for the children



Panelists



Diverse groups listening to history of Juneteenth



James Hampton III speaking about the history of Juneteenth



Children enjoying outside activities

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Family members celebrating with Junior: (L-R) Larry Turner, Pamela Junior, Carolyn Turner, Dawn & Larry Turner and their son Larry Turner III

Junior stated, "My cousin was right when he said I will slay a dragon for my sons."

She said, "Those are my precious sons that I have worked so hard in trying to set an example for them. I worked harder because I was a single

mother trying to raise two sons."

She hesitated before saying, "So I guess I did something right by always showing them hard work."

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need to turn out and put Tate Reeves in the unemployment line, and send a signal that we are not going to take any voters for granted. I think it's insulting to black voters when candidates in the past have at least intimidated that African-American voters are automatically going to vote Democrat. I'm going to make the case that people should not vote against Tate Reeves but to vote for me."

Q: In reading and listening to your campaign statements, it appears you are taking dead-aim at Reeves in the areas of integrity, transparency, decision-making and his lack of governing for all Mississippians. Is that a good summary?

A: "Oh, absolutely. The fact is that we are in the middle of the largest public corruption scandal in Mississippi state history and Tate Reeves is square-dab in the middle of it. He fires the independent prosecutor that was put in place to investigate all those who had been involved in this scandal when that prosecutor was getting too close to his buddies and campaign contributors. He is the poster child of the corrupt good ole boy system. He lives for campaign contributions rather than governing the state.

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progress, 2) when we allow impotent leaders to remain in elected office, we hinder progress, 3) when we don't find ways to work together to push back against oppression and discrimination, we deter progress, 4) when we continue to turn to clergy for direction and support, but many of them have turned to their own salaries and housing allowances and other jobs, we become discouraged and our progress is stymied, 5) when we wait for national figures like Reverend Al Sharpton and Reverend William Barber to generate rallies and marches we have become apathetic.

Ask yourself what Fannie Lou Hamer (MFDP), Dr. King (SCLC), Floyd McKissick (CORE),

Stokely Carmichael (SNCC), Aaron Henry and Vernon Dahmer would have to say about our current situation in Mississippi?

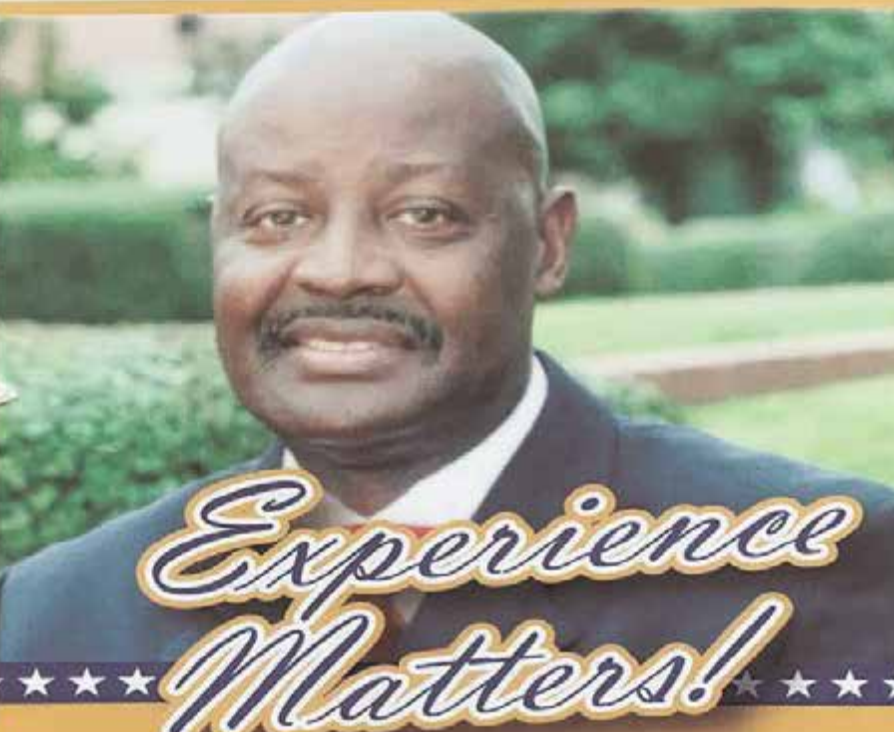
In February 2022, Meredith told *Itawamba County Times*, "I am on my last mission from God, to urge Mississippi to uplift our moral character by teaching the Ten Commandments, good from bad, right from wrong and the Golden Rule, to our young and to our uninstructed."

Let us all heed his sage words and fearless actions, and join *The Mississippi Link* newspaper in sending best wishes for a Happy 90th birthday Mr. James Meredith.

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Strong men in tough times celebrated

By Daphne Monix Higgins
Contributing Writer

Even though the existence of fathers is as old as time, Father's Day has only been celebrated for 113 years. The first celebration to honor fathers was held in a church in West Virginia and the recognition continued to grow across the country. Eventually, the third Sunday in June was identified as the day of honor for the United States, and it was made a federal holiday in 1972.

Now, here we are in 2023, and fathers are continuing to receive their well-deserved praise. College Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 1600 Florence Ave., Jackson, MS is one of the many locations to honor the wonderful men God has chosen to be the paternal caregiver of not only his children, but those in his communities, as well.

The Annual Men's Day Program, sponsored by the church's Laymen Ministry, was held on Father's Day, June 18, 2023. The theme: "Strong Men in Tough Times" reverberated throughout the service as program participants shared love and knowledge to all present. The program, which opened with old school hymns, was the perfect segue to the day's occasion, which was presented by Terrance McEwen. He asked the question, "Has there ever been a time when times weren't tough?" He verbalized the different struggles that have existed and are still prevalent in this country. He answered saying, "There have always been tough times and strong men in those tough times and yet, men are so often overlooked, but not



Dr. Robert Taylor, Men's Day speaker
PHOTOS BY JACKIE HAMPTON



Honoree Hill and wife Roceda (center) with sons Brandon Hill (left) and Terrence Hill (right)



Deacon Robert Green giving tribute from College Hill family



Brother Frank Miller giving tribute on behalf of honoree's family



(L-R) Pastor Chauncy L. Jordan, Sr., Roceda Hill, Man of the Year Willie Hill, Co-Chair Timothy Rush

today."

One man definitely not overlooked was the church's 2023 Man of the Year, Willie E. Hill. A lifelong member of College Hill, the honoree currently serves as president of the Laymen Ministry and the Evangelism Ministry. Hill, who was described by several members as a soft-spoken man with a vigorous work ethic to serve his church and community, is the 37th recipient of the annual honor.

The 2023 Men's Day message was delivered by Dr. Robert P. Taylor, a lifelong educator who briefly served as Mississippi's state superintendent but did not receive the confirmation for the position by Mississippi's Republican-led Senate.

Taylor quickly noted that although he was not confirmed, "I do know that the Lord is blessing me." He echoed, "It's a father who teaches a son that it's not about brawn or muscle, but about being gentle and consider-



Honoree Hill, Men's Day Co-Chair Bernard Bridges, Speaker Taylor, Co-Chair Timothy Rush

ate to others. Fathers provide a positive image of love for their sons and daughters. He anchored this in the scripture, citing Psalm 103:13 – The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him." and Colossians 3:21 – "Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged."

"As men and fathers, we've got to have activism in our communities. We need to have a conversation about what's good

for our communities; not sit on the sidelines. School is an opportunity to change a person's direction in life. Education is important, not just in the classroom but outside too," Taylor said. He challenged all of the men present to leave some type of legacy. His grandfather left him the legacy of reading and with that came knowledge. He closed by asking, "What legacy are you going to leave?"

Dr. Taylor and his wife of 30 years US Army Col. Vivian Mc-

Farland Taylor, are the parents of three adult children. He is a native of Laurel, and a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. He is also a graduate of Fayetteville State University where he received his Masters of School Administration and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. As an educator, he has given insight on various topics including curriculum, nutrition, school construction, educational leadership, technology and equity, diversity and inclusion.

Although the highlight of paying homage to the fathers and men of College Hill occurred during the special program, the festivities spanned across the weekend beginning with a Friday night Juneteenth celebration sponsored by the Evangelism Ministry and Laymen's Ministry of the church. A Men's Day picnic was held Saturday and the culmination of events ended with the Sunday program.

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1 dead, nearly 2 dozen injured after multiple tornadoes sweep through Mississippi

By Michael Goldberg and Rogelio Solis
Associated Press/Report for America

Multiple tornadoes swept through Mississippi Sunday, killing one and injuring nearly two dozen, officials said Monday. State emergency workers were still working with counties to assess the damage from storms in which high temperatures and hail in some areas accompanied tornadoes. The death and injuries were reported by officials in eastern Mississippi's Jasper County.

The small, rural town of Louin bore the brunt of the damage. Drone footage and photos showed wide expanses of debris-covered terrain, decimated homes and mangled trees. At least one person was lifted from the wreckage in a stretcher.

Standing in front of his damaged home on Monday, Lester Campbell told The Associated Press that his cousin, 67-year-old George Jean Hayes, is the person who died. Reached by phone Monday, Jones County Coroner Don Sumrall said Hayes was pronounced dead at 2:18 a.m. from "multisystem trauma."

Campbell fell asleep in his recliner Sunday evening. He was awakened around midnight after the lights went out. After he walked to the kitchen to grab something from the refrigerator, the tornado struck.

"It happened so fast," Campbell said. "It was like a train sound, a 'roar, roar, roar.'"

He dropped to the floor and crawled to his bedroom closet, where his wife had already taken shelter. By the time he reached the closet, the tornado had passed.



Campbell said he heard calls for help across the street, where Hayes lived in a trailer home. He emerged from his home to find emergency workers carrying his cousin, with a bloodied forehead and leg, into an ambulance. She was conscious and talking when he saw her but died before reaching the hospital, he said.

Most of the people injured in Jasper County, including Hayes, were transported to the South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel between 2 and 3 a.m., said Becky Collins, a spokeswoman for the facility. About 20 people had bruises and cuts. Most were in stable condition Monday morning.

Eric Carpenter, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jackson, said an unseasonably strong jet stream blew through the area. A tornado emerged near Louin before traveling at least 7 miles (11 kilometers) south to Bay Springs.

Tornadoes typically hit Mississippi in early to mid-spring. Carpenter called the timing of

the tornadoes, along with persistent thunder and hail as well as high temperatures, "a very unusual situation."

"This is a whole different game here," Carpenter said. "What we would typically see in March and April, we're seeing in June."

On March 24, a vicious tornado carved a path of destruction through parts of western and northern Mississippi, killing at least 26 and damaging thousands of homes. Some towns in the rural, poverty-stricken Mississippi Delta face a daunting task to rebuild.

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves said Monday's tornadoes also struck Rankin County, which borders the capital city of Jackson. Emergency crews were doing search and rescue missions and damage assessments, deploying drones in some areas because they were impossible to reach by vehicle due to downed power lines.

On Monday afternoon, another possible tornado struck the south Mississippi town of

Moss Point. Photos showed homes with obliterated roofs and tilted power lines. WLOX-TV reported that eight people were trapped inside a bank in downtown Moss Point.

In a Monday news release, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency said more than 49,000 homes in central Mississippi were without power. Tens of thousands of people in Hinds County, the most populous area of the state, were still without power Monday morning after high winds pummeled the state early Friday.

Reeves said the state is opening command centers and shelters for those displaced by the severe weather.

After fleeing his home Monday morning, Campbell returned to survey the damage. He arrived to find that half of the roof was gone, the garage destroyed and the windows shattered. He felt lucky compared to his neighbors.

"Most of the houses are gone. They are demolished. They're done," Campbell said.

Mississippi picks a new interim state Superintendent of Education



Ray Morgigno

The Associated Press

The Mississippi State Board of Education announced Thursday it selected the next interim state superintendent of education.

The board said Ray Morgigno, executive director of the East Mississippi Center for Educational Development, will assume the position on July 1. He will succeed Mike Kent, who was appointed to serve from April 3 through June 30.

Kent was appointed after Mississippi's Republican-led Senate voted against confirming veteran educator Robert P. Taylor.

Blocking Taylor's nomination angered some black Democrats who said the rejection was at least partly because Taylor is black and wrote years ago about the state's racist history. Some Republicans said they wanted a candidate with more experience improving low-performing schools.

Morgigno has nearly 30 years of experience in Mississippi public education as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and district superintendent, according to a news release from the Board of Education.

"Dr. Morgigno is a lifelong educator and public servant who brings a wealth of experience in public education in Mississippi," said Glen East, the board's vice chair. "The board is confident he will continue the great strides Mississippi has made in public education over the past decade as we conduct the search for a permanent state superintendent."

The board is working with a search company to field applications for a permanent superintendent. Members plan to select a final candidate before the end of 2023. The person will need to be confirmed by the state Senate during the 2024 legislative session.

A circus: Mississippi Supreme Court Justice decries efforts to keep him in lawsuit

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

In a rare address to a federal court Wednesday, Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Mike Randolph called efforts to attach him to a lawsuit challenging a new state law a "circus" with "no legal precedent in U.S. history."

Randolph was named a defendant in the lawsuit challenging House Bill 1020. The legislation was signed into law by Republican Gov. Tate Reeves in April. The new state law, which U.S. District Judge Henry Wingate has temporarily prevented from taking effect, expands the state's

role in courts and policing in Jackson.

Speaking before Wingate, Randolph said Wednesday was the first day in over 19 years that he addressed a courtroom from the podium rather than from the judge's bench.

"I have never seen a circus like this one," Randolph said. "I can't find a case in U.S. history like this."

The lawsuit, filed by the national, state and local chapters of the NAACP, says "separate and unequal policing" will return to Mississippi's majority-black capital under the state-run police department whose territory would

widen under the new state law. The law also creates a new court in part of Jackson with a judge appointed by Randolph and requires him to appoint four temporary judges to serve with the four elected judges in the area's circuit court.

Randolph said it is unprecedented for a state supreme court chief justice to be sued in a constitutional challenge to a state law.

In a June 2 ruling, Wingate said Randolph could not be sued over the state law, removing him as a defendant in the lawsuit. Wingate cited the principle of judicial immunity, which prevents judges

from being sued for most of their official acts.

Attorneys for the NAACP argued Wednesday that Randolph should remain in the lawsuit as a "nominal party." That could mean Randolph would remain in the suit even though he has no interest in its result.

Reeves and legislative leaders said the law is intended to help curb crime. But, the NAACP and other critics say the creation of a new court and the appointment of judges by a white chief justice is a way for the majority-white and Republican-led Legislature to wrest local control from residents of Jackson and Hinds County,

which are both majority-black and governed by Democrats.

After leaving the podium in federal court Wednesday, Randolph distributed documents to reporters that he said were photocopied letters and text messages from state judges. In the messages, the judges, some from Hinds County, thank Randolph for appointing special judges to reduce case backlogs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Randolph said the letters show he would not discriminate against a county when appointing judges.

On Wednesday, Wingate also considered arguments about whether to consolidate the lawsuit

over House Bill 1020 with a different lawsuit over another state law passed in 2023. The lawsuit, filed on behalf of the Mississippi Poor People's Campaign and several other organizations, says Senate Bill 2343 will restrict free speech by requiring people to obtain permission from state law enforcement officials for any protest near state buildings.

The NAACP lawsuit against House Bill 1020 claims the law is racially discriminatory under the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause. The lawsuit against Senate Bill 2343 says the law violates the First Amendment's protections.

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The Jim Crow Museum, a gaze of ignoble parts of America’s past and ongoing racism

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

Ferris State University (1010 Campus Dr., Big Rapids, Mich.) houses the Jim Crow Museum which is a 5,000-piece collection of racist artifacts for public viewing. Its founder and curator, Dr. David Pilgrim (vice president for Diversity and Inclusion), is an applied sociologist who believes that “racism can be objectively studied and creatively assailed.” In that regard, objects of intolerance are used to teach tolerance, thereby promoting social justice. As Pilgrim denotes: “The hateful, mean-spirited objects [on display] are a boil on this country, and the best way to deal with their ugliness – and the injustices they shaped and reflected – is to expose them.”

This “teaching laboratory” contextualizes the dreadful impact of Jim Crow laws and customs. It aims to dehumanize blacks and legitimize prejudice, discrimination and segregation. It contains historical artifacts like “Whites Only” signs, minstrel sheet music, Aunt Jemima cookie jars and the ink pen that President Lyndon Johnson used to sign the 1965 Voting Rights Act into law. There are also contemporary items like t-shirts that



The jim crow museum is located at ferris state university in big rapids, mich. It is america’s largest, publicly accessible collection of racist objects

mock President Barack Obama. These items are conversational pieces for dialogue about past and ongoing racism. The Jim Crow Museum has stunned curiosity seekers since it was founded in the mid-90s. Attractions include national and global individuals and groups such as African-Americans and other peoples of color, white Americans, college professors and students, civic and

business leaders, amateur historians, civil rights advocates, ministers and their congregations, documentarians and many others. Designed to broach the subject of race with tact and sensitivity, the exhibit purports to foster empathy, understanding and productive dialogue, mature themes, images and language. Explicit images of violence, offensive language

and other graphic and explicit historical content are included. These elements may cause some viewers to find the subject matter offensive and disturbing. Further, the exhibit is not recommended for children under 12. All children, 17 and under, must be accompanied by an adult. Not only does the exhibit confront race, race relations and racial inequality, but it,



Dr. David pilgrim is vice president for diversity and inclusion at ferris state university and curator of the jim crow museum of racist memorabilia that he founded in the mid-90s. PHOTOS, COURTESY OF FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

as well, provides an important form of outreach for the Jim Crow Museum to further its mission and impact across the US and internationally. Thus, for persons unable to visit the museum, Pilgrim engages in traveling exhibits. Hateful Things (the first) displays anti-black objects that are offensive to African-Americans and their struggles and triumphs in “pushing back against racial in-

justice.” The second traveling exhibit called Them “promotes stereotyping against African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanics, Jews and poor whites, as well as those who are the other, in terms of body type or sexual orientation.” The Jim Crow Museum is the US’s largest, publicly accessible collection of racist objects. Since its inception, it “has outgrown its space.” Forthcoming is the new Jim Crow Museum, Archive and Research Center which will be situated at the entrance to Ferris State University. It will be fully equipped and will handle the entire collection, physically and virtually. Hence, the Jim Crow Museum is an inevitable stance that we as a nation are more egalitarian than what we once were during the 1930s, 40s or 50s. Racism, the deeply rooted menace for pause, however, is still prevalent in our culture. Therefore, Dr. Pilgrim’s Jim Crow Museum is a tool that studies, analyzes and discusses racism for a more humane society, filled with diversity and inclusion. The Jim Crow Museum is open Tuesday – Friday, Noon to 5 p.m. For further inquiry, contact jimcrowmuseum.ferris.edu/ or call 231-591-5873.

Hug your boo today

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
Guest Writer



One of the greatest human comforts that one can experience is hugging. I love hugging. I love to see people hug, especially parents and their children and then spouses. My husband and I have a church member who is a registered nurse, and she is one of the most sincere and compassionate huggers I know. Her hugs are comforting, loving, peaceful and calming. Furthermore, her hugs somehow let you know that everything is going to be okay. Moreover, I know this seems like exaggeration, but it is not; she could perhaps sell her hugs...okay, a little corny. Now, she has a granddaughter who is following in her footsteps; she can’t wait until church is over so that she can give and receive hugs. I also know a family whose foundation is deeply embedded in hugging. This family is none other than my mother’s family. They have been a hugging family ever since I can remember. It doesn’t matter what the occasion is, they hug every time you see them; includes family and strangers. My uncle Bobby (I secretly called him Big Bob) had the reputation in the family, neighborhood, community and small city for hugging everyone – his hugs made everyone feel welcome to be in his presence, at his home and at the biggest family event of the year – his Fourth of July Celebration. In other words, we not only looked forward to hearing a live band sing and play the blues, eating some of the best barbeque (meat was so tender – you didn’t have to chew it), eating loaded baked beans and his famous sweet

potatoes and racoon (interesting), etc. But more than anything we looked forward to seeing Big Bob in his expensive linen two-piece attire, bad cowboy hat, alligator cowboy boots, best smelling cologne and reaching out to not only give us a comforting hug but a kiss on our foreheads too. Although, it seemed that he had hundreds come through he didn’t miss hugging anyone. Hugging may not seem important, but it is so important especially for family to hug, especially spouses. How often do you and your spouse hug? Do you give your spouse a hu or a Big Bob hug – a hu, is a half hug. According to the Sheba Medical Center hugging your spouse in marriage is vital for the following reasons: hugging boosts self-esteem, improves relationships for two main reasons: hugs are another form of communication that conveys messages and feelings that words can’t and physical touch causes the release of the “love hormone” oxytocin, which improves bonding and trust and makes people feel closer to one another, and hugging reduces pain – when we hug, it releases “feel good” hormones called endorphins and circulation is improved. The type of hugging that warrants the benefits above is not a hu – it requires a long embracing hug. According to TODAY health experts, hugging your spouse for 60 seconds will boost oxytocin and dopamine, your attachment and pleasure hormones. Furthermore, TODAY health experts compare hugging your spouse like enshrouding yourself in a warm blanket, and that feeling will stay with you for the day. Psychology Today identifies four major benefits of hugging:

- Can reduce inflammation
- Can reduce blood pressure

- Helps reduce the severity of the common cold
- Promotes the production of oxytocin.

Hugging is powerful in marriage. Hugging builds trusts, hugging increases one’s desire to have sex, hugging promotes relaxation, hugging is intimate, hugging is communicating, “I love you,” “I am here for you,” “I care for you,” “I am glad that I have you” and hugging is reassuring. If you and your spouse do not hug or don’t hug often – change this now. Hug your spouse today. In fact, health and marriage experts believe that the more you hug (20-30 seconds but 60 seconds for sure) your spouse, the more health benefits you will reap and it can create a stronger bond between the both of you. Therefore, husbands hug your wives (research shows that there are major health benefits in hugging your wives – hugging your wife can save her life). Wives hug your husbands. It’s nothing like coming home from a hard day of work and receiving a hug from your spouse, especially those spontaneous hugs. For instance, I love when my husband unexpectedly hugs me from behind while I am in the kitchen cooking – sometimes the food ends up overcooking (I know right). Please don’t wait until special occasions to hug your boo. Hug your boo today. Contact Dr. LaShunda Calvert for speaking engagements (motivational, ministering, marriage counseling, marriage workshops, marriage seminars, marriage conferences, etc.) on: Instagram: letsstay2gether4eva (Dr. LaShunda Calvert) Facebook: Dr. LaShunda Calvert Email:letsstaytogether4eva@gmail.com or call 601-874-6176.

Former President Trump indicted in Federal Court in Miami for alleged wrongdoing

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When does a person hit rock bottom in their life? What makes them say enough is enough? When does some level of humility kick in and they say I am sorry. Like you, I have been reading and seeing the political storm surrounding Donald Trump, our country’s former president. Just last week, Trump had 37 charges filed against him for the alleged mishandling of classified documents. He obviously thought he could simply take the documents home with him. These documents were of a sensitive nature. A stronger term might be “top secret.” Maybe because of who he is, he thought there would not be a problem. It is my opinion Trump has always thought of himself as several cuts above the rest of us. Therefore, with that mindset, he is the king and America is his castle. As with all people who are self-absorbed and selfish, they usually come to a screeching halt, one that is heard around the world. Such is the crashing now that is happening to Donald Trump. It is occurring right in front of our eyes. This is my opinion. Of course, Trump was indicted recently in New York and now in Florida.

Jack Smith, the special prosecutor, was methodical in gathering the evidence and presenting the facts. Some criticized Smith for not being more aggressive. It is my thinking that he just let the facts speak for themselves. Trump seems to be unmoved and un-fazed by this latest indictment. After his arraignment in Florida, he traveled to Bedminster, New Jersey for a fundraiser. Reports say that he has raised over 7 million dollars since his federal indictment. You can’t downplay the fact that there are still people who believe in the virtues of Donald Trump. All of us have our opinions about his guilt or innocence. For example, some members of both houses of Congress have different views. Speaker of the House, Kevin McCarthy believes that he is innocent and is the victim of a political witch hunt. Congressman Steve Scalise of Louisiana also believes Trump has been targeted because of politics. On the other hand, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell has remained silent. Republican Senator John Thune said, “There are very serious allegations in the indictment and the Justice Department is handling this fairly and as they would for any other elected official.” We will wait and see if other elected officials offer their opinions on what is transpiring with Trump.

I do wonder about those who support him so vigorously. There are a few questions that surface at the inquiry desk. First, when classified documents are found at someone’s house isn’t that illegal? Maybe not in the eyes of his supporters. Second, what are constituents saying about their elected officials who support him? Are elected officials fearful of not being reelected, so they conform to the party line? You know that is troublesome when you hold your own integrity hostage. Knowing what is right and acting upon what is right are two different things. In the meantime, Trump still holds a double-digit lead in the Republican polls. Betting money has him garnering the nomination as the Republican candidate. However, I believe the GOP is anxious and worried. They know that another indictment is coming soon from the state of Georgia. It is not if it is coming, it is simply when it is coming. That would make me nervous. Wouldn’t you be too? That will mean there will be three indictments against the former president of the United States of America. Regardless of your political persuasion that is sad. Here is a scenario for you. He will be campaigning for president and be in court campaigning to stay out of prison at the same time. Get ready because that may just happen.

Dry Eye

By Vince Faust
Tips to be Fit

“My eyes feel a little funny.” We have all said this at some time. Eye problems can be uncomfortable. Many common eye (ocular) disorders disappear without treatment or can be managed if you self-treat. Various products from artificial tears and ointments to ocular decongestants are available over the counter (OTC). These products can help with dryness, itching or excessive watering of the eye. But, you should have some caution. In some instances, what seems like a minor eye problem may lead to a severe and potentially blinding condition. Dry eye can affect your daily activities such as reading, using digital devices and driving. Dry eye causes considerable discomfort and a decreased quality of life.

Dry eye, also known as dry eye syndrome or keratoconjunctivitis sicca, is a common ocular condition that occurs when your eyes are unable to produce an adequate amount of tears or maintain proper tear film stability. This condition can lead to discomfort, visual disturbances and potential damage to the ocular surface.

There are many safe and effective OTC products for mild eye disorders available for self-treatment. There are important factors to remember when considering self-treatment: (1) if the problem appears to involve the eyeball itself, you should consult a physician immediately, (2) if you use an OTC eye-care product for 72 hours without improvement of your condition worsens, you also should see a doctor immediately. (3) If blurring of vision or visual loss is one of your symptoms, see an ophthalmologist (MD) immediately.

Your eyes are complex sensory organs. About 85% of the total



sensory input to our brains originates from our sense of sight, while the other 15% comes from the other four senses of hearing, smell, touch and taste. Your eyes are designed to optimize vision under conditions of varying light. Their location, on the outside of the face, makes them susceptible to trauma, environmental chemicals and particles and infectious agents. The eyelids and the position of the eye within your bony orbital cavity are the major protective mechanism for your eye.

Your eye has the shape of a sphere measuring about 1 inch in diameter. It consists of a clear, transparent dome at the front (the cornea) that is surrounded by the white of the eyeball (the sclera). The iris of the eye is the circular, colored portion within the eye and behind the cornea, and the pupil is the central opening within the iris. Behind the iris and pupil is your eye's lens. The space behind the back of the cornea and the front of the lens is called the anterior chamber and is filled with the aqueous fluid. Behind your lens is a large space that is filled by the transparent vitreous gel. The retina, the thin, light-sensitive tissue that changes light images to electrical signals

via a chemical reaction, lines the inside of the back of your eye. These electrical signals generated by your retina are sent to our brain through the optic nerve. Our brain interprets what our eyes see.

The inner sides of your eyelids, which touch the front surface of surface of the eye, are covered by a thin membrane (the palpebral conjunctiva) that produces mucus to lubricate your eye. This thin membrane folds back on itself and covers the visible sclera of your eyeball. This continuation of the palpebral conjunctiva is called the bulbar conjunctiva.

Natural oil for the tears is produced by tiny glands located at the edges of your eyelids, providing additional lubrication for your eye. The main components of tears are formed by the lacrimal gland located under the upper lid at the outer corner of your eye. The tears are composed of a combination of the substances produced by the lacrimal gland, your oil glands and your mucous glands. Tears flow toward the nasal side of the eye and drain into the lacrimal sac in the area between the eye and the side of the nose.

Several factors can contribute

to the development of dry eye. One common cause is decreased tear production, which can be due to age, hormonal changes, certain medications or underlying health conditions such as Sjogren's syndrome. Another cause is an increased tear evaporation caused by environmental factors That could include the smoke we got from the Canadian fires, low humidity, prolonged digital device use or exposure to dry and windy climates. Anatomical abnormalities in the eyelids or problems with the oil producing glands in your eyelids, known as Meibomian gland dysfunction (MGD) can disrupt the tear film and also contribute to dry eye symptoms.

Treatment can include OTC artificial tears and lubricating eye drops. OTC artificial tears can provide temporary relief by supplementing natural tear production and lubricating your eyes. You should use a preservative free formulation if you have to use the drops for a prolonged period of time.

Most doctors recommend good eyelid hygiene as a great preventative measure. Regular lid scrubs and warm compresses can help remove debris and unclog your Meibomian glands allowing them to secrete the necessary oils to stabilize your tear film.

Lifestyle changes can also alleviate dry eye. These include taking frequent breaks from your digital devices, adjusting your screen brightness, using a humidifier to increase indoor humidity, wearing wraparound sunglasses in dry or windy conditions and avoiding smoke or other irritants.

If you are going to use nutritional supplements consult your doctor.

You don't ever want to lose your eyesight. I lost my sight for a few hours. It was the worst period in my life. Protect your eyes.

Pain in your foot or ankle? It could be arthritis



StatePoint

Arthritis in the feet and ankles can produce swelling and pain, deformity, loss of joint function and loss of mobility. Whereas previous generations had to accept this as a normal part of aging, an explosion of new therapies and surgical treatments is offering patients today both hope and relief. For best results however, foot and ankle surgeons urge early intervention.

“When it comes to arthritis, it's important not to tough out symptoms or bear the pain,” says Danielle Butto, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon and Fellow member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). “Earlier treatment is not just about alleviating symptoms sooner. In many cases, we can even slow the progression of the symptoms, and use less invasive procedures to treat the condition than we would otherwise.”

Understanding the early warning signs of arthritis, the progression of different forms of the disease and the new treatments available are important for getting the proper treatment and managing your symptoms.

Osteoarthritis: Osteoarthritis is a degenerative condition characterized by the breakdown and eventual loss of cartilage in the joints.

One common area where osteoarthritis occurs is the big toe. The big toe makes it possible for you to walk and run upright, absorbing forces equal to nearly twice your body weight when walking. With all it endures, it's no surprise that overuse can erode cartilage, causing serious pain and even physical deformities. Nevertheless, many people confuse big toe arthritis, also known as hallux rigidus, with bunions.

Early signs of hallux rigidus include pain and stiffness during use, or during cold, damp weather, difficulty with activities like running and squatting, and swelling and inflammation around the joint. Additional symptoms may develop over time, including pain during rest, bone spurs, limping, and dull pain in the hip, knee or lower back due to changes in gait.

If you notice any of these symptoms, see a foot and

ankle surgeon. Conservative treatments like shoe modifications, orthotic devices and physical therapy, may prevent or postpone the need for surgery. If you have mid- to end-stage arthritis in your foot or ankle, you may require next steps, such as ground-breaking cartilage regeneration treatment, implant surgery or the surgical removal of damaged cartilage and spurs, all of which have quick recovery periods.

“People with this disorder tend to suffer much longer than they need to,” says Dr. Butto. “They're often pleasantly surprised when they find out their problem can be fixed.”

Rheumatoid Arthritis: Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a disease in which certain cells of the immune system malfunction and attack healthy joints. Foot problems caused by RA commonly occur in the ball of the foot near the toes, although RA can also affect other areas of the foot and ankle. The most common signs and symptoms are pain, swelling, joint stiffness and difficulty walking, as well as a range of deformities, including rheumatoid nodules, dislocated toe joints, hammertoes, bunions, heel pain, Achilles tendon pain and flatfoot ankle pain.

As part of a team that includes a primary doctor or rheumatologist, your foot and ankle surgeon will develop a treatment plan aimed at relieving associated pain, which may include orthotic devices, accommodative shoes, aspiration of fluid build-up and steroid injections. When RA produces foot pain and deformities not relieved through other treatments, surgery may be required.

“Listening to your body and seeing a foot and ankle surgeon are so important. With today's scientific advances, treatment can reduce pain and restore you to your previous mobility, strength and functionality,” says Dr. Butto.

For more information on foot and ankle arthritis or to find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the patient education website of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

Diabetes and eating sugar

By Mike Stobbe
AP Medical Writer

A lot of people ask me if eating sweets can cause diabetes. I always answer no. But there's more to know than just giving up your cravings for cookies, candy and sweetened treats. Type 2 diabetes is not always linked to obesity.

Diabetes is listed as the fifth deadliest disease in the United States. The American Diabetes Association (ADA) estimated that the total annual economic impact of diabetes in 2018 was \$327 billion. That is one out of every 10 health care dollars spent in the United States.

The exact cause of most types of diabetes is unknown. In all cases, sugar builds up in your bloodstream. This is because your pancreas can't produce enough insulin. Type 1 and type 2 diabetes are believed to be caused by a combination of genetic or environmental factors. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disorder in which the immune system attacks and destroys your insulin producing cells in your pancreas. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes and is closely associated with lifestyle choices that include diet and exercise.

We need sugar in our blood stream all the time. Our bodies work hard to maintain blood glucose in a specific range, 80-120 mg/dL. When we don't eat food our blood glucose can fall below 80. Your body has several mechanisms to bring the blood sugar back to an acceptable level. The hormone glucagon is released from the pancreas and causes the breakdown of liver glycogen and the release of glucose.



If we don't take in food for 1-3 days, protein is broken down to release gluconeogenic amino acids. These travel to the liver and are converted to glucose. If we don't eat food for 3 days, protein catabolism slows and fatty acids are released to provide ketones as the source of energy. Your brain and other body cells use ketones as their main energy source in an effort to conserve glucose and muscle mass.

The digestion of carbohydrates begins in your mouth. Sugar is a carbohydrate. Chewing turns the carbohydrate foods into smaller pieces. The salivary glands in your mouth secrete saliva that coats the food particles. Saliva contains the enzyme, salivary amylase. This enzyme continues to break down the carbohydrates. The salivary amylase breaks down amylose and amylopectin into smaller chains of glucose, called dextrins and maltose. When carbohydrates reach the stomach no further chemical breakdown occurs be-

cause the amylase enzyme does not function in the acidic conditions of the stomach. But the mechanical breakdown is ongoing – the strong peristaltic contractions of the stomach mix the carbohydrates into the more uniform mixture of chyme. The chyme is gradually expelled into the upper part of the small intestine. Upon entry of the chyme into the small intestine, your pancreas releases pancreatic juice through a duct. This pancreatic juice contains the enzyme, pancreatic amylase, which starts again the breakdown of dextrins into shorter and shorter carbohydrate chains.

Additionally, the intestinal cells that line the villi secrete enzymes. These enzymes, known collectively as disaccharides, are sucrose, maltase, and lactase. Sucrose breaks sucrose into glucose and fructose molecules. Maltase breaks the bond between the two glucose units of maltose and lactase breaks the bond between galactose and glucose. Once car-

bohydrates are chemically broken down into single sugar units they are then transported into the inside of intestinal cells.

You should note that sugar itself is not inherently “bad” or a direct cause for diabetes. Your body needs glucose, which you get from carbohydrates that includes sugar for energy. Naturally occurring sugars found in fruits, vegetables and dairy products are accompanied by essential nutrients and fiber, which slows down their absorption and mitigates the impact on your blood sugar levels. Added sugars, such as those in soda, candy, cookies, cakes and pies provide empty calories, fat and salt, which don't do too much to help you get in all your daily nutritional needs.

To prevent or manage type 2 diabetes, it's important to have a balanced and nutritious diet. Reducing your intake of highly processed foods with the added fat and salt is a key component of a healthy eating plan. We should focus on eating whole foods, including lean proteins, whole grains, fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products. These foods provide essential nutrients, dietary fiber and a steady release of glucose into your bloodstream. This will promote stable blood sugar levels.

Regular exercise is also important to help control weight, improves your insulin sensitivity and enhances your overall health.

Combined with a healthy diet, physical activity can significantly reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes and help manage the condition in people that have already been diagnosed.

P R E S E R V E D

Are you saying enough or next?

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



"I've had just about enough of this and I'm not taking anymore!" Do these words sound familiar? I think if we are honest, most of us have either thought or uttered these words at least once in our lives. There will come a point when we will stop saying "enough" and start saying "next." But when is that point? It's different for everyone. For some, it comes when the pain of saying "enough" is overshadowed by the hope of change or the anticipation of what's next.

There is a strange comfort that comes in saying "enough" because of a painful situation. Pain lets us know that we are still connected to someone or something else even if that connection causes pain. And strangely that connection acknowledges and validates us.

It's like someone staying in an abusive relationship because the pain of an abusive relationship is nothing compared to the pain that comes from being out of a relationship and alone...and feeling disconnected. The pain that comes is not from being alone but from not having the emotional maturity to deal with the unresolved issues that cause feelings of disconnection: fear, shame and regret.

I heard a great motivational speaker say that the best response to rejection isn't "why?" but "next." Responses like "enough" and "why" still keep the one who has been rejected focused on the rejection and the one who rejected them.

I know when I've said "enough" about a situation I have a tendency to go over the reasons in my mind why it's "enough." Even though I knew it was enough, I still had to recount why as a way of convincing myself that it really was enough.

Focusing on "why" keeps you focused on an even more dangerous behavior of trying to understand or even justify the rejection. Figuring out "why" you were rejected doesn't change the rejection...in many instances, it just prolongs you having to accept the reality of it.

Even though people have loads of advice on how to deal with rejection like "shake them haters off," rejection is still one of those emotions that you don't really know you are going to respond to it until it happens...and then you forget all those great words of advice because you are too busy trying to control your response to the rejection.

At what point do you stop saying "enough" to rejection and start responding "next?" Saying "next" to rejection doesn't mean that you are saying "yes" the next rejection. It means that you are saying "yes" to the next opportunity. Rejection is so damaging

because it keeps our focus on past disappointments and failures. Saying "next" keeps you focused (hopefully) on the remarkable things that will come in your future.

Psalms 66:20 encourages, "Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!" Saying "next" might be the best way of showing ourselves that we are ready to let go of the past. Saying "next" might also be the best way of showing God that we trust his knowing what is best and next for us.

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You shall go to all to whom I send you

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



Do you remember Rosa Parks, the black woman who refused to surrender her seat to a white man and move to the back of the bus? There was more at stake that day than just a ride home from work. By simply being herself, Rosa suddenly moved to center stage. She wasn't playing games. She was the real thing and God shone a light on her soul that day that changed history.

That's how it works: when God's light shines on your efforts, little becomes much. Jesus said, "If you're content to be yourself, your life will count." Now, since God is the only One who knows when your time will come, you must be prepared. You ask, "How do I do that?"

The Bible answers: "Be content with who you are ... don't put on airs. God's hand is on you; He'll promote you at the right time." (Peter 5:6-7) Allow the Holy Spirit to be your agent and advance man. Don't get ahead of Him. Just be faithful; when the time is right God will shine His spotlight on the next stage and assign you an even bigger role. And when the moment comes for you to stride confidently into the spotlight and fulfill your God-given role, try to remember that there's no room for self-importance and pretense. This moment calls for: (1) stripping away all lesser roles you've acted out and settled for; (2) discovering who you are and what your life is really about; and (3) depending totally on God to help you give the most authentic performance

of your career.

In God's kingdom, center stage is not for those who think they've got their act together and deserve public recognition; nor is it limited to those in leadership and public ministry. It's a call to action, to you whoever and whatever you are today. When you trust God's timing, He grooms you for bigger and better part.

But there are some things you must and must not do: (1) Don't try to make it on your own. Popular wisdom says, "Fake it till you make it!" If you do, you will get in the way of much greater production. The Bible says, "Except the Lord build the house, they a labour in vain that build it." Trust God, and when your moment comes, He will give you your cue. (2) Leave the shadows. Are you ready to transform "acting" into an authentic performance that reveals the real you? Fear of rejection is powerful. It takes courage to be yourself. But you gain strength from the struggle and power from the pain when you are willing to risk moving from the shadow into the light. (3) Confront your inner critic. We are all subject to the little voice within that says, "You'll never be smart enough, rich enough, pretty enough or good enough to stand in the spotlight." But when God raises you up, nobody can put you down. So, remind your inner critic of God's promise: "You shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak" (Jeremiah 1:7 NKJV).

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Advertisement for RFP

RFP 2023-15 Middle School Math Tutorials - Outcome Based Contracting

Electronic RFP proposals for the above RFP will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), June 30, 2023 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any RFP if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date RFPs/ are opened.

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

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

Also, until further notice, all opening will be recorded and uploaded to the JPSP web site at <https://www.youtube.com/jpsitv> for public viewing due to covid 19. Vendors will not be allowed to sit in on the bid openings.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LYNETTE GRIFFIN, DECEASED

CAUSE #: G2022-649 G/2

BY: CAROLYN G. PURVIS and
PEGGYE BURK

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LYNETTE GRIFFIN, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Carolyn G. Purvis and Peggye Burk, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Lynette Griffin, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the 10th day of August, 2023, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County, Mississippi, before Honorable Tiffany Grove and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 12th day of June, 2023.

6/15/2023, 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOHNNIE STRINGER

CAUSE NO: P2022-207 T/1

BY: Mildred Johnson

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHNNIE STRINGER, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Mildred Johnson Petitioner seeking the adjudication of heirs of Johnnie Stringer, Deceased

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 17th day of August 2023, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County, Mississippi, before Honorable Dewayne Thomas and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 12th day of June, 2023.

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Advertisement for Bid

Bid 3240 Computer and Technology Devices

Sealed, written formal 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), July 18, 2023 at which time and place they will be publicly opened. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

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6/22/2023, 6/29/2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4208

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 Dr. Selika Sweet has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-3 (General) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the construction of a community recreation center (event venue) for the property located at Parcel #140-3 on Pascagoula St. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS: Part of Lots 25, 26 & 56, West Jackson HC Hinds County, MS Daniels Map of Jackson,

(Book 904 Page 22)

Beginning at the point where the Eastern boundary of Clifton Street intersects the Northern boundary of Pascagoula Street, as said streets are now laid out and improved, and running thence in an Easterly direction along the Northern boundary of Pascagoula Street 222.64 feet to an old stake; turning thence to the left through an angle of 90 deg 29 min. run Northerly toward an old iron stake 74.6 feet; run thence Westerly parallel with the Northern boundary line of Pascagoula Street 94.25 feet to a point 25 feet West of the East line of Lot 56; turning thence right through an angle of 90 deg. 10 min. run Northerly along a line parallel and 25 feet West of the East line of Lot 56 a distance of 7124 feet; turning thence to the left through an angle of 90 deg. 10 min. run Westerly and parallel with the North line of Pascagoula Street 127.85 feet to the Eastern line off Clifton Street; run thence Southerly along the Eastern line of Clifton Street 145.84 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH:

(Book 904 Page 23)

Commencing at the point where the Eastern boundary of Clifton Street intersects the Northern boundary of Pascagoula Street, as said streets are now laid out and improved, and running thence in an Easterly Northern boundary of Pascagoula Street 222.64 feet to an old iron stake; turning to the left thence through an angle of 90 deg. 29 min. run in a Northerly direction 74.6 feet to a point; and run thence in a Westerly direction along a line parallel with the Northern boundary of Pascagoula Street 69.25 feet to the Point of Beginning of the being described in this paragraph. From said Point of Beginning, continue Westerly along a prolongation of the last course and run 25 feet to a point; and thence turning to turning to the right through an angle of 90 degrees 10 min, run in a Northerly direction 71.24 feet to a point; and run thence in an Easterly direction along a line parallel with the Southern boundary of the parcel being described in this paragraph 25 feet to a point; run thence in a Southerly direction 71.24 feet to the Point of Beginning of the parcel described in this paragraph, said parcel being a part of Lot 56.

TOGETHER WITH:

(Book 988 Page 435)

A part of Lots 25 & 56 West Jackson, according to H.C. Daniels Map of the City of Jackson, Mississippi and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows.

Beginning at a point on the North line of Pascagoula Street, which point is 222.64 feet measured Easterly along the North line of Pascagoula Street from the East line of Clifton Street as both Streets are now laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, said point being the Southeast corner of the Salvation Army Property as described in Deed Book 904 at Page 22 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, turn thence to the left through an angle of 90029' and run Northerly along the East line of the Salvation Army Property for a distance of 74.6 feet to the Northeast corner thereof, and said corner being the Point of Beginning of the land herein described; continue thence Northerly along an extension of the last mentioned course for a distance of 88.65 feet to an old fence line; turn thence to the left through an angle of 88 degrees 23' and run Westerly along said old fence line 72.25 feet to a fence corner; thence Southerly along an old fence line and the projection thereof, for a distance of 90.14 feet to a point in the North line of the presently owned Salvation Army Property, which point is 73.55 feet measured Westerly along the North line from the Northeast corner of said Salvation Army Property; thence Easterly along the North line of said Salvation Army Property for a distance of 73.55 feet to the Point of Beginning. In aid of and as a part of this description reference is hereby made to plat for the Salvation Army Property prepared by W. A. Akin, civil engineer, dated July 26, 1956, which plat is attached hereto and which is to be considered a part hereof as if copied fully herein.

TOGETHER WITH:

(Book 988 Page 453)

All that part of Lots 25 and 26 of West Jackson, which lies South of the fence on the South side of that real property conveyed to the grantee herein by Warranty Deed dated August 15, 1956 and executed by Robert P. Roepcke and

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Jackson is seeking to modernize its door systems on the first floor of the Warren Hood Building (200 South President Street) to include electronic doors to adhere to ADA Compliance

1. Entrance doors to building
2. Entrance doors to first floor conference center
3. Entrance doors to both men/women bathrooms on the first floor

Detailed information pertaining to the submission of a response to this request for proposals may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Development, Suite 229 Warren Hood Building: 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or by contacting Chloe Dotson at 601-960-1172 or email cdotson@city.jackson.ms.us

Responses will be received by the City of Jackson, Office of the City Clerk at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205 until 3:30p.m., Central Standard Time July 11, 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 person doing business with the City.

Chloe Dotson
Director of Planning & Development
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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Mrs. Jacqueline Sullivan Roepcke, husband and wife, and said deed appearing of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which deed is hereby made in aid of this description.

TOGETHER WITH

(Book 1468 Page 209-210)

A certain lot or parcel of land fronting 50 feet on the East line of Clifton Street and extending back Easterly between parallel lines for a distance of 148 feet, being a part of Lot 56, West Jackson, according to the map of Jackson by Henry C. Daniels, 1875, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a point on East line of Clifton Street 185.0 feet Southerly from the intersection of the East line of Clifton Street with the South line of Pearl Street, as both streets are now (August 1963) laid out and Improved City of Jackson in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, said Point of Beginning also being 196.2 feet Northerly from the intersection of the East line Clifton Street with the North line of Pascagoula Street, as both streets are now (August 1963) laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, said Point of Beginning also being the Southwest corner of the lot formerly belonging to the A. M. E. Church; run. thence Southerly along the East line of Clifton Street for a distance of 50 feet to an iron stake; thence turn to the left through a deflection angle 900 00' and run Easterly and parallel with the North line of Pascagoula Street for a distance of 148 feet to an iron stake; thence turn to the left through a deflection angle of 900 00' and run Northerly and parallel with the East line of Clifton Street for a distance of 50 feet to an iron stake; thence turn to the left through a deflection angle of 900 00' and run Westerly and with the North line of Pascagoula Street for a distance of 148 feet to the Point of Beginning; LESS AND EXCEPT a certain triangular shaped parcel of land lying in the Northwest corner of the above described property, heretofore conveyed to the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a point on the East line of Clifton Street at the Northwest corner of the above; described lot or parcel of land and run thence Easterly and parallel with the North line of Pascagoula Street for a distance of 17.42 feet to an iron stake on the North line of the above described lot or parcel of land; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 1360 02' and run Southwesterly for a distance of 24.2 feet to an iron stake on the East line of Clifton Street, said point being 16.8 feet Southerly from the Point of Beginning; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 133 0 58' and run Northerly along the East line of Clifton Street for a distance of 16.8 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH:

(Book 2220 Page 635)

Begin at the intersection of the South line of Terry Road and the East line of Clifton Street as now laid out run thence in a northeasterly direction along the south line of Terry Road 24.22 feet to the point of beginning; from this point run thence along said south line of Terry Road in a northeasterly direction a distance of 133.52 feet; thence turn south and run 79.02 feet to a point which is 107.58 feet from the point of beginning; run thence westerly 107.58 feet to the point of beginning. Said lot being the triangle lot located on part of Lot 56 Miscellaneous-numbers West Jackson, according to map or plat of said It of record Chancery Clerk's office at Jackson, Mississippi.

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, June 28, 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 June 21, 2023.

WITNESS my signature this 1ST day of June 2023.

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

6/8/2023, 6/22/2023

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BESSIE JACKSON, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 21-127

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 15th day of April, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Bessie Jackson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this the 1st day of June, 2023.

KATTIE PARTEE, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF BESSIE JACKSON, DECEASED

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6/22/2023, 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4212

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 UA Jackson MS, LLC - Jay OShields & Ginamarie Soto has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of an community recreational facility (entertainment center) in a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 6370 Ridgewood Ct Dr. (Parcel 738-9-8), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

EXHIBIT A

Real property in the City of Jackson, County of Hinds, State of Mississippi, described as follows:

Parcel 1 - Fee Simple:

A certain parcel of land containing 22.406 Acres (976,016 Square Feet) lying and being situated in Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) of Block 49, and Lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3) of Block 53, all in Virden Hatch Place of Highland Colony, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Surveyor's Record Book "A", Page 283, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin marking the Northwest corner of Wildwood North, Part 1, a subdivision according to the plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 23 at Page 13 said point also marking the Southeast corner of Jamestown, a subdivision according to the map or plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 29 at Page 1; thence run North 04 degrees 34 minutes 09 seconds East along the East boundary of said Jamestown for a distance of 424.25 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 04 degrees 34 minutes 09 seconds East along the East line of said Jamestown for a distance of 24.95 feet to a concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of said Jamestown; thence run North 04 degrees 34 minutes 17 seconds East for a distance of 214.13 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 00 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 168.82 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 55 degrees 43 minutes 01 second West for a distance of 64.09 feet to an iron pipe on the South right-of-way line of Ridgewood Court Drive; thence run along said South right-of-way line North 54 degrees 07 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 671.07 feet to a point; thence run along the South right-of-way line along a curve to the left having a radius of 814.77 feet, a delta angle of 01 degree 31 minutes 41 seconds, an arc length of 21.73 feet and a chord which bears North 53 degrees 21 minutes 35 seconds East for a chord distance of 21.72 feet to the Point of Beginning, said point also being on the southeasterly right-of-way line of Ridgewood Court Drive as it is now laid out and exists; thence run northeasterly along a counterclockwise curve to the left in said right-of-way line, said curve having a radius of 814.77 feet, a delta angle of 02 degrees 48 minutes 34 seconds, an arc length of 39.97 feet and a chord bearing and distance of North 51 degrees 11 minutes 28 seconds East for a distance of 39.95 feet to a point; thence run southeasterly and counterclockwise along the arc of a curve to the right for a distance of 29.55 feet, said curve having a radius of 50.00 feet, a delta angle of 33 degrees 51 minutes 35 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 13 degrees 12 minutes 35 seconds East for a distance of 29.12 feet to a point; thence run South 00 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of 71.17 feet to a point; thence run southeasterly and counterclockwise along the arc of a curve to the left for distance of 31.24 feet, said curve having a radius of 20.74 feet, a delta angle of 86 degrees 18 minutes 19 seconds, and a chord bearing and distance of South 45 degrees 36 minutes 27 seconds East for a distance of 28.37 feet to a point; thence run South 89 degrees 58 minutes 45 seconds East for a distance of 217.98 feet to a point; thence run northeasterly and counterclockwise along the arc of a curve to the left for a distance of 23.44 feet, said curve having a radius of 15.00 feet, a delta angle of 89 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds, and a chord bearing and distance of North 45 degrees 14 minutes 08 seconds East for a distance of 21.13 feet to a point; thence run North 00 degrees 27 minutes 01 second East for a distance of 258.78 feet to a point; run thence northwesterly counterclockwise along the arc of a curve to the left a distance of 29.06 feet, said curve having a radius of 18.50 feet, a delta angle of 89 degrees 59 minutes 13 seconds, and a chord bearing and distance of North 44 degrees 32 minutes 59 seconds West for a distance of 26.16 feet to a point; thence run North 89 degrees 32 minutes 59 seconds West for a distance of 55.00 feet to a point; thence run northwesterly and clockwise (counterclockwise-Deed) along the arc of a curve to the right for a distance of 26.58 feet, said curve having a radius of 83.50 feet, a delta angle of 18 degrees 14 minutes 24 seconds, and a chord bearing and distance of North 77 degrees 19 minutes 06 seconds West for a distance of 26.47 feet to a point; thence run southwesterly and counterclockwise along the arc of a curve to the left for a distance of 35.59 feet (38.61 feet-Deed), said curve having a radius of 50.00 feet, a delta angle of 40 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds, and a chord bearing and distance of South 88 degrees 38 minutes 51 seconds West for a distance of 34.84 feet to a point on the southeasterly right-of-way line of the aforesaid Ridgewood Court Drive; thence run northeasterly along the arc of a curve to the left in the aforesaid southeasterly right-of-way for a distance of 329.53 feet, said curve having a radius of 814.77 feet, a delta angle of 23 degrees 10 minutes 22 seconds, and a chord which bears North 24 degrees 45 minutes 12 seconds East for a chord distance of 327.28 feet to a point at the Southwest corner of the ModernAge, Inc. property as recorded in Deed Book 4050, Page 268 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi; thence run South 89 degrees 55 minutes 54 seconds East for a distance of 282.49 feet to a point; thence run North 00 degrees 04 minutes 06 seconds East for a distance of 36.98 feet to a point; thence run South 89 degrees 55 minutes 54 seconds East for a distance of 248.42 feet to a point; thence run North 18 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West for a distance of 130.24 feet to a point; thence run North 54 degrees 35 minutes 44 seconds West for a distance of 32.26 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of County Line Road as now laid out and in use; thence, following the aforesaid South right-of-way line, run North 89 degrees 09 minutes 52 seconds East for a distance of 71.82 feet to a point; thence run South 26 degrees 04 minutes 32 seconds East for a distance of 40.97 feet to a point; run thence North 88 degrees 55 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 38.33 feet to a point; run thence South 01 degree 39 minutes 11 seconds West for a distance of 727.98 feet to a point; run thence South 25 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West for a distance of 55.65 feet to a point; run thence South 28 degrees 12 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 78.60 feet to a point; run thence South 07 degrees 04 minutes 34 seconds West for a distance of 383.67 feet to a point; run thence South 07 degrees 04 minutes 34 seconds West along the West boundary of Sun Valley Subdivision, Part II according to the plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi in Plat Book 26 at Page 28 for a distance of 232.93 feet to a point; run thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds West for a distance of 629.83 feet 10 a point; thence run North 00 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 46.01 feet (45.95 feet-Deed) to a point; thence run North 53 degrees 54 minutes 31 seconds West for a distance of 86.47 feet to a point; thence run North 89 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds West for a distance of 97.37 feet to a point; thence run North 00 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 740.00 feet to a point; thence run North 37 degrees 24 minutes 15 seconds West for a distance of 18.25 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 2 - Easements:

Together with those rights and easements constituting rights in real property created defined and limited by that certain Easements with Covenants and Restrictions Affecting Land by and between Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Jackson Simon Limited Partnership, an Indiana limited partnership, dated August 3, 1993, and recorded August 11, 1993, in Book 4152, Page 492, amended by that certain First Amendment to Easements with Covenants and Restrictions Affecting Land by and between Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Jackson Simon Limited Partnership, an Indiana limited partnership, dated August 22, 1989 and recorded August 26, 1996 in Book 4660, Page 667, further amended by that certain Second Amendment to Basements with Covenants and Restrictions Running with the Land by and between Sam's Real Estate Business Trust, a Delaware business trust, and Jackson Simon Limited Partnership, an Indiana limited partnership, dated July 23, 2004 and recorded July 27, 2004 in Book 6130, Page 329, and further amended in Third Amendment to Easements with Covenants and Restrictions Affecting Land by and between Sam's Real Estate Business Trust, a Delaware business trust and Ridgewood Court, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, successor in interest to Jackson Simon Limited Partnership, an Indiana limited partnership, filed in Book 6975, Page 29, all in the Hinds County Chancery Clerk's Office, Mississippi, over the following described land:

A certain parcel of land lying and containing 15.395 acres (670,597.400 square feet) lying and being situated in Lots Five (5), and Six (6) of Block 49, and Lots Two (2), and Three (3) of Block 53, all in Virden Hatch Place of Highland Colony, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Surveyor's Record "A", Page 283, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin marking the Northwest corner of Wildwood North, Part 1, a subdivision according to the plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 23 at Page 13, said point also marking the Southeast corner of the Jamestown, a subdivision according to the map or plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 29, Page 1; thence run N 04° 34' 09" E along the east boundary of said Jamestown for a distance of 424.25 feet to an iron pipe marking the Point of Beginning; thence run N 04° 34' 09" E along the East boundary line of said Jamestown for a distance of 24.95 feet to a concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of said Jamestown; thence run N 04° 34' 17" E for a distance of 214.13 feet to an iron rod; thence run N 00° 08' 30" E for a distance of 168.82 feet to an iron rod; thence run N 55° 43' 01" W for a distance of 64.08 feet to an iron rod on the South right-of-way line of Ridgewood Court Drive; thence run along said South right-of-way line N 54° 07' 25" E for a distance of 671.07 feet to a point; thence run along the South right-of-way line, said line being in a curve to the left having a radius of 814.77 feet and a chord which bears N 53° 21' 35" E for a chord distance of 21.72 feet to a point; thence leaving said South right-of-way line, ran S 37° 24' 15" E for a distance of 18.25 feet to a point; thence run S 00° 08' 30" W for a distance of 740.00 feet to a point; thence run S 89° 51' 30" for a distance of 97.37 feet to a point; thence run S 53° 54' 31" E for a distance of 86.47 feet to a point; thence run S 00° 08' 30" W for a distance of 468.85 feet to an iron pipe on the North boundary line of said Wildwood North, Part 1; thence run along said North boundary line N 89° 49' 31" W for a distance of 736.85 feet to an iron rod Marking the Northwest corner said Wildwood North, Part 1; thence run along the East boundary line of said Jamestown, N 04° 34' 09" E; for a distance of 424.25 feet to the Point of Beginning, save and except the following described parcel of land:

A certain parcel of land containing 2.258 Acres lying and being situated in Lot Six (6) of Block 49 in Virden Hatch Place of Highland Colony, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Surveyor's Record Book "A", Page 283, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin marking the Northwest corner of Wildwood North, Part 1, a subdivision according to the plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 23 at Page 13, said point also marking the Southeast corner of Jamestown, a subdivision according to the map or plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 29 at Page 1; thence run North 04 degrees 34 minutes 09 seconds East along the East boundary of said Jamestown for a distance of 424.25 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 04 degrees 34 minutes 09 seconds East along the East line of said Jamestown for a distance of 24.95 feet to a concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of said Jamestown; thence run North 04 degrees 34 minutes 17 seconds East for a distance of 214.13 feet to an iron pipe (Pin-Deed); thence run North 00 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 168.82 feet to an iron pipe (Pin-Deed); thence run North 55 degrees 43 minutes 01 second West for a distance of 64.08 feet to an iron pipe (Pin-Deed) on the South right-of-way line of Ridgewood Court Drive; thence run along said South right-of-way line North 54 degrees 07 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 139.80 feet to the Point of Beginning of the following described tract of land; thence following the aforesaid South right-of-way line North 54 degrees 07 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 531.28 feet to a point; thence following the aforesaid South right-of-way line along a curve to the left having a radius of 814.77 feet, a delta angle of 01 degree 31 minutes 41 seconds, an arc length of 21.73 feet and a chord which bears North 53 degrees 21 minutes 35 seconds East for a chord distance of 21.72 feet to a point; thence, leaving the aforesaid South right of way line, run South 37 degrees 24 minutes 15 seconds East for a distance of 18.25 feet to a point; thence run South 00 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West for a distance of 359.28 feet to a point; thence run North 89 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds West for a distance of 458.23 feet to a point; thence run North 00 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 48.33 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 3 - Non-Exclusive Easement

Together with those rights and non-exclusive easements constituting rights in real property created defined and limited by that certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions Agreement by and between Jackson Simon Limited Partnership, an Indiana limited partnership, and ModernAge, Inc., a Delaware corporation, dated November 5, 1992 and recorded November 9, 1992 in Book 4050, Page 271, as assigned in Assignment of Agreements by and between Jackson Simon Limited Partnership, a Indiana limited partnership, and Ridgewood Court, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, dated July 1, 2005 and recorded July 15, 2005 in Official Record Book 6311, Page 398, both in the Hinds County Chancery Clerk's Office, Mississippi, over and upon the land therein described.

Parcel 4 - Intentionally deleted.

Parcel 5 - Non-Exclusive Easement

Together with those rights and non-exclusive easements constituting rights in real property created defined and limited by that certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions Agreement by and between Jackson Simon Limited Partnership, an Indiana limited partnership, and Pacific Industrial Properties Holdings, Inc., a Texas corporation, dated May 2, 1994 and recorded May 13, 1994 in Book 4294, Page 654 in the Hinds County Chancery Clerk's Office, Mississippi, over and upon the land therein described.

Parcel 6 - Easement:

Together with those rights and easements constituting rights in real property created defined and limited by that certain Reservation of Pylon Sign Easement by Jackson Simon Limited Partnership, an Indiana limited partnership, dated November 5, 1992 and recorded November 9, 1992 in Book 4050, Page 264, in the Hinds County Chancery Clerk's Office, Mississippi.

Parcel 7 - Easement:

Together with those rights and easements constituting rights in real property created defined and limited by that certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions Agreement by and between Jackson Simon Limited Partnership, an Indiana limited partnership, and Brinker Mississippi, Inc., a Delaware corporation, dated August 22, 1996 and recorded August 26, 1996 in Book 4660, Page 697, as amended in Amendment to Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions Agreement by and between Ridgewood Court, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, successor in interest to Jackson Simon Limited Partnership, an Indiana limited partnership, Brinker Mississippi, Inc., a Delaware corporation and Melvin Property #3011, LLC, a Mississippi limited liability company, filed in Book 6975, Page 21, in the Hinds County Chancery Clerk's Office, Mississippi.

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, June 28, 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 June 21, 2023.

WITNESS my signature this 1ST day of June 2023.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WILL RECEIVE PROPOSALS UNTIL 5:00 O'CLOCK P.M., JANUARY 31, 2023, FOR SPACE AVAILABLE TO BE LEASED IN THE MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITY NO. 2

Proposals to lease space in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 will be received by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") via the online portal only at www.jrams.org, until 5:00 o'clock P.M., January 31, 2023, for any space available to be leased in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 (the "Facility"). The Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 is located in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, on the south side of Capitol Street, between Congress and President Streets, and space available for lease is located on the first floor of the Facility.

All proposals shall be in accordance with all of the requirements of the Request for Proposals, copies of which are available for review via the online portal only at www.jrams.org. Proposals shall be made by those interested on or before 5:00 o'clock P.M., January 31, 2023.

Thereafter, Notice of Request for Proposals by the Authority to lease any remaining available space in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 shall be published monthly until all space in the Facility is leased, with the last Submission Deadline being 5:00 p.m. on December 29, 2023. Interested parties may submit proposals to the Authority for any unleased available space pursuant to RFP issued and dated December 29, 2022, or subsequently.

Such further information as is available regarding lease space in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 may be obtained via the online portal only at www.jrams.org.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Jackson Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority" or "JRA") is seeking proposals from qualified professional firms for the purchase all or part of certain Designated Properties Owned by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (herein individually and collectively called the "Property" as referred to in Exhibit A. Submissions will be received by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the "Authority"), via the online portal at www.jrams.org until 5:00 o'clock P.M., May 24, 2023.

All proposals shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Request for Proposals ("RFP"), copies of which are available for review, download at www.jrams.org. Consistent with requirements stated therein, proposals submitted in response to the RFP shall be made on or before 5:00 o'clock P.M., May 24, 2023.

Thereafter, Notice of Request for Proposals by the Authority to purchase all or part of designated properties shall be monthly until all properties are sold, with the last Submission Deadline being 5:00 p.m. on December 20, 2023. Interested parties may submit proposals to the Authority for the land pursuant to RFP issued April 27, 2023, and/or any subsequent Notice of Publication.

RFP DATED: April 27, 2023

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RFP 2023-15 Middle School Math Tutorials - Outcome Based Contracting

Electronic RFP proposals for the above RFP will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 6622 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevaling Time), June 30, 2023 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any RFP if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date RFPs/ are opened. There are two (2) options in which RFP proposals may be obtained. Download from Central Bidding website at www.centralbidding.com for a small fee of \$49.99 or visit JPSP website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us and download. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to electronically upload RFPs proposals at no cost. For any questions concerning the process, or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Until further notice, all hand delivery proposals delivered between 9:00 a.m. until 9:59 a.m. (local prevailing time) the date the bid is scheduled to open, must be delivered to JPSP Board Room, 621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201. Also, until further notice, all opening will be recorded and uploaded to the JPSP web site at <https://www.youtube.com/jpsitv> for public viewing due to covid 19. Vendors will not be allowed to sit in on the bid openings.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Jackson ("City") is seeking to develop a single family infill project in the City of Jackson. This RFP is for the onsite and related water and sewer infrastructures for the development of four pre-fabricated homes.

Detailed information pertaining to the submission of a response to this request for proposals may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Development, Suite 229 Warren Hood Building: 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or by contacting Chloe Dotson at 601-960-1172 or email cdotson@city.jackson.ms.us

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 **July 11, 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 person doing business with the City.



Chloe Dotson, Director
Department of Planning and Development
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MSU College of Education earns A+ rating for reading instruction from National Council on Teacher Quality

MSU Office of Public Affairs

Mississippi State students preparing for elementary education careers are learning to teach reading through exemplary preparation methods, earning MSU and its College of Education an A+ rating from the National Council on Teacher Quality.

The NCTQ, June 13, announced MSU's undergraduate program in elementary education as one of only 48 in the U.S. to earn its highest distinction for preparing aspiring teachers in the most effective, scientifically based methods for teaching children reading.

The A+ designation celebrates selected programs for going above and beyond the standards set by literacy experts for coverage of the most effective methods of reading instruction, known as the "science of reading."

NCTQ also has released a new report titled Teacher Prep Review: Strengthening Elementary Reading Instruction, which notes "major gaps" at many other colleges and universities across the country.

MSU College of Education Dean Teresa Jayroe said MSU has a strong literacy faculty on the university's Starkville, Meridian and Distance campuses.

"I want to commend our faculty for the work they do because they ensure that our students are prepared to effectively teach reading," Jayroe said.

The rating process involves



Mississippi State University College of Education alumnus Lauren Shumaker teaches sixth-grade reading at Partnership Middle School, where current MSU education majors often have field experiences. PHOTO BY MEGAN BEAN

NCTQ experts analyzing syllabi, including lecture schedules and topics, background reading materials, class assessments, assignments and chances to practice instruction in required literacy courses for undergraduate elementary teacher candidates. MSU's A+ distinction means that the College of Education exceeded NCTQ's targets for covering five core components of research-supported reading instruction – phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

"Our faculty make sure these areas are covered, and our classes

span from early literacy instruction to integrating literacy across content areas," Jayroe said. She explained that MSU elementary education majors take 15 credit hours in reading instruction.

"Our students have opportunities to apply what they are learning from the reading classes during field experiences in elementary classrooms," Jayroe said.

NCTQ evaluated 693 traditional undergraduate and graduate programs across the country. Only 23% earned an A or A+ grade with 112 programs earning an A in addition to the 48 earning an A+.

In 2022, MSU also was recognized by the organization with an A+ rating for ensuring future educators are prepared to effectively teach mathematics.

MSU's College of Education is home to six academic departments, a division of education, one research unit and numerous service units. Learn more about its elementary education undergraduate program in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education at www.educ.msstate.edu.

Mississippi State University is taking care of what matters. *Learn more at www.msstate.edu.*

JPS Leader selected to the Mississippi School Boards Association Prospective Superintendent Leadership Academy



Evans

The JPS Newswire

Incoming JPS Assistant Superintendent of Middle Schools, Dr. Chinelo Evans, has been selected to be a member of the 2023-2024 class of the Mississippi School Boards Association Prospective Superintendent Leadership Academy (PSLA). The PSLA will occur over the course of the upcoming school year. This academy aims to cultivate potential candidates who are prepared for superintendent positions in Mississippi's public schools.

Evans received both her bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in educational leadership from Jackson State University. She also earned a specialist's and doctorate degree in educational leadership and supervision from Mississippi College.

In her 22-year career with the Jackson Public School District, Evans has served as an English teacher, interventionist, assistant principal, principal, chief academic officer of middle schools, executive director of school improvement and executive director of advanced academics.

Evans was the founding principal of the JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School Program where 22 seniors recently graduated with an associate degree from Tougaloo College prior to graduating from high school. Other notable accomplishments include having served as the head learner and principal of Northwest Jackson International Baccalaureate World Middle School. During her tenure, the school was recognized as the number one ranked middle school in Mississippi in 2013 and 2014. Under her leadership, Northwest IB Middle School was selected as one of the top fifty best middle schools in the United States out of 98,000 middle schools, according to thebestschools.org.

Evans was named the JPS middle school Principal of the Year in both 2014 and 2015. She was recently recognized as high school Principal of the Year and JPS Administrator of the Year for 2022.

Evans believes that education is a priceless asset that affords individuals access to opportunities for personal and collective success. She emphatically believes that it is her duty as a professional educator to empower faculty, staff members, students, parents and community members to take ownership of the process of educating our citizens. These beliefs, coupled with her faith and talented team members, have helped her serve the families of the District for over two decades.

The Summer 'Taste of Africa' Event African Drum Performance

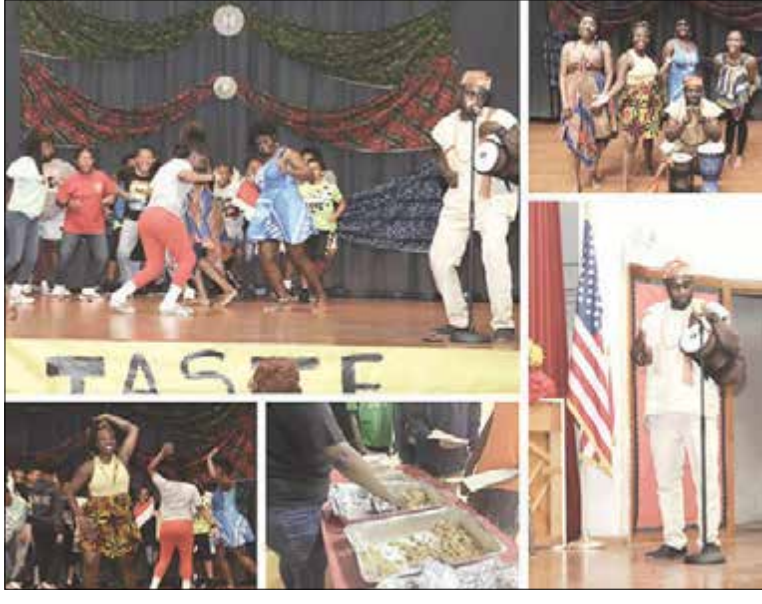
JPS Newswire

In Western culture, drumming is most often about entertainment. In Africa, drums hold a deeper, symbolic and historical significance. They herald political and social events attending ceremonies of birth, death and marriage.

The summer "A Taste of Africa" event held at Cardozo and Chastain Middle School featured our web manager – Femi Oloko, for an African drum performance on June 9, 2023. He shared his culture with scholars and staff by entertaining them with different African drums – Djembe and Talking drum.

The Djembe is one of West Africa's best-known instruments. This goblet-shaped drum is traditionally carved from a single piece of African hardwood and topped with an animal skin as a drumhead.

The African Talking Drum is carved into an hourglass shape from a solid piece of Mahogany wood, and decorated with a



carved motif. Two hand-selected goatskin heads are tuned with high-quality nylon rope. Traditionally, the talking drum is played beneath one arm, and held against the ribcage. The drum is then squeezed to "bend" the pitch while the other hand employs a curved striker.

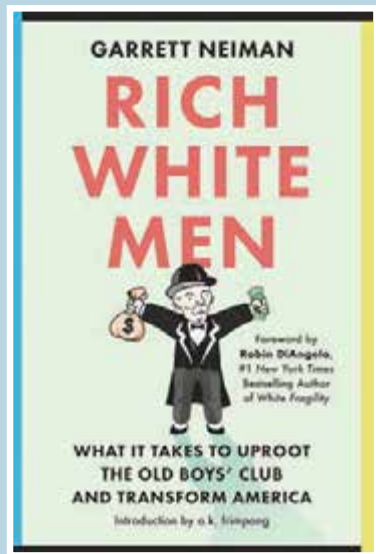
"The performance was an inspiring and captivating addition to the theme, A Taste of Africa," said Robbie Ferguson, the Chastain Middle School summer school principal. The passion displayed was uncontainable. Scholars learned about different drums and their purposes. Schol-

ars jumped at the opportunity to learn to dance to the beat of the drum. Many did want to actually experience beating the drum.

Cardozo A3 Summer Camp really enjoyed the drum performance and dancers. Oloko taught scholars the names of the drums and the different sounds they make. Many scholars clapped and cheered during the performance. The African Experience was later solidified by a Taste of Moi Moi!

"Our scholars researched Moi Moi and discovered that it was made of different foods they eat each and every day," said Erika Purnell, the Cardozo Middle School summer school principal. "We greatly appreciate you taking time out of your day to share your culture with our scholars. We look forward to many more experiences with A Taste of Africa."

A big thank you to our volunteer professional dancers: Niketa Pechan, Aquarius, Yewande Isikalu and Destinee Hamilton.



BOOK REVIEW:

RICH WHITE MEN:
WHAT IT TAKES TO UPROOT THE OLD BOYS' CLUB
AND TRANSFORM AMERICA

BY GARRETT NEIMAN, FOREWORD BY ROBIN DIANGELO,
INTRODUCTION BY ALLEN KWABENA FRIMPONG

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

One step ahead, three steps behind. That’s how your life feels sometimes. You make movement forward and something comes along to push you back to where you were two weeks ago. Progress is made, and just as quickly taken away. You get to where you need to be, and you’re clawed back.

Welcome to the real world and, as in the new book “Rich White Men” by Garrett Neiman, come meet the culprit.

Six years ago, at a summer-re-

treat for the nonprofit that he’d founded, Garrett Neiman felt certain that his organization – one that served students of color who wanted to attend college – reflected the diversity of its clients. His staff, though, saw things differently. They emphatically told Neiman where he could do better.

He was devastated and, seeing how white privilege affected his work, he vowed to make changes. White privilege, particularly within a patriarchy, he suggests, is the root of inequality at work and at large.

We like to tell one another, for

instance, that hard work pays off but it’s not that easy. Even considering population rates, white men are many times more likely than black women to be billionaires.

Some of the wealth that white men enjoy was “unearned” (inherited) and some of it came from property ownership, both of which were historically difficult for people of color to achieve. These situations are often in-place even before any system is gamed by those in-charge – which can happen, beginning with students in school.

Equal opportunities do not equal outcomes, Neiman says, and the distribution of wealth today goes back more than two centuries. Bias and bigotry, whether overt or subconscious, play a part in the way things are, and that sometimes extends to stereotypes in the kinds of work non-white, non-male, non-cis-gender employees are assigned to do. Tokenism hides the problem, and pretending that the past has no bearing on today only exacerbates the issues.

For sure, “Rich White Men” seems earnest and very well-

meaning. Author Garrett Neiman begins with a confession that obviously plagues him, and he vows to do better in a category that’s important to him. This book, alas, isn’t quite it.


It’s very helpful that Neiman looks at all aspects of white male patriarchy in finance, real estate, and industry – but for BIPOC, LGBTQ, and female readers, it’s preachin’ to the choir. It’s great that he factors in the generally unmanufactured, including the tiniest details that sometimes go unnoticed, but again: the choir.

The argument could be made


that white, wealthy men might read this book and make changes, but the tone of it seems to doubt that possibility. Advice on moving things forward is hard to find and clear-cut help is in here, but it’s scarce.

There are a lot of personal tales inside this book, and a propensity to nickname transgressors (and then explain the nicknames), both of which are rather irrelevant and may just irritate some readers.

Yes, “Rich White Men” might be of some help, or you may want to set it behind you.



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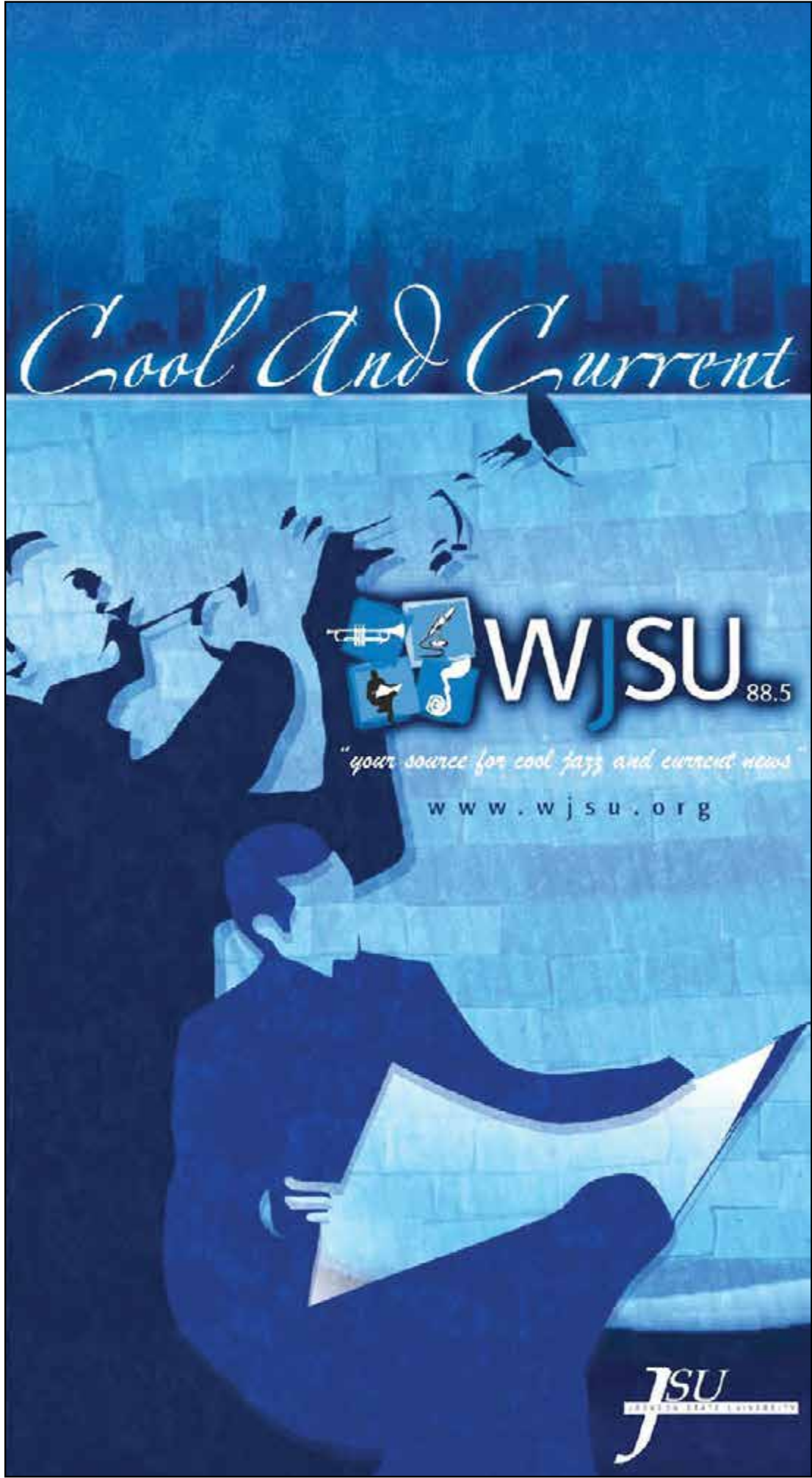
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James Meredith March Route: 50th Anniversary Review

by Roslind McCoy Sibley, MD July 22, 2016 (Revised October 17, 2017)

Special to The Mississippi Link

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the James Meredith March, several local civil rights organizations, corporate sponsors, and governmental agencies across Mississippi joined forces.

Throughout the month of June 2016, celebrations coincided with the dates of the respective cities' involvement in the actual March, 50 years prior. During the observance held at Tougaloo College's Woodworth Chapel, the unanswered question arose, "What was the route of the Meredith March?" Of particular interest to me, was the route from Tougaloo to the Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson.

In an attempt to answer the question about the route, what I have learned is that the March is under-recognized and under-appreciated for its far reaching ramifications. It uplifted black Mississippians of all ages, bringing people together from all races, creeds and walks of life. It changed the course of Mississippi history and further fueled the Civil Rights Movement nationally. It brought attention to the ongoing, relentless racism and oppression endured by blacks in Mississippi and throughout the South, which permeated every aspect of life.

As an adolescent, I joined the march from my father's, Dr. A. H. McCoy's, dental office in the 100 Block of N. Farish Street. I cherished the memory, but had not comprehended the significance. Furthermore, since everything fades with time, when I received the invitation from the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, I felt compelled to return to Jackson to be part of the commemoration and to pay homage. After all, James H. Meredith, Esq. is one of our few, living legends of the Civil Rights Era. Twelve years after "The Supreme Court Decision" (as my parents affectionately referred to Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas) Meredith set out to walk from Memphis to Jackson.

The date was June 5, 1966, a year after the march from Selma to Montgomery. His stated purpose was to demonstrate that blacks could "walk with dignity" and exercise their freedom "without fear of terror or abuse." He also wanted to prove to the world, and perhaps to himself, that blacks were free to control their own destiny without the need for National Guard protection. For, after the Supreme Court lawsuit had been won, and after he had been shielded by the National Guard, he still had to be guarded, i.e. followed, for an entire year.

As ordered by President John F. Kennedy, Governor Ross Barnett and the State of Mississippi were forced to allow James Meredith to be the first African American student admitted to the University of Mississippi. It was the academic year of 1962-1963 when he attended, and subsequently graduated from "Ole Miss."

Meredith had had the audacity to scratch the surface of the way of life so deeply engrained when he integrated the University of Mississippi. Four years later, Meredith's intention was simply to walk undisturbed, virtually alone, with only a few good men by his side, and without a lot of fanfare. The route he planned was straight down Highway 51. In a prime illustration of the meaning of the scripture found in Genesis



Dr. Roslind McCoy Sibley and Dr. Beverly W. Hogan
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50:20, "What the enemy meant for evil, God turned to good," Meredith was shot. He was just south of Hernando, MS. It was June 6, 1966. James Aubrey Norvell hid in a bush and shot James Meredith with a 16 gauge automatic shotgun, wounding Meredith in several places. Not only was he unsuccessful in his attempt to stop Meredith, but he turned a small, personal pilgrimage, into a movement. The "Meredith Mississippi March for Freedom" which, after Meredith was shot, became known as the "March Against Fear," was also to protest the lack of progress blacks had made.

Despite landmark decisions such as "Brown" in 1954, the "Civil Rights Act of 1964", and the "Voting Rights Act of 1965," basic rights of citizenship such as school integration and voting were systematically denied.

Leaders, and anyone else courageous enough to stand up and denounce the Jim Crow status-quo, risked being killed or harmed by white racists. There was little or no recourse. Blacks in Mississippi were still mourning and being terrorized by the deaths of several prominent figures, most recently, Vernon Dahmer of Hattiesburg. Prominent business leader, Forrest County NAACP president, and member of SNCC, Dahmer had been killed in January of that same year by burn injuries he sustained while defending his family against a gang of 14 White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Reportedly ordered by Imperial Wizard Sam Bowers, they shotgunned and threw burning gasoline through the windows of the Dahmer home while the family slept.

Many defenseless blacks were commonly murdered by whites in those days. One little known murder occurred during the Meredith March – the murder of Ben Chester White, on June 10, 1966. Three KKK killers boldly admitted to the murder, without a thought of being punished. Only one of the three spent even a year in jail, 40 years later. They killed Ben Chester White in the Homochitto National Forest as bait, to lure Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Natchez to assassinate him. Dr. King, who headed the march at Meredith's request as he recuperated, did not go to Natchez nor speak about the murder publicly.

Several books and articles have been written, describing places and events during the course of the 21 day march. Cities have been referenced as well as a few specific streets and landmarks. A literature search has not revealed a definitive outline of the route from Memphis to the State Capitol in Jackson. The purpose

here is to explore the route taken by the bulk of the marchers as led by the so-called "march-head." The commute of approximately 220 miles was modified after Meredith was unable to continue. The Delta was reportedly included upon the recommendations of Fannie Lou Hamer of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Stokely Carmichael and Willie Ricks of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Philadelphia, MS, near where Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner were murdered two years prior, was reportedly visited by Floyd McKissick of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Roy Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) came to Meredith's bedside. The march is thus responsible for one of the most comprehensive, strategic, assemblies of the leaders of the major Civil Rights Organizations to this day.

Published maps show slight inconsistencies. In addition, there have been major improvements in the highways and by-ways of Mississippi in the last 50 years. These exceptions were sought to be reconciled by cross-referencing. During the process of information gathering, I pieced together part of the route by driving from Yazoo City to the Capitol and from Memphis to Hernando.

Several interesting facts emerged from the vivid recollections of people. They were proud and excited to be able to talk about the march. Others had vague notions, but were eager to know more. As Meredith suspected, there are those who associate the march more so with Dr. King than with James Meredith. The warmth and interest shown by people, ranging from those who I have known all my life to those who were total strangers, was remarkable. As they provided oral history through personal conversations, we shared the excitement. Pieces of the puzzle filled the gaps, providing additional insight into written, photographic, and even a few precious video accounts.

One man, who worked for a company that did repair work on Highway 51 near Grenada, said they were told to stop work for three hours to let the marchers pass. That says something about the size of the march, long before it reached Jackson. He said he "was scared to death." When asked why, he said he was "scared those white folks were going to start shooting." He crystallized for me the magnitude

of the risks the marchers were taking by exercising their basic rights. For that, I would like to say, "Thank you."

Meredith's determination to continue his walk at that time, as well as his longevity and youthful vitality, allowing him to reenact and to commemorate the March 50 years later, are to be applauded. His signature hat, for me, will always be symbolic. The spreading of his message is sorely needed in the African-American community today. As a country, I believe Meredith, in his inimitable way, is reminding us...remember where we came from, rededicate ourselves, reorder our steps, and reflect upon what we can do now, to impact and hopefully, to change the course of the next 50 years for the better.

I would like to acknowledge those who have been most influential in my efforts to reconstruct the route which, I believe, very closely approximates the one taken by the marchers. First of all, none of this would have occurred without the encouragement and information provided by Dr. Robert Smith of Central Mississippi Health Services, Inc. Dr. Smith, himself, was a leader in the march, as one of the physicians in the Medical Committee for Human Rights (MCHR). His base was primarily Tougaloo at that time.

As one of the sponsoring organizations of the March, MCHR played a vital role in the care of those injured following attacks on the marchers by police in Canton, MS. Rev. Ed King, along with local leaders including Drs. A. H. and Rose E. McCoy, was on the Advisory Committee which met under the auspices of Tougaloo College President George Owens. Rev. King recounted how the committee strategized to organize a rally in response to the anticipated swelling of a fever-pitched, outpouring of humanity.

Wearry travelers, some, many miles from home, took shelter and found rest on the haven of Tougaloo's campus in the aftermath of the Canton incident, the night before the scheduled culminating event, to be held at the State Capitol the next day. The rally, which featured Hollywood stars, soul singers, national and local leaders, galvanized, yet calmed the marchers. I will be eternally grateful to my parents for taking me to that rally. It was the only time I saw Dr. King or Stokely Carmichael. That night on Tougaloo's campus, was said to be one of the few, if not the only, times the two icons of black power were ever on the same stage. The Tougaloo Advisory Committee courageously and prudently allowed them to appear together, amid vigorous

protests by opposing factions and philosophies among those within the Civil Rights Movement.

National TV celebrities, black and white, entertained and spoke to the growing, racially-mixed crowd. For a few wondrous hours, there was true solidarity as we dared hope for a better tomorrow. Vast numbers of people participated at various points; therefore, it should be understood that some entered the march via different routes. An exact street-by-street rendition may not be possible. An off-shoot of this effort could be that it may jog peoples' memories. Many related stories could be told. After all, by the time they reached the Capitol, the estimated number of marchers was at least 15,000 strong.

The marchers celebrated reaching their destination, but endured one last insult by being herded to the back steps where the leaders addressed the congregation. They were prohibited from the front steps of the Capitol by an army of state troopers ordered by then Gov. Paul B. Johnson.

Fifty years later, James Meredith, his wife, Dr. Judith Alsbrooks Meredith, Rena Evers-Everette, daughter of slain Civil Rights leader Medgar Evers, journalists, photographers and concerned citizens gathered at the Smith Robertson Museum to view the exhibit paying tribute to Meredith's historic, lifetime achievements. From there Pam Junior, Pam Confer and Meredith led members of his family, including grandchildren, and the march reenactors to the top of the front steps of the Mississippi State Capitol. Meredith received a proclamation from Senator Hillman Frazier, one of the senior members of the MS Black Legislative Caucus whose offices are housed in that same Mississippi State Capitol.

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The March Route:

- From the Peabody Hotel in Memphis to the Tennessee/Mississippi State Line.

- From Memphis to Hernando to Grenada on Highway 51 South.

- From Grenada to Greenwood on Highway 7 headed southwest.

- From Greenwood to Indianola on Highway 82 headed west.

- From Indianola to Swiftown on Highway 49 W S, and then most likely on Inverness Road headed south. (Clarification needed).

- From Swiftown to Belzoni on Highway 7.

- From Belzoni to Silver City on Highway 49 W S.

- From Silver City to Midnight to Louise on Old Highway 49 W, most likely, now Highway 149.

- From Louise to Yazoo City to Benton to Canton on Highway 16 East.

- From Canton to Tougaloo on Highway 51 South.

- From Tougaloo to Jackson: Option 1 – Left on W. County Line Rd. to Highway 51 S/N. State St. (Right) to Beasley Rd. (Right) to Watkins Dr. (Left) and/or Option 2 – Right on W. County Line Road to Watkins Drive (Left)

- From North Jackson to Midtown on Watkins Drive which becomes Bailey Ave. after Northside Drive.

- From Midtown to Downtown on Bailey Avenue to Woodrow Wilson Blvd. (Left)

- From Woodrow Wilson Blvd. to Pleasant Ave. (aka Railroad Ave).

- From Pleasant Ave. which loops to Wood Street.

- From Fortification Street (Before the Bridge was Built) across the Railroad Tracks to ... Mill Street across Monument to Capitol Street. (Left)

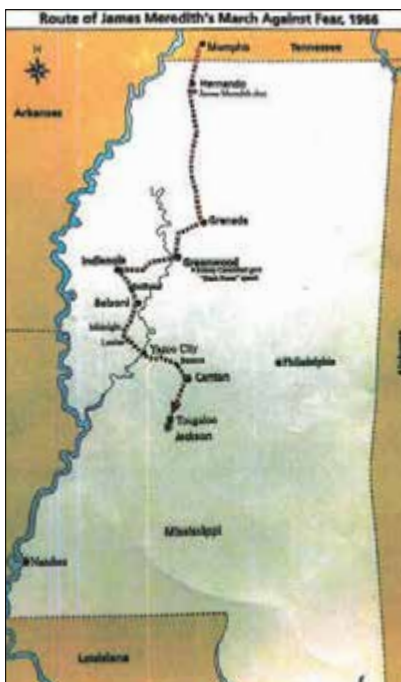
- From Capitol Street to N. Farish Street. (Left)

- From Farish Street to Monument Street. (Left)

- Monument Street becomes High Street.

- High Street to the State Capitol (back steps) where James Meredith and others addressed the marchers at the conclusion of the March. West Street was blocked by a line of armed MS State Troopers to prevent the marchers from the side and front of the Capitol facing Mississippi Street. At the 50 Year Commemoration, James Meredith finally reached the front steps of the Mississippi State Capitol, June 26, 2016.

If you have, or if someone you know has information about the March, please consider writing your own account, thereby adding to the fund of first-hand knowledge and verification. Contact the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc. office by calling, 601-977-7914, or via email @MississippiCivilRightsVeteransPgmail.com or siblevind@aol.com.



Pamela Junior celebrates 35 Years of Service

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HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATIONS

The Terry High School celebrated the class of 2023 on Tuesday May 23rd at 4 p.m. with 267 graduates at Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, MS. The valedictorian is BriAngela Hopkins and the Salutatorian is Christen Harris. Six graduates received scholarships from local business partners. LaMaya Brown received a \$500 scholarship from Jackson Federal Credit Union, Donovan Allen received a \$500 scholarship from Bank Plus, Alexandria Stovall received a \$700 scholarship from Community Bank, Marquis Thiqpen received a \$700 scholarship from Community Bank, Auiyhna Scott received a \$500 scholarship from Bank Plus and Marlicia Lyles received a \$700 scholarship from Community Bank. Congratulations to all graduates of Terry High School.

