

Mississippi Democratic Party ushers in new chairman

State Representative Cheikh Taylor (D-38) takes the reigns four month before general election



Rep. Cheikh Taylor (D-38)
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By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer



On July 6, 2023, a majority of Mississippi Democratic committee members removed party chairman Tyree Irving and installed State Representative Cheikh Taylor, the second term District 38 (Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha) democrat as chairman. While many might shrink from this assignment, in a telephone interview with *The Mississippi Link* on July 14, 2023, Taylor gave solid indica-



L-R: Rep Robert L. Johnson III, Gubernatorial candidate Brandon Presley, Rep. Oscar Denton, Rep. Cheikh Taylor at Meet the Candidates forum in Warren County, July 14, 2023

tions he grasps the gravity of the position and has hit the ground running.

A lifelong resident of Mississippi, Taylor is a graduate of Starkville High School and Howard University. While in Washington, D.C., majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry, he had the benefit of work experiences where he was immersed in cultures of excellence, starting in the mail room at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP, where presidential advisor and former United Negro College Fund Executive Direc-

tor and National Urban League President Vernon Jordan was of counsel.

Later he was introduced to three-term 2nd Congressional District Representative and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Epsy.

Despite the many “incredible influences on his political aspirations, there was none probably more than State Representative Tyrone Ellis, his predecessor in District 38.”

Taylor has served as executive director of The Brickfire Project in

Starkville for over twenty years. “Brickfire was my mother Helen’s first baby. I have worked there in some capacity or another since middle school.”

The work of Brickfire centers around daycare for ages 1-5, after-school and summer camp programming for ages 5-13, and a comprehensive mentoring partnership with Mississippi State University that provides mentors for each individual child. “We are involved in community develop-

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The Rolling Sea Action Fund will focus on mobilizing black voters and aiding Democrats in flipping the House majority

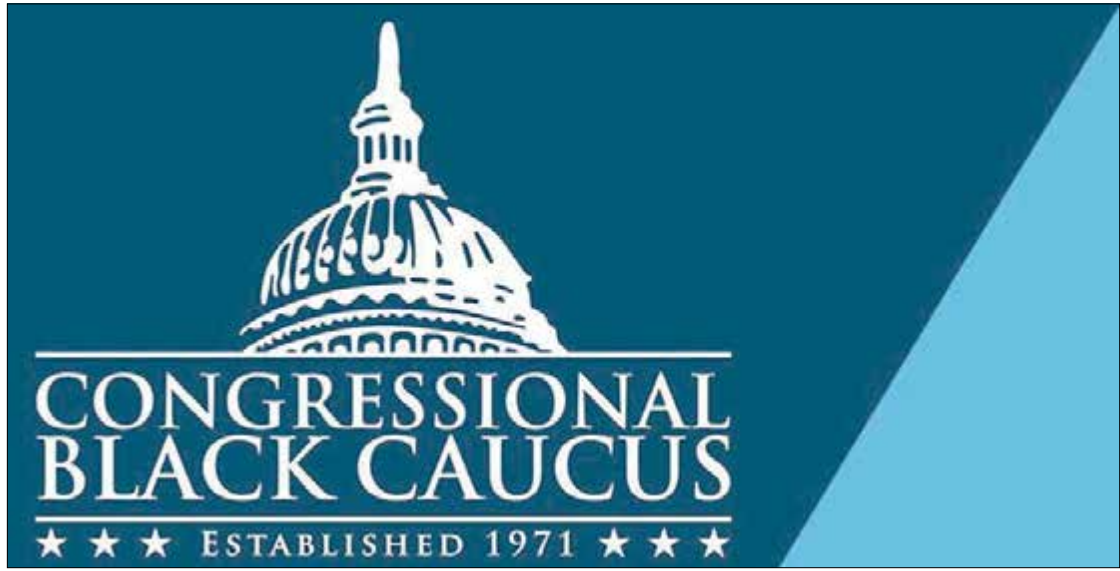
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To bolster black voter participation and secure a groundbreaking achievement in House leadership, a prominent ally of the Congressional Black Caucus is launching a super PAC with ambitious plans to spend tens of millions of dollars.

The newly formed organization, called the Rolling Sea Action Fund, will focus on mobilizing black voters and aiding Democrats in flipping the House majority. The ultimate goal is to elect the first black Speaker of the House. Niccara Campbell-Wallace, former political director of the Congressional Black Caucus PAC, is heading the initiative.

While the Rolling Sea Action Fund will be aligned with the all-Democratic Congressional Black Caucus, it will operate as a “hybrid PAC.”

This designation permits the group to raise candidates’ funds while maintaining a separate account to spend unlimited sums



on advertisements and other election-related expenses.

To seize the House majority, Democrats must flip five seats during next year’s congressional elections.

If achieved, House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries could become the nation’s first black Speaker of the House.

In an NBC interview before the launch of the Rolling Sea

Action Fund, Campbell-Wallace expressed confidence in the group’s ability to execute a multipronged strategy in 2024 with an expenditure exceeding \$10 million. This strategy includes advertising campaigns, in-person organizing and engagement in crucial communities.

The PAC will concentrate its efforts on districts with more than 8% black voting age popu-

lation, mainly focusing on the most competitive House seats. Campbell-Wallace also indicated the possibility of the group’s involvement in primary races.

“We know that black voters are the cornerstone of the Democratic Party and of protecting American democracy,” Campbell-Wallace told NBC.

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HOPE fighting home loan approval discrimination

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

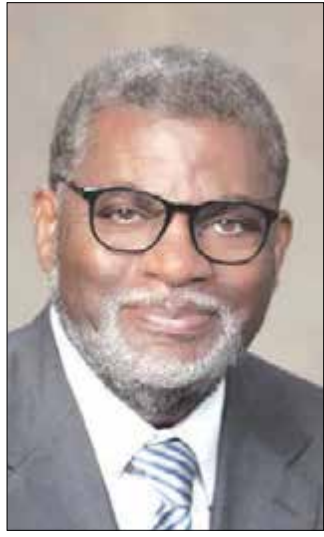
If we tried to make a list of the advantages of home ownership it would surely be lengthy. Different folks have different reasons of course, but some reasons seem universal. Financial stability, control in the context of being able to expand, good long term investment (according to St. Louis Federal Reserve home values across the nation grew 80% between 2012 and 2022), opportunity to grow equity, increased privacy, federal tax benefits, fixed monthly payment versus rents that seem to keep increasing, added sense of stability – all of these are reasons why we desire to own a home.

Buying a home has long been considered to be the biggest financial decision that we make. “There is an emotional side to home ownership, particularly in the United States – it’s often baked into people’s vision of the future or part of the American dream. And it does feel good to own your own house; you can feel like it is a home and not just a temporary dwelling,” per Tom Figgatt, president of Portolan Financial in New Orleans.

What about pulling that critical downpayment together. Scrimping and saving, for years and years for most people, to come up with that almighty 20% down. Other areas of our lives have to be trimmed back, always focusing on a household/family budget, so many financial and spending decisions being made while always staying focused on the larger goal of continuing to save to be able to meet the mortgage eligibility requirements. Also, when good decision-making can lead to improved credit scores, one bad decision can strip away those gains and result in a lower credit score.

For those that live in areas that are not thriving economically, the lending landscape is even more difficult. What about wages – those who labor while earning lower wages, well it will be much harder to stay on task for a downpayment. Those who live in areas where their incomes and groceries are taxed at higher rates – the list goes on – it can be such a battle to be able to set the money aside to qualify for home ownership.

Now imagine you finally get there. You’ve done your research, found a house that you endeavor to make into your home, all the numbers are lining up – income, debt, credit score, downpayment – you are ready to roll, ready to elevate, ready to take part in a part of the American Dream, your heart is singing,



William J. (Bill) Bynum
HOPE CEO

and poof, your mortgage application is denied.

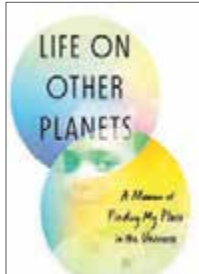
In March 2022, the Hope Policy Institute released a paper on mortgage lending patterns, titled: “HOPE Calls on CFPB to Strengthen HMDA Reporting to Identify Discriminatory Mortgage Lending Patterns in the Deep South.” Less than two pages long, but oh so hard to read – hard to take in the level of race-based discrimination that HOPE points out.

From HOPE’s paper, “Recently, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) requested comments on an upcoming study of the rules and amendments made to the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) since 2015. The HMDA was enacted in 1975 and requires financial institutions to provide data on their mortgage lending in order to ensure lenders are serving the housing needs in their communities, to provide data to guide public and private investment decisions, and to identify discriminatory patterns in mortgage lending and practices of mortgage lenders that may violate antidiscrimination statutes.”

“HOPE submitted a comment in support of the Bureau’s planned rule assessment and to point out some areas for study that are especially critical to fair lending and homeownership in the Deep South. This is evident in the homeownership gaps between black and white households in the Deep South. Disparities persist at every stage: originations, denials, pricing and foreclosures reflecting historic patterns of discrimination and the work that still remains to ensure fair housing opportunities.”

Here’s the comment HOPE submitted: “In the Deep South states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee there is more than a 25% gap between black and white homeownership. This gap has widened between 2009 and

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Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) named one of Travel + Leisure Readers' Top 10 Favorite

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) recently announced that Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) has been honored as one of the Top 10 Favorite Domestic Airports of 2023 by Travel + Leisure readers. The results were derived from "The World's Best Awards 2023" survey, conducted by Travel + Leisure from October 24, 2022 through February 27, 2023. The prestigious recognition noted at <https://www.travelandleisure.com/best-domesticairports-2023-7550418>, highlights JAN's commitment to providing exceptional service, convenience and an outstanding travel experience.

In Travel + Leisure's annual World's Best Awards survey, readers were asked to rate their favorite domestic airports based on key criteria such as access, check-in/security, restaurants/bars, shopping and design. With a focus on convenience, including short security lines, abundant parking, and easy-to-navigate terminals, JAN impressed travelers and secured the 10th position on the esteemed list.

"This recognition is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the entire team and the many partners at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport," said Rosa M. Beckett, JMAA chief executive officer. "We do not take our goal to 'Be the Airport of Choice' lightly and are working closely with our airlines and other airport partners to enhance facilities, amenities, and accessibility to provide the best in customer experiences here at JAN."

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flavored cuisines and beverages available at the Riverbanks Bar & Grill (West Concourse, open from 6:00 a.m. until 30 minutes after the last flight), the SunRise Café (East Concourse, open from 5:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.), and the Samuel Adams Jackson Brewhouse (East Concourse, open from 9:30 a.m. until the last departure).

JMAA is proud to offer a vast array of daily air service from JAN to the largest global hubs, with hundreds of connections, worldwide.

Delta Air Lines (DL), celebrating 94 years in Jackson, will operate up to six (6) daily flights to the world's #1 hub airport of Atlanta (ATL). Southwest Airlines (WN) returned to JAN in 2021, and now flies up to seven (7) flights daily to Atlanta, Baltimore/Washington (BWI), Houston (HOU), and weekend flights to Orlando (MCO), with hundreds of connections beyond these key airports.

American Airlines (AA) has increased service to their Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW) and Charlotte (CLT) hubs and continue the nonstop to the nation's capital airport, Washington-Reagan National (DCA). All totaled, American has up to nine (9) daily flights on peak days. United (UA) operates three (3) daily flights to Houston-Bush (IAH), with flights to six (6) continents from there.

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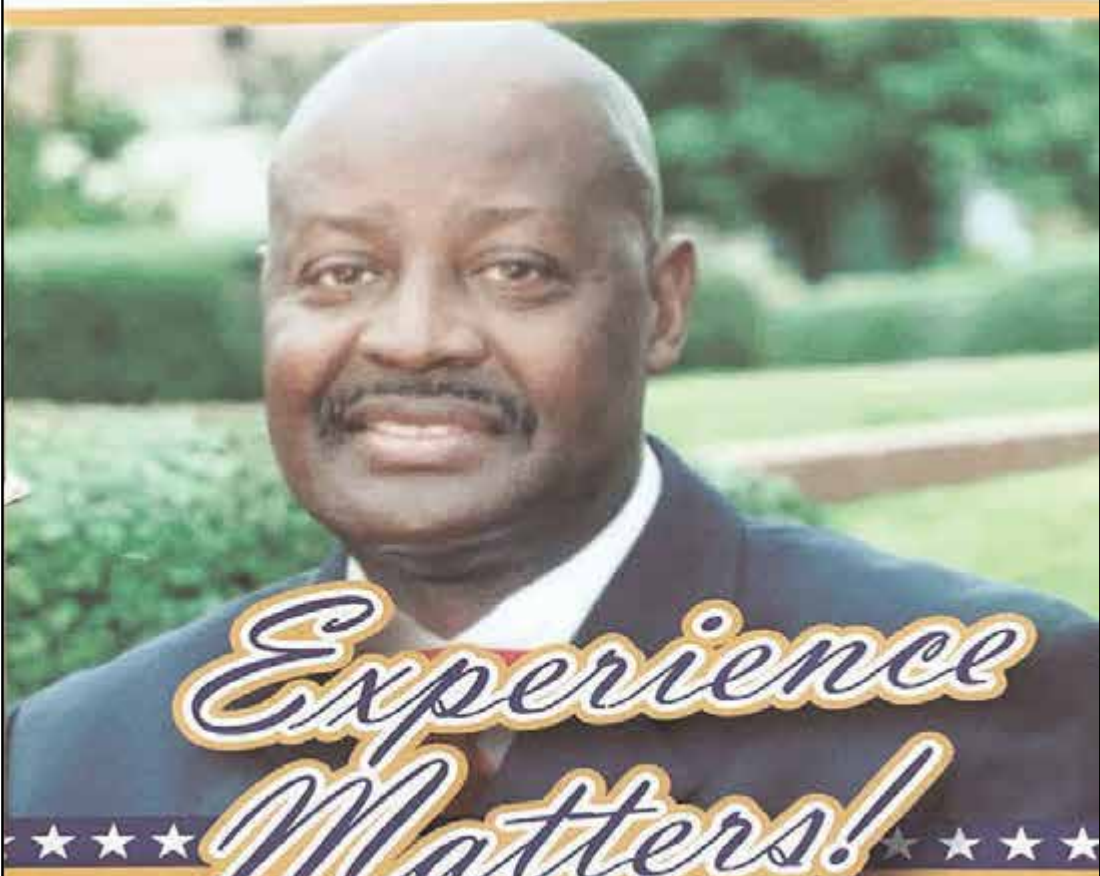
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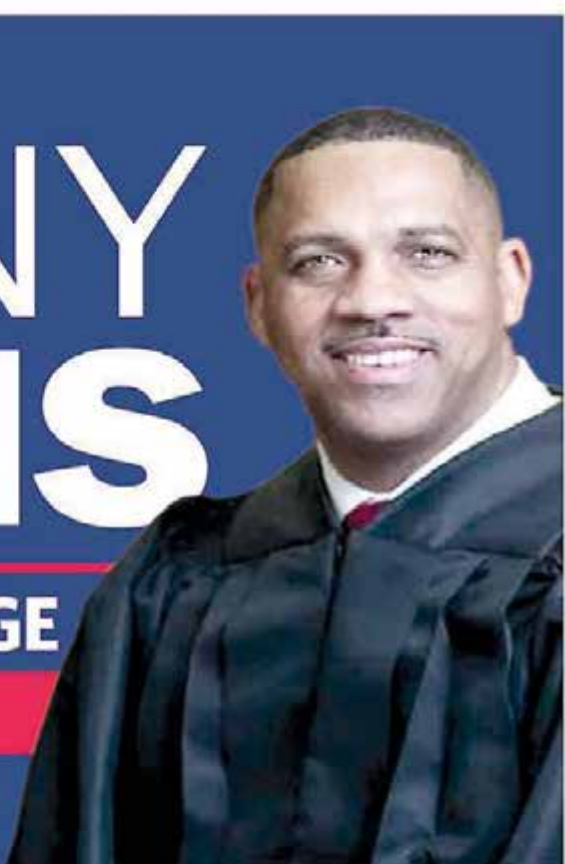
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- 2001 Top five Nominees for Tri-County Officer of the Year
- 1997 Clinton Police Officer of the Month
- 1997 Jitney Jungle and Arrow 94 WTYX FM Blue Note Salute Officer of the Year

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ment, community arts, planned urban development housing, working with folks from the local housing authority to transition to home ownership, as well as new construction. We have hosted blues festivals, and a program called Blue Marble which attracts artists from around the world – global musicians, African stilt-walkers, Native American musicians and artisans – we bring the world perspective to Starkville where the children can gain an appreciation for diversity.”

He believes that his arts and sciences pedigree has served him well in his career, especially the aspects of research, thoroughness and attention to the smallest details. He is confident, skilled, a good communicator, and realistic about the task at hand. “I’m a very spiritual person and I certainly believe in divine intervention,” only lending more to his appeal.

When asked about the general election, Tuesday, November 7th, less than four months away, Taylor was highly optimistic about Democratic opportunities up and down the ticket.

“We have an amazing and dedicated staff, and we are working hard all over the state. We’re going to install a time ticker in the office to have that constant reminder – primaries are on August 8th, and so there is an urgency to our work, and much of my focus will be on bringing funding to the state. We need to reenergize relationships inside the state. A big part of my role is that of being a unifier.”

When asked about barriers to progress, and the ugly politics of disinformation and misinformation, Chairman Taylor indicated, “We will respond with facts, and I think that is exactly what the Democratic campaigns around the state are doing now. I

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She further stressed that the initiative would consistently empower and mobilize black voters, ensuring representation and inclusivity in American politics.

The Congressional Black Caucus comprises several newer members who recently won tightly contested races. The members include Emilia Sykes of Ohio, Don Davis of North Carolina, Lauren Underwood of Illinois, Jahana Hayes of Connecticut, Lucy McBath of Georgia, Colin Allred of Texas and Steven Horsford of Nevada.

Meanwhile, Republicans have also tried to diversify their roster of House candidates, with candidates of color and women contributing to their success in the 2020 House races.

NBC News noted that, despite black voters’ overwhelming support for Democrats, recent polling indicates a slight decline in the party’s image among this demographic.

don’t think Democrats in Mississippi are really accustomed to pushing back – challenging these myths and misnomers. We don’t operate from a position of fear, and in fact we have a strong executive record. We are coming from a position of fearlessness, so they will be challenged at every corner and there will be pushback.

“Even right now, there is talk about job creation, but the real story is about our job loss – our hospitals, our healthcare systems, etc. It’s shameful because we have had opportunities for a long time, and during the last legislative session there was \$100 million Band-Aid money that could have been used to expand Medicaid.”

He went on to stress the perils of a one-party system, a supermajority that is focused on power and not on the everyday lives of all Mississippians, and certainly not on poor Mississippians. “Every race is important to us. There is no such thing in our party as a small race. Our approach across the state is rooted in common sense; we are focusing on job creation versus job loss, we are focusing on real solutions versus Band-Aids.”

He said, “While there are certainly fringe members of the Republican party, there are many others who want to see our state’s recovery – I would argue that most Republicans want to be more centered on their policies but are afraid to say so. They can’t move on to healthcare expansion because they don’t know what to call it.

“Our job is to get to work and show real results, not rhetoric. We’re going to be steadfast about getting results and then looking at the benchmarks so we can show the public the truth.”

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| Who | Income | Denial rate |
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| Black Mississippians | \$150,000 | 34% |
| White Mississippians | \$31,000 – 50,000 | 21% |

2019, with Mississippi and Tennessee experiencing a seven-percent-age point increase during this time. Mississippi’s Black homeownership rate has not only not recovered from the Great Recession, it has steadily fallen every year in the decade since to its lowest point in 14 years; as just one reason why, in Mississippi, Black borrowers earning over \$150,000 experience a denial rate (34%) that is higher than for white borrowers earning between \$31,000 and \$50,000 (21%).” See chart above.

HOPE is in the trenches, and they make their case with data, not emotional appeals.


On June 29, 2023, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau submitted its Fair Lending Annual Report to Congress. The top line of the report stated, “In 2022, the CFPB’s fair lending work centered on the consumers and communities most affected by unlawful discrimination.” Further on in CFPB’s report it states,” As the CFPB reiterated in conjunction with the release of our joint statement with the Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, and U.S. Equal Employment

Opportunity Commission, we will hold creditors and service providers accountable for fully complying with fair lending and other federal consumer financial laws, regardless of the technology they choose to use.”


“The CFPB also continues to fight against bias in home appraisals and redlining. Families and entire communities are harmed by biased, inaccurate appraisals, as well as geographic discrimination, or redlining. Whether it takes the form of excluding neighborhoods with certain demographics from mainstream credit or targeting them with predatory products, the CFPB is combatting these unlawful practices to achieve meaningfully restorative outcomes for the affected consumers and communities.”

The Mississippi Link newspaper will keep an eye on this issue moving forward, and we already know that HOPE is constantly watching out.

The forty page report can be viewed at https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/cfpb_fair-lending-report_2023-06.pdf.



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Camp Pioneer promotes spiritual and social potential at 2023 summer camp



Camp Pioneer 2023 Summer Camp leaders and youth

PHOTOS BY JANICE NEAL-VINCENT

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

Nestled within the Pearson Community of Pearl, Mississippi is Camp Pioneer. This non-profit Christian camp recently held its one-week 2023 summer camp for youth ages 6-18. Youth set out to learn the abundant life by developing their spiritual and social potential.

The \$305 cost for the week comprised three meals a day, housing in the cabins, 24-hour supervision and all the activities provided. Youth boosted their energy levels while fishing, hiking, boat riding, swimming and crafting. They took advantage of Bible class, music class, campfire and organized sports and games. Olympic Day, scavenger hunts and a cookout were also locked into their week-long journey.

Camp Pioneer is a ministry that makes generational change. Camp leadership relies on the scriptural verse, John 10:10 ("...I came that they might have life and have it abundantly)." According to field representative Lisa C. Willis, "Camp just keeps getting better. We are 75 years old but remain geared to the times [though] anchored to the Rock...We teach the Abundant Living Lifestyle. We keep current with the things our youth like to do and topics that interest them."

Willis made it known that discrimination has no place at Camp Pioneer. Most who attend, however, are African Americans, Hispanics and Caucasians. "Of the 182 youth we served this year, [there were some challenges] but many accepted the Lord as Savior or made choices to do better in their walk with the Lord. That is our goal every year, mixed in with a whole lot of fun," she said.

Tidiness was an added dimension of this year's camp. Not only did tidiness come into play, but youth demonstrated how much they had grown in knowledge of biblical precepts, scriptural memorization and games. They were awarded for their efforts and named the Cabin of the Week, if they met the camp's requirements.

Camp Pioneer was started in 1948 by the Rev. Erwin and Ruth Wedel. A graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Wheaton College, Rev. Wedel held the first few camping sessions at Piney Woods School. The present campsite (125 Pioneer Road, Pearl, Miss.) was previously a night club which was closed down by the county sheriff. The site remained unused for some time.

Under the leadership of the Wedels, the site was purchased by Pioneer Gospel Mission which was at the time the parent organization of Camp Pioneer. From the beginning, the Wedels sought to bring the Gospel to the minorities in the South. They developed many leaders in the process. Committed families dedicated themselves to working with the Wedels in ministry.

In 1970 the Wedels were called to work at Carver Bible Institute in Atlanta. Maurice and Ann Bingham, former camp counselors, had worked with the Wedels for some years and assumed leadership in 1970 that continued until 2011. Then in 2011, Ronald Bingham (Donna), son of Maurice and Ann Bingham, assumed leadership.

The organizational name of the ministry has come to be known as Pioneer Ministries, Inc. (PMI), and Ronald Bingham has been the executive director since 2011. Many lives have been impacted as a result of the numerous programs implemented by the Bingham team.

Camp Pioneer's vision is "to prepare young people to serve Christ in their communities and to become self-supporting, upstanding and contributing citizens. At the same time, we envision families as the focal point within the community. We see the family as the stabilizing and supportive force which enhances the efforts of our Christian environment."

The mission of Camp Pioneer is to provide and facilitate teaching, training and leadership development venues in the camp environment in order to advance the Christian faith in local and extended communities.

To learn more, contact Lisa C. Willis. Cell – 773-370-1724 or visit www.pioneerministries.org.



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Lisa C. Willis, field representative



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Federal judge dismissed lawsuit against police by woman hit by stray bullet

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a Mississippi woman who says she was hit by a stray police bullet while lying in bed.

Latasha Smith, 49, was in bed on Dec. 11 when an officer from the state-run Capitol Police fired several bullets at a suspect running through her Jackson apartment complex, according to her federal complaint. A stray bullet entered Smith's apartment and struck her arm. Smith, who said her teenage daughter was home during the episode, was taken to a hospital.

In April, Smith sued Mississippi Public Safety Commissioner Sean Tindell and Capitol Police Chief Bo Luckey, arguing that police officers under their watch violated her constitutional rights by acting with "deliberate indifference" for her life. She also claimed that Tindell and Luckey failed to properly train officers.

In a Wednesday ruling, U.S. District Judge Tom Lee granted Tindell and Luckey's request to dismiss the lawsuit, writing that they cannot be liable because they are not alleged to have participated in the shooting incident and because state officials cannot be sued for violations of state law in federal court.



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Tindell told the news outlet that the officer was initially placed on leave but later returned to active duty after an internal investigation determined the officer did not break any laws.

A spokesperson for Tindell did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Smith's attorney, Dennis Sweet IV, said in a phone interview that he and Smith are considering an appeal.

"We're disappointed," Sweet said. "The truth is they went into the community, there was a high-speed chase, a lady in bed got shot, and there is no recourse. And that's going to be the new police force in Jackson."

Officers from the Capitol Police have been patrolling around state government buildings in and near

downtown, while the Jackson Police Department patrols the entire city. A new Mississippi law would expand the patrol territory of the Capitol Police department within Jackson. Critics say Capitol Police are aggressive and expanding the territory could endanger lives in the majority black city.

Smith is black. Her complaint said the Capitol Police use "disproportionate and unnecessary force against African American citizens."

Members of the majority-white and Republican-controlled Legislature said they passed the law to improve safety in Jackson, which has had more than 100 homicides for each of the past three years. U.S. District Judge Henry Wingate has temporarily blocked the law from taking effect.

On Wednesday, the same day Lee dismissed Smith's lawsuit, the U.S. Department of Justice said it was seeking to join a federal lawsuit the NAACP filed against the state to block the new law.

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Secretary Watson announces "My Election Day" tool

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Secretary of State Michael Watson announces the newest elections-related resource, My Election Day, developed to improve each Mississippian's personal election experience.

"We remain committed to educating all Mississippians on the elections process and understanding their rights as voters. Through My Election Day, a Mississippi voter will receive personalized data to ensure a smooth Election Day process from beginning to end, whether voting in-person or absentee," said Secretary Michael Watson.

Located on the homepage of YallVote.ms, My Election Day includes two key features – an opportunity to receive election information tailored to your address and a method to track an absentee or affidavit ballot.

Upon entering a specific address, Mississippi voters can receive personalized election information, including a sample ballot specific to the address, polling place location, deadlines for upcoming elections, and a list of the current elected officials from federal down to county. A link to the Mississippi Legislature's website containing the contact information for your state senators and representatives is also supplied. Absentee/Affidavit ballot tracking



is another feature available on My Election Day, not only as a resource for Mississippians, but as an additional election security measure. For those eligible to vote absentee or who vote by affidavit, each step of the process may be monitored from the time the application has been received to what happens with the ballot after Election Day.

As a reminder, Mississippi's 2023 Primary Election Day is Tuesday, August 8, 2023. In order to be eligible to vote in this election, Mississippians must be registered by July 10, 2023.

For questions, contact our Elections Division at (800) 829-6786, email ElectionsAnswers@sos.ms.gov, or visit YallVote.ms.

MVSU alum and Visit Jackson's Thigpen to serve on Executive Board of Mississippi Tourism Association as president elect

MVSU newswire

The Mississippi Tourism Association (MTA), the state's voice of tourism for over 30 years, is pleased to announce its elected board of officers for 2023-2024. Visit Jackson's President & CEO, Rickey Thigpen, Ph.D., has been selected to serve as the state association's president-elect effective July 1.

For the past 33 years, Dr. Rickey L. Thigpen has served in multiple management positions within the administrative and marketing disciplines. Since February 1, 2019, he has served as president & CEO.

Thigpen is a member of numerous professional organizations, including Destinations International, where he serves as an association executive board member and co-chairman of its CEO Diversity and Inclusion sub-committee. He is a member of the U.S. Travel Association Board of Directors, Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership Board of Directors, and the Downtown Jackson Partners Advisory Board. He also serves as an officer of the Capital Area Tourism



Thigpen

Association.

Thigpen is also engaged civically, including Rotary International – Jackson Chapter, 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc., Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Association (Life Member), Greater Leadership Jackson Alumni Association, Alpha Foundation, Inc. (Vice-Chairman), and a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., where he served as the 10th Mississippi District Director.

Rickey is a native of Jackson,

Mississippi. He holds a baccalaureate degree in computer science from Mississippi Valley State University, a master's degree in leadership from Belhaven University, and a Ph.D. degree in organizational leadership from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

In 2019 Thigpen was named Mississippi Tourism Association's Member of the Year. Thigpen has appeared multiple times in *Black Meetings & Tourism* magazine as one of the most influential African Americans in the tourism industry. In 2020, Dr. Thigpen received its coveted APEX Award and was featured on its cover in 2021. Thigpen was recognized by the Events Industry Council in 2020 and was honored to receive its Social Impact Award.

Thigpen is a Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church member, serving on the music staff and public relations ministry. Rickey Thigpen's mission is "to be a lifelong learner dedicated to imparting knowledge to, uplifting, and empowering those he is so fortunate to influence."

2023 Primary Election Absentee Report

The Mississippi Link Newswire

As of Monday, July 17, 2023, the Statewide Election Management System (SEMS) reported a total of 12,030 absentee ballots requested, 11,567 absentee ballots sent, and 6,475 absentee ballots received in the state of Mississippi for the 2023 Primary Election.

As a reminder, the requested total reflects the number of Mississippi voters who have requested an absentee ballot through their local Circuit Clerk's Office. The sent total reflects the number of absentee ballots sent to voters from Circuit Clerk Offices. The received total reflects the number of completed absentee ballots returned to Circuit Clerk Offices.

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- Mississippians who have requested an absentee ballot may track their ballot utilizing the My Election Day ballot tracker.
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Once a safe haven for escaped slaves, small Arkansas town suffers water crisis amidst heatwave

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

During the Civil War in 1863, Helena, Arkansas, located in the South and under Union occupation, provided refuge to runaway slaves, becoming a safe haven for them. The city also served as a training ground for various regiments comprised of colored soldiers.

In the 1940s and 1950s, Helena transformed into a thriving blues community, flourishing as a bustling port town along the Mississippi River. According to the city's official website, musicians from all corners of the South would make a stop in Helena, contributing to its vibrant music scene.

To this day, Helena remains the proud host of the nation's longest-running blues radio show, King Biscuit Time. The show played a crucial role in launching the careers of numerous renowned musicians.

Presently known as Helena-West-Helena, the city serves as the county seat for Phillips County and is home to a population of slightly over 9,000 people, predominantly African Americans. And typical of black communities across the country, Helena-West Helena has its share of problems that arise from discrimination.

Today, as blistering heat beats down on Helena, the city faces a water crisis and meaningful state, and federal aid has remained elusive.

As the city braces for more scorching temperatures, the mercury expected to reach a sweltering 98 degrees next week, it has grappled with a dire water shortage for the past three weeks.

Aid has been slow to arrive, leaving the community to rely on bottled water for their daily needs. The root cause of Helena-West Helena's water woes lies in its aging infrastructure, with pipes dating back at least 60 years, which have been bursting throughout the city.

Mayor Christopher Franklin expressed his concerns in an NBC News interview.

"Some of the problems are about infrastructure being neglected over the years. It's just been a systemic failure," Franklin said.

The crisis reached its tipping point on June 25 when a major water line broke, causing the city's computer operating system that runs the water plant to fail automatically. As a result, the predominantly black community endured a grueling 20-hour period without water in scorching temperatures of



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up to 97 degrees.

Since then, the city has been under a boil water alert, which remains in effect due to leaks sprouting from various compromised parts of the infrastructure.

According to NBC News, city officials estimate that the cost of repairing the antiquated piping system ranges from \$1 million to \$10 million.

Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders issued a \$100,000 loan to help address the leaks in the primary water system, but Franklin and his chief of staff, James Valley, deemed it insufficient to resolve the issue.

Although water service had been partially restored, low pressure and new leaks persist. Franklin has tirelessly sought aid from state and federal authorities but claims that his pleas have fallen on deaf ears.

Speaking truth to power, Franklin also wasn't afraid to express his frustration.

"In America, where people have the right to good, quality drinking water, the federal government should be running aid to provide that," he told NBC.

"Instead, there's no sense of urgency for us. I mean, why would it be? We're black. There's no urgency until they want our vote. And that's what's happening here. What else are we left to think?"

The mayor called upon Arkansas' two Republican senators, Tom Cotton and John Boozman, both of whom failed to provide a satisfactory response to the crisis.

While Cotton sent an aide to assess

the situation, Boozman is scheduled to send one soon.

However, Franklin stressed that what his city truly needs is immediate access to resources and a comprehensive solution, not just visits from representatives.

Acknowledging the assistance provided by entities such as the Arkansas National Guard, the Red Cross, Walmart and Dollar General in offering support and bottled water, Franklin said he worried that if those organizations are the sole sources of help, the city will face a long, scorching summer.

Others have questioned why substantive and timely aid has been slow to materialize, citing similar delays experienced in other predominate African-American communities like Flint, Michigan and Jackson, Mississippi.

In his seven months as mayor, Franklin said he has focused on revitalizing the city by demolishing 90 abandoned homes to eliminate blight and attract residents back to the area.

He said he sees this as an opportunity to replace the aging water lines that lie beneath those houses. However, the water crisis has not been the only challenge for Franklin.

Since defeating a white incumbent in the mayoral race, Franklin said he's encountered racism, including death threats, property intrusions and social media attacks.

"I'm not arguing about a football game. I'm arguing about the quality of life for black people and all the people in this inner city," Franklin stated.

The retirement of Rev. Jesse Jackson: You can't bury hope or history

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist

On July 16, Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson announced that he would pivot from his role as president of the National Rainbow Coalition to become a university professor and advisor to his successor, the Reverend Frederick Douglas Haynes III, an activist and the pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas. This announcement, accompanied by a laudatory speech from Vice President Kamala Harris, should have been front-page news. Instead, except for the Chicago newspapers, Jackson's resignation from the group he founded in 1971 garnered very little national news.

However, Rev. Jackson's transition from leadership was big news to the people who worked on his 1984 and 1988 Presidential campaigns.

A couple hundred Jackson delegates and campaign workers gathered for a reunion at the PUSH headquarters July 14-16 to reminisce and celebrate Jackson's decades of leadership. The man whose mantra was "Keep hope alive" offered hope to those disheartened by the recent rise in racism, virulent anti-blackness, legislative and judicial hostility resulting in attacks on voting rights and the reversal of affirmative action.

Jackson has not disappeared from the national scene. Instead, too many want to write Rev. Jackson off, just as they have attempted to write off history. The sentiment to ignore Jackson is the same sentiment that has allowed truth-deniers to introduce legislation outlawing teaching about race in forty-four states. Thanks to Jackson campaign veterans, though, the world will learn that biased journalists cannot bury either history or hope. At a time when state legislators and Supreme Court justices have attacked voting rights, Jackson's legacy in registering more voters than any other single individual in history is unassailable.

And who can deny Jesse Jackson's international impact – from his rescue of Lt. Robert Goodman from Syria through his work on the anti-apartheid movement and his relationship with Nelson Mandela? His international reach is reflected in his participation in this year's PUSH conference, which includes delegates from several African countries, the Caribbean and Europe.

His peers in the civil rights movement sent tributes of recognition. They came from the National Urban League's Marc Morial to the National Action Network's Al Sharpton, to tweets from Presidents Bill Clinton and Joe Biden to Chicago's mayor Brandon John-



Jackson

son, appreciation rained down on Rev. Jackson.

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Marcia Fudge defined PUSH – as "to press upon a thing with force to move it away, to move something in a specified way by exerting force." She noted that PUSH has been a force for justice, a force against the barriers of racism. There are setbacks, she said, to be sure. But as long as that force is there, there will be change.

That the United States Vice President traveled to Chicago to salute Jackson crystallizes his importance to the nation and the world. Kamala Harris shared how important Jackson has been to her life and career and said she would not be vice-president were it not for Jackson's work.

Others shared similar tributes, and I, too, have a testimony. I met Jackson first in 1973 as an Essence Magazine intern and later worked on the 1984 campaign. I vividly remember his assertion in his speech at the Moscone Center that "God isn't finished with me yet." Indeed, since 1984, God has continued to mold, shape and bless Rev. Jackson.

Jackson isn't giving rousing speeches anymore. But he still brings us to our feet. He doesn't shout. The Parkinson's he has battled since 2017 has reduced his mighty roar to a whisper. But his whisper is that of hope and history. "Keep hope alive," he tells assembled delegates. "I am somebody," he quietly encourages the crowd in his trademark chant. And the delegates engage in the traditional call and response, amplifying Rev's voice, reminding him that while illness may have muted his voice, those who appreciate his contribution to history are ready to receive the baton he is passing and confront the evil forces that would eradicate our rights. As long as we can chant back, keeping hope alive, Rev. Jesse Jackson's place in history is secure. He inspires the nation and the world. Those who appreciate the Jackson legacy will not allow hope or history to be buried.

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Aretha Franklin's handwritten note validated as her will by Michigan jury

By Stacy M. Brown
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A Michigan jury has deemed a handwritten note by the late Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, her official last will and testament.

The jury rendered its decision after an intense legal battle that pitted family members against one another over the inheritance of the legendary singer's estate.

In the fall of 2019, Franklin's niece made a remarkable discovery while rummaging through the corners of the singer's suburban Detroit home.

Nestled beneath a couch cushion, she stumbled upon a cache of three handwritten documents.

Among them was a particularly significant piece from 2014, which would ultimately take center stage in the courtroom drama.

Franklin's two sons, Kecalf and Edward Franklin, enlisted the assistance of their legal representatives to champion the cause of the 2014 note, ardently contending that it should supersede a separate will crafted in 2010.

Their brother, Ted White II, stood firm, citing the 2010 will, safeguarded under lock and key within the confines of Franklin's sprawling home.



Franklin

The crux of the contentious dispute lay in the divergent provisions outlined in the two conflicting wills.

The 2014 note stipulated that Kecalf and Franklin's grandchildren would inherit her prestigious Bloomfield Hills, Michigan residence.

The 2010 will, in contrast, conspicuously omits the requirement that the sons obtain a certificate or degree in business, which was a requirement in the 2010 version.

Both wills bestowed upon Franklin's four sons the privilege of benefit-

ing from her vast musical royalties and copyrights, ensuring their ongoing connection to her enduring legacy.

Franklin's fourth son, Clarence Franklin, reportedly resides in an assisted living facility and wasn't involved in the litigation.

The courtroom saga captivated the nation as fans and legal experts awaited the jury's verdict.

After carefully weighing the evidence and considering the merits of both sides' arguments, the Michigan jury validated the handwritten note as binding.

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Play-it-Safe tips to protect young athletes’ feet and ankles

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In today’s competitive youth sports landscape, injuries are common, and when they do occur, young athletes are often pressured to play through the pain.

“The back-to-school season is prime time for foot and ankle injuries from fall sports like soccer, football and cross country,” says Richard Baker, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon and Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). “Fortunately, there are many steps parents, coaches and young athletes can take to prevent injuries from occurring in the first place and to discourage kids from playing through pain.”

Here are eight play-it-safe tips from the foot and ankle surgeon members of ACFAS to help prevent injuries and to treat them properly when they do occur.

1. Get a pre-season checkup. A pre-season medical evaluation can help identify whether your child could possibly benefit from using an orthotic or wearing a supportive ankle brace while playing. This is especially important for those with previous sprains and injuries.
2. Start the season with new shoes. Old shoes can wear down and become uneven, causing the ankle to tilt. And, as your child’s feet may have grown between seasons, their old shoes may not fit. The smart move is to replace athletic shoes at the start of each season. While children under 10 should wear all-purpose sports shoes, older youth athletes should wear sport-specific footwear.
3. Train for the season. It’s important that your child’s feet and ankles are accustomed to the level of activity required for the sport. Adequate conditioning in the off-season can help maintain a player’s ability to meet these demands, reducing their risk of injury and improving their performance during the season.
4. Encourage warmup exercises. Calf stretches and light jogging before competition help warm up ligaments and blood vessels, reducing injury risk.
5. Check fields for dips, divots and holes. Ninety percent of ankle sprains are due to poor playing conditions. That’s why some surgeons recommend walking the field, especially in non-professional settings like public parks, looking for spots that could catch a player’s foot. Alert coaching officials to any



6. Watch their technique. A difference in the way your child is moving is often a tell-tale sign that something is wrong. Playing with pain is never a winning strategy so encourage kids to be honest about pain or discomfort.
7. Be mindful of other physical activities. Your child doesn’t need to be involved in a formalized athletic program to be vulnerable to sports-related injuries. Foot and ankle surgeons warn of common injuries like plantar fasciitis, bone spurs, fractures and Achilles tendonitis due to repetitive, forceful motions, which can occur in activities such as skateboarding. When skateboarding or engaged in other non-formal activities, always wear protective gear, including supportive shoes, and seek treatment when there is pain or injury.
8. Remember RICE. Often, an injured foot or ankle can be treated with rest, ice, compression and elevation. Those with foot or ankle pain should take a break from playing and allow time for recovery. If pain persists, something more serious may be happening, such as cartilage injuries or broken bones in the foot. Consult a foot and ankle surgeon for a complete evaluation, proper diagnosis and treatment plan. The sooner your child can safely get back into the game.

For more information on pediatric foot care 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.

New treatments may help those with advanced breast cancer live longer

StatePoint

As of January 2023, the number of women in the United States with a history of invasive breast cancer is estimated to be 3.1 million and is expected to increase by 12% to 4 million in 2024, according to the American Cancer Society.

Breast cancer is highly treatable when caught at the early stages – there is a 99% five-year survival rate when the cancer is found only in the breast tissue. However, as soon as the cancer spreads to lymph nodes under the arm or to nearby tissues (regional stage), the 5-year survival rate drops to 85%, and once it spreads to other lymph nodes or body parts, (distant stage or metastatic cancer) the 5-year survival rate falls to as low as 27%. These figures suggest there is a significant need for more effective treatments for this deadly cancer.

New immunotherapies may provide the solution for patients with advanced breast cancer and fewer treatments options. Currently under development, Bria-IMT and Bria-OTS from BriaCell Therapeutics (NASDAQ: BCTX), are two drugs that have shown promising results so far in clinical trials, with substantial tumor regression in several patients, even those with metastatic cancer. Both drugs work through a completely novel therapeutic mechanism, using breast



cancer cells to generate a strong immune response against breast cancer.

“For many breast cancer patients, the only option left is chemotherapy. We realize how hard chemotherapy is on the body, commonly causing nausea, vomiting, hair loss, lack of appetite, inflammation of the mouth and tongue, and bone marrow suppression, which can lead to serious and at times fatal infections. Recently, immunotherapies have come to the fore as a type of therapy which avoids most of these side effects. Unfortunately, immunotherapy only currently works in a small subset of patients, and then only when given with chemotherapy. We are dedicated to developing new, more effective immunotherapy approaches that have very few side effects and may provide substantial benefits to more patients. We hope our efforts will afford these patients another option that is much better tolerated and can provide improved quality of life and prolong their survival,” says Dr. William Williams, CEO of BriaCell Therapeutics.

In the case of Bria-OTS, a simple saliva test can determine a patient’s cell type so they can receive personalized immunotherapy treatment. Dr. Williams notes that this technology is already being explored for other cancer treatment uses, including prostate cancer, lung cancer, and melanoma. To learn more about the future of cancer treatment, visit briacell.com/about-briacell.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in U.S. women. Thankfully, drugs on the near horizon may transform the way we think about treating the disease, particularly in its later stages, and provide new hope to patients.

“Fear of germs” is it normal?



By Vince Faust Tips to Be Fit

A friend of mine asked if he was suffering from germaphobia. He still had concerns about COVID. We talked about the almost 600 deaths everyday from COVID. He mentioned the new variants. He reminded me that there are long-term health issues from COVID. He knew that reinfections are possible. No, he is not suffering from germaphobia. His concerns are concerns most people have.

A person with germaphobia has an intense fear and aversion to germs, bacteria and pathogens. This phobia is also known as mysophobia or bacteriophobia.

A person that suffers from germaphobia experience excessive and irrational anxiety about coming into contact with potentially harmful microorganisms, leading them to adopt extreme cleaning, sanitizing and avoidance behaviors. This condition affects their daily life and can have a significant impact on their daily life and overall well being.

The fear of germs can stem from various factors that include traumatic experiences, cultural influences or even a genetic predisposition. Early exposure to illnesses or witnessing a severe infection may trigger the development of germaphobia tendencies.

When I started writing this article I wanted to find that fine line that changes a person from having a healthy fear of germs to a person that can’t function daily. They can’t go outside. They can’t be in crowds? They can’t take public transportation. They can’t go to church. We have to know when we have stepped into a world that isn’t based in reality. On the other end we want to know we are not being too cavalier to use proven steps that can protect our lives, the lives of our family and others in our communities.

To maintain a healthy balance to protect ourselves from germs involves our practicing good hygiene without becoming overly obsessive.

We can:

- Wash our hands frequently with soap and water especially after touching public surfaces.
- Use hand sanitizers when soap isn’t available.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, ears or mouth.
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.
- Follow recommended vaccination schedules to build immunity.
- Stay home when you feel sick to avoid spreading germs.
- Stay informed from reliable sources about germs bacteria and pathogens. You need to know their real risk. Not the political risk.

To function in our ever-changing world we need to strike a balance between protecting our health and avoiding unnecessary anxiety associated with germaphobia.

Germaphobia can strain

relationships with your family, your friends and romantic partners. Loved ones may not fully understand the extent of the fear a person is suffering. This can lead to frustration and misunderstandings. Social interactions can become awkward and tense as others might see germaphobia behavior as judgmental or offensive. These challenges can lead to feelings of loneliness and isolation. This can even exacerbate a germaphobe’s anxiety.

Germaphobia can significantly disrupt daily routines and limit participation in various social activities. Simple task like grocery shopping, using public transportation or dining in restaurants can become anxiety-inducing experiences. These individuals may avoid certain places altogether leading to isolation and reduced quality of life.

Germaphobia is a complex psychological condition that affects many aspects of a person’s life. While practicing good hygiene is essential for health excessive fear of germs can have detrimental effects on mental and physical wellbeing. Understanding the origins and characteristics of germaphobia can lead to greater empathy and support for people struggling with this condition. Through therapy, they manage their germaphobia and lead fulfilling lives, embracing a balance between hygiene and overall well-being.

If you or someone you know is suffering with germaphobia professional help is crucial. Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) is one of the most effective treatments for germaphobia. CBT helps a person challenge and change negative thought patterns and develop healthier coping mechanisms. Exposure therapy, a form of CBT gradually exposes germaphobe’s to their fears in a controlled environment helping them build tolerance and reduce anxiety.

In addition to therapy there are several strategies people can use to manage their germaphobia:

- Learning about germs and their actual risk can help dispel irrational fears and misconceptions.
- You should set boundaries. Establishing reasonable boundaries for cleanliness can help avoid excessive behavior.
- Gradually exposing yourself to situations that trigger anxiety can build a tolerance over time.
- Practice mindfulness and relaxation exercises can reduce overall anxiety levels.
- Join a support group.

When you have a support group or you use a few of your friends they can provide valuable emotional support.

If you want to try it alone you should remember that self-help strategies might not work for everyone. You also have to remember getting professional help is not a sign of weakness. Getting help is a sign of getting better.

P R E S E R V E D

Missing Pieces

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



There are various ways that we end up having “missing” pieces in our lives because we mismanage, misappropriate and misdirect. Mismanaging usually happens when we lose focus on what’s most important (a real and sincere relationship with God). As a result, it becomes easier to slowly shift out of a safe position of obedience and into a vulnerable, prideful position of disobedience and rebellion.

The phrase “With great authority, comes great responsibility” came to mind as I was thinking about this week’s column. In a nutshell, this phrase relates to another one regarding missing pieces that I’d been through a few years back. I found myself repeating spiritual tests with things like self-confidence and forgiveness.

You’re probably thinking “She must not have passed that test for God to send her through it again.” Honestly, I thought the same thing and was so careful to be more sensitive to the leading of the holy spirit and be obedient to learn the lesson that God had for me. Luke 12:48 reminds us that “... For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required and to whom much has committed, of him they will ask the more.” – Luke 12:48

In the past, I’ve foolishly sought after the approval of others because I wanted people to like me, and something was missing. I didn’t realize that by focusing on being liked, I was losing sight of the more important goal of being respected. I was ultimately disappointed when others showed that they cared little for the things of God and even less for me. And when it was all over, I was out of position, confused and longing to restore my relationship with

God. And what was missing was a genuine relationship with God that went beyond the superficial going to church and knowing the latest gospel songs.

The second time this happened, I avoided the valley of negative emotions from disappointments. In fact, I strengthened my relationship with God by staying focused on growing spiritually and not getting bogged down emotionally. However, one puzzling question remained: If I passed the test, why did it seem like my results were the same?” I soon realized that the big difference was my emotional and spiritual response. The second time, I more effectively stayed in position by keeping the proper balance of prayer, praise and worship.

For me, it seemed like the key to passing my test was more an assessment of how well I understand the process more than anything. What had been missing was my trusting completely in God. Previous-

ly, I’d sabotaged God’s plans and purposes because I don’t understand or like the process that he was taking me through. Eventually, I had a great peace when I allowed myself to be humble enough to trust God.

Because of the great authority that we have as Christians, we have an even greater responsibility to stay in the right position of humble acceptance of even the most difficult circumstances in our lives. We pass the test when we accept the great responsibility that we have to trust in God more fully.

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Thankful for the Gospel – The Good News

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



I personally thank God for life spared and blessings bestowed. I believed that life is a gift from God. As the Scriptures say, God is the One who gives to all, life, and breath, ye and all good things. It is in Him that we live and move and have our being. I am thankful for the Gospel, the good news!

Jesus gave the church the commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. The gospel message is that Jesus came into this world, taught the way of life, and then gave His life so that we could have life.

People are starving for God. If anyone in all the world should be able to say, “I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory,” it is the herald of God. And as we look out over the wasteland of our secular culture, must we, ministers, not ask: who but us will say to this people, “Behold your God?” Who will tell the people that God is great and greatly to be praised? Who will paint for them the landscape of God’s grandeur? Who will labor to find words that can carry the “gospel of the glory of the blessed God?”

If God is not supreme in our preaching, where in this world will people hear about the supremacy of God? If we do not spread a banquet of God’s beauty on Sunday morning, will not our people ask or seek in vain to satisfy their inconsolable longing with the cotton candy pleasures of past times and religious hype? If the fountain

of living water does not flow from the mountain of God’s sovereign grace on Sunday morning, will not the people hew for themselves cisterns on Monday, “broken cisterns that can hold no water” (Jeremiah 2:13)? Give your people God!

Jesus Christ gave His church this body of spiritually transformed believers – a responsibility to carry out. The Church’s mission is to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God and make disciples throughout the world teaching them exactly what Jesus taught (Mark 16:15; Matthew 24:14; Matthew 28:19-20).

The work of the Church continues; it did not cease when the original disciples died. At first the job of the apostles, the Church’s mission has passed to each generation of God’s people. Jesus promised to be with His followers as they accomplished that work until He returns at the end of the age (verse 20). Notice the purpose for which Jesus Christ sent the Apostle Paul to people in the world: “to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me” (Acts 26:18).

Paul also said: “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). The Gospel is God’s message of how salvation will be brought to mankind – starting with His Church.

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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 601-960-1993 or email: cdotson@city.jackson.ms.us.

One (1) original and eight (8) signed copies of the proposal must be received no later than 3:29 P. M., on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at the City Clerk's Office, 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Mailed proposals should be addressed to the Office of the City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205-0017. Packets should be sealed and clearly marked "Master Developer: Downtown Properties Mixed-Use Development."

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

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

7/6/2023, 7/13/2023, 7/27/2023

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING
ZONING CASE NO. 4216

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 Redeemer Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to SUD - Special Use District to allow for the expansion of the church and school facilities on properties located at 608 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 432-328), 616 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-20), 630 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-18), 638 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-17), 644 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-16), 654 E. Northside Dr. (Parcel: 431-15), 4638 Londonderry Dr. (Parcel: 432-327) & 706 E. Northside Dr. (Parcel: 431-129), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel 432-328
Lot Four (4), Block X, Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6 at Page/Slide/Slot 34 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 431-20
Lot 12, and the West 35 feet of Lot 11, Block B, East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part I, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 7 at Page 45, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 431-18
Lot 10, and East 1/2 of Lot 11, Block B, East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part I, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 7 at Page 45, Reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 431-17
Lot 9, of Block B, East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 1; according to the map thereof which is of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 7 at Page 45, reference to which is made.

Parcel 431-16
Lot 8 of Block B, East Broadmoor*, a Subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book/Cabinet 7 at Page/Slide/Slot 45 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and part of this description.

Parcel 431-15
Lot 7, Block B. East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 1, a Subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 7 at Page 45, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 432-327
Lot 3, Block X, Broadmoor Subdivision, Part Three, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6 at Page 34 reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 431-129
Lot 1, of Block M of East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 2, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book/Cabinet 7 at Page/Slide/Slot 74 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 29TH day of June 2023.

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

7/13/2023, 7/20/2023

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING
ZONING CASE NO. 4215

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 Sonia D. Ferreras has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning of the property located at 5755 Horton Ave. (Parcel #723-67-3) from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to R-5 (Multi-family) Residential District to align the Zoning of the subject property with the Zoning classifications of the adjacent properties in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

BEG NW COR LOT 55 BLK B FERNWOOD SUBN W 318.13 FT S 150 FT TO POB S 202 FT W 180 FT N 204 FT E 180 FT TO POB PT LOTS 59 & 60 BLK B FERNWOOD SUBN

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, July 26, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 29TH day of June 2023.

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

7/13/2023, 7/20/2023

LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF EDWARD JOHNSON,
DECEASED


CAUSE NO: P2022-154 T/1

PETITIONER: ALICE H. JOHNSON

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS


Letters of Administration having been granted on January 25, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator upon the Estate of Edward Johnson, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probaton and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 16th day of June, 2023.


Alice H. Johnson, Administrator

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

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


NOTARY

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Jackson, MS 39202
Telephone: (769) 251-0207
Facsimile: (601) 608-7872

7/13/2023, 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023

LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF ANNIE LEE BURT, DECEASED

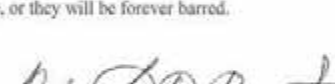
CAUSE NO.: 2023-27 T/1

PETITIONER: BENETA BURT

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS


Letters of Administration having been granted on February 9, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator upon the Estate of Annie Lee Burt, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probaton and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 2nd day of June, 2023.


Beneta Burt, Administrator

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

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


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7/6/2023 7/13/2023 7/20/2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4213

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 Shirley Johnson has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit within a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to allow for a transitional house for 7 to 12 residents for the property located at 451 Roland St. (Parcel 306-128), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 13, Block "E", Dearborn Subdivision, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 9 at Page 11, reference to which is hereby made.

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, July 26, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 29TH day of June 2023.

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

7/13/2023, 7/20/2023

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4217

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 Patrick Herring has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a Used Car Lot within a C-3 (General) Commercial District for property located at 5295 I-55 North Frontage Rd. (Parcel 507-350-1) Suite C, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Situated in the North ½ of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds ag follows, to-wit:

Commence at an iron pin which marks the intersection of the present western right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 55 with the present southern right of way line Of Bounds Street (June, 1999), said intersection being the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence South 89051'50" West for a distance of 249.27 feet along the said southern right of way line of Bounds Street to an iron pin; thence leave said southern right of way line of Bounds Street and run South 00011'38" East for a distance of 179.29 feet; thence North 89047'06" East for a distance of 219.17 feet to the western right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 55; thence North 09021'09" East for a distance of 181.47 feet along the said western right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 55 to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.9632 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 29TH day of June 2023.

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

7/13/2023, 7/20/2023

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Notice of Sale
Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.

1994 Cadillac Fleetwood
Vin #1G6D52PXR710655
Registered to Joe E. Glass
Date of Sale: July 28, 2023

Place of Sale: Godside Customs, 1004 Winter Street -Suite A, Jackson, MS 39204

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids. Time: 8:00 A.M.

7/13/2023, 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

- I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
- A. NEW BUSINESS
CASE NO. HPNC-23-8
LOCATION: 1702 DEVINE ST (PARCEL 9-208)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN
APPLICANT: Robbie Penick
REQUEST: REVIEW OF THE DECK ADDITION TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE.
- B. NEW BUSINESS
CASE NO. HPNC-23-7
LOCATION: 784 PINEHURST ST (PARCEL 13-50)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN
APPLICANT: Brittany Ballenger
REQUEST: TO REPLACE SHINLES WITH SIMILAR MAX DEF RED OAK SHINGLES.
- II. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
- ADJOURNMENT

7/20/2023, 7/27/2023

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LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi on August 15, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall, 219 South President Street. Proposals will be received for lease purchase interest rate financing for the purchase of, public safety vehicles.

Please submit two (2) copies of sealed proposals, marked; "RFP#94654-081523 Lease Purchase Financing Interest Rate Proposal." Proposals should be mailed to the following address prior to or on August 15, 2023.

City of Jackson, Mississippi
Attention: Municipal Clerk Department
219 South President Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Request for proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: www.jacksonms.gov, and can be obtained by contacting the City of Jackson, Mississippi as follows:

Department of Administration
Attention: Felicia Young
200 South President Street
Jackson, MS 39201
(601) 960-2005

7/20/2023, 7/27/2023

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING
ZONING CASE NO. 4214

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 Gateway Rescue Mission has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning of the I-1 (Light) Industrial District portion of the property located 410 S. Gallatin St. (Parcel #182-53) to C-3 (General) Commercial District to create one (1) Zoning classification for the property and to allow for the continuation and expansion of services provided at the existing Gateway facility in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

That certain tract or parcel of land situated in 2.3 Acre Lot 33, West Jackson, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point which is the Northwest corner of 2.3 Acre Lot 33, West Jackson, facing South Gallatin Street, and from such point of beginning run thence Eastward (North 89 degrees and 40 minutes East) for 349 feet to the Northwest corner of the tract of land in said Lot 33 now owned by the Y. & M.V. Railroad Company; thence run Southward (South 5 degrees and 26 minutes East) along the Western boundary line of said railroad tract of land for 215.1 feet to the Southern boundary line of said Lot 33, now marked by a railroad iron in the ground; thence run Westward (South 89 degrees and 19 minutes West) along the Southern boundary line of said Lot 33 for 370.5 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 33 on South Gallatin Street; thence Northward (O degrees and 18 minutes West) for 65.2 feet to the Southwest corner of the land sold by the Lemon heirs to Mrs. Elizabeth Lemon Sugg, as shown by deed in Book 93, at page 137, of the records on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi; thence run Eastward along the Southern boundary line of said Sugg tract for 160 feet; thence run Northward along the Eastward boundary line of said Sugg tract for 81 feet; thence run Westward along the Northern boundary line of said Sugg tract for 160 feet to the front or Western boundary line of said Lot 33; thence run Northward along the Western boundary line of said Lot 33 for 70.3 feet to the point of beginning. This being the same property conveyed to Leo R. McGehee by George D. Harrell and wife, Mrs. George D. Harrell, by instrument dated January 4, 1946, and recorded in Deed Book 422, at Page 114, of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's records.

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, July 26, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.


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WITNESS my signature this 29TH day of June 2023.


/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
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Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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DOLLAR GENERAL
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5990 Medgar Evers Blvd
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The Republican Party has lost its way – What happened to the Grand Old Party?

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



The ageless and iconic singing group, The Temptations, had a song a while back titled, “Ball of Confusion.” It painted a dim view of what was happening in the world at the time. The year was 1970.

Some of the lyrics are, “Evolution, revolution, gun control, sound of soul, shooting rockets to the moon, kids growing up too soon. Politicians say more taxes will solve everything. And the band played on.”

Sometimes these old school songs mirror what is happening in our country during these times. Few would argue that the political landscape is uneven and unpredictable. Both sides have positions sometimes that are problematic. The American people over time have increasingly lost faith in the system.

The Republican Party, for example, is at a crossroads. Too much wrong and not enough right has crept into the GOP. Many critics have said that it has become a shell of itself.

The in-fighting and public displays of anger (PDAs) are being viewed by all of us. It is my opinion that this vitriol will not be ending any time soon. Meanness and mayhem will be with the Republican Party as the 2024 elections draw near.

My 4th quarter view is that they have not always been that way. If you are a Democrat or an Independent, you are flummoxed as you look at the circus-like atmosphere the Republican Party has created.

We are seeing the cracks and the crevices in the GOP armor. Their leadership is questionable and unsure. I have a suggestion for them. They should bring in former Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi for some lessons on leadership. A simple title could be, “How to keep your members together.”

The GOP has taken a downward turn since the arrival of Donald Trump. His ascent to the presidency has caused them

anguish and anxiety. They have become polarized and extreme. These are my opinions.

Republican House members Jim Jordan from Ohio and Marjorie Taylor Greene from Georgia have gone off the Republican path. They believe in the stolen election lies and other ill-founded subjugations.

Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is barely hanging on to his position. He is being held as a political hostage by his own party. If you recall, it took him 15 ballots over 5 days to assume his role.

Does that engender any confidence in his leadership? Lastly, he had to make some concessions in order to become speaker. He agreed to a House rule change that would make it easier to remove him from office. So, it is safe to say that McCarthy needs to walk gingerly and watch his step at every turn.

Republicans are now wondering what to do and who to trust. Their constituents are unsure about the goals of the party.

On one side, you have former president Trump. He is presently hung up and tied down in legal drama. The state of Georgia will be coming for him soon.

On the other side, you have other Republicans, all of whom wield power at different levels. Ron DeSantis is a wanna be, Nikki Haley is a could be and Chris Christie is a maybe. Each has a political machine that is fighting an uphill battle to dethrone Donald Trump.

Meanwhile, the old guard in the GOP has remained silent. Does their silence mean apathy or are they sick and tired of the current GOP?

I think it is a bit of both. The Bush family for instance are Republican loyalists yet we don’t hear from them. Senator Mitch McConnell is on mute these days when it comes to addressing the Republican carnage. Maybe he can see the handwriting on the wall.

The Grand Old Party is in the political emergency room. Can it be saved? Stay tuned. We will see.

Justice Thomas: An insult to Uncle Tom

By Dr. John Warren
Publisher, San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper



A number of people in the African-American community have known about the character of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas since before his appointment to the high Court. In fact, it was considered a disgrace to replace someone with the character, intellect and commitment to the struggle of black people with the likes of Clarence Thomas.

When the great debate during

his confirmation hearing over the allegations from attorney Anita Hill surfaced and Thomas accused his detractors of committing a legal lynching of him, there was a shortness of sympathy for a man who should never have been nominated in the first place. His subsequent inaction on the court, and his conservative leaning almost always against anything that benefited black people earned him the name “Uncle Tom” instead of “Justice Thomas.”

But it’s time to set the record straight. The Uncle Tom of Harriet Becher Stowe’s 1852 book, “Uncle Tom’s Cabin,” had real

character. While he appeared to be subservient and docile as a good slave, those characteristics were used to help him disguise the good he was actually about doing to help others. He had character that allowed him to put himself at risk helping others. Justice Clarence Thomas, on the hand, has shown that he is about helping himself first and always.

The favors, money and deals with his billionaire friends, his wife’s support of the January 6 attack on the Capitol and the lie that they never discussed matters of the January 6 riot in which people lost their lives, all reveal what most of us already

knew from the beginning, that Justice Thomas was and is always about his interest and not the people.

Let us no longer insult the life and story of Uncle Tom which was actually based on the real life slave, Josia Henson. Let’s just call Thomas the person without character that he is and call for his impeachment, which we know will never happen in the Republican controlled House of Representatives where impeachment proceedings must start before they reach the Senate. Let’s just call him Clarence Thomas, and know who he really is.

The importance of advancing mental health and substance use disorder benefit parity

By Lisa M. Gomez, Assistant Secretary
Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA)



In 2008, Congress passed a law requiring health plans and insurance companies to treat individuals with mental health conditions and substance use disorders fairly. The law – called the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, or MHPAEA – doesn’t require plans to offer any specific mental health or substance use disorder benefits or even to make benefit packages more generous. It simply instructs them to not place extra hurdles in patients’ way to getting mental health and substance use disorder benefits covered than those in place for medical treatment.

Fifteen years later, despite the law’s clear promise of parity between mental health and medical/surgical benefits, people living with treatable mental health conditions and substance use disorders commonly face more restrictive limitations on their access to promised benefits than people seeking medical/surgical benefits. While plans and insurance companies have made great strides in reducing disparities in financial requirements, such as copays, the same cannot be said for other limitations, like prior authorization.

If you or your loved ones

have ever lived with a mental health condition or wrestled with substance use disorders, you know how hard it can be to get through the day sometimes, without added obstacles to getting needed treatment. Yet, people in serious need of help for these issues still commonly – and illegally – face more restrictive limitations, such as tougher pre authorization requirements, more stringent fail-first policies, the use of special gatekeepers for benefits, categorical treatment limitations and other discriminatory restrictions. This is all made worse by the fact that individuals often face greater difficulties finding mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers in their network.

These unlawful limitations require people living with mental health conditions or substance use disorders to run faster, jump higher and clear more hurdles just to get the benefits their plan promises. This is wrong, its illegal and it must stop.

I’ve been there myself, and I’ve seen firsthand how difficult it can be for a person in this situation, as well as their families and friends. I’ve experienced the pain of losing friends and family members to suicide and overdose. I also know that people with mental health conditions and substance use disorders can manage their conditions and lead meaning-

ful, fulfilling lives if they can access the care they need in the same way they can for their medical conditions.

My agency, the Employee Benefits Security Administration, is a U.S. Department of Labor agency that protects the rights and interests of workers and their families in private employment-based benefit plans, including their rights to mental health and substance use disorder benefit parity. The overwhelming majority of people under age 65 in the United States – approximately 127 million people – get their benefits from the health plans we regulate.

We are determined to make sure these workers and beneficiaries get their due. For example, EBSA’s enforcement program has required plans to address discriminatory practices by eliminating blanket pre-authorization requirements for mental health benefits; ensuring comparable coverage of nutrition counseling for people with eating disorders, applied behavioral analysis (ABA) therapy to treat autism, and medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorders; and eliminating special gatekeepers for mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

But we have a long way to go. Full compliance with the mental health parity law remains a goal, not a reality. Mental health conditions and substance

use disorders broadly affect children and adults from all demographic groups in the U.S.

A 2021 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report says the percentage of adults with symptoms of an anxiety or depressive disorder had increased to 41.5 percent as of February 2021. The CDC found that during the 12-month period ending in July 2022, overdose deaths increased to an estimated 102,429 deaths. In addition, research from Mental Health America reveals that millions of children, ages 12 to 17, report experiencing at least one major depressive episode or severe major depression.

Plans and insurance companies can play a key role in addressing these terrible facts by merely complying with the law.

We know that too many people in the U.S. deal with these issues every day. As we continue to work on the larger problems within this system, EBSA is here to help you now. Together we can move toward a healthier future for people living with mental health conditions and substance use disorders.

If you think you or your loved ones are facing especially high hurdles just to get needed mental health or substance use disorder benefits, you can call an EBSA benefits advisor for free at 866-444-3272 or make an online request for assistance at [askebsa.dol.gov](https://www.ebsa.dol.gov).

Let It Go

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
Guest Writer



One of the most precious expressions of grace that can be illustrated by an individual is forgiving oneself and others. However, everyone does not forgive as easy as some do. In fact, I know many people, who can’t forgive or have chosen not to forgive. For instance, I know middle age adults, who haven’t forgiven their parents for things like missing school programs, etc. that occurred in their childhood.

Although, many of the parents have tried to reconcile and ask for forgiveness, the adult children refuse to forgive, therefore putting their relationships on a strain. Of course, many relationships especially marriages are facing challeng-

es of forgiving one another. Unfortunately, one of the leading causes of separation and divorce is the inability or refusal to forgive.

Unforgiveness in marriage is like a deadly disease. When a disease attacks the human body, it can lead to major health problems and it can be fatal if the disease is left untreated. Like the human body, the disease of unforgiveness can be fatal in marriages if left untreated.

Signs when unforgiveness is left untreated in marriage includes the following:

- There’s never a tomorrow in sight – always living in what occurred yesterday (in the past) – every plan is embraced and marked by yesterday rather than today and tomorrow
- It (unforgiveness) constantly eats at your soul – constant distraction
- Constant arguments

- Constant fighting
- Eye rolling
- Get anxious and uneasy when spouse is present
- Hurt resonates with you daily and is worsening
- Anger
- Animosity
- Gas lighting
- Bitterness
- Little to no communication
- Sadness
- Depression
- You can hear crickets in the bedroom
- Sleeping in separate spaces
- Separation
- Pending divorce.

We have so many marriages and families (children) that are ending in premature deaths-divorce courts because spouses are holding on to yesterday’s hurts and offenses and refusing to let it go. Should we continue to let unforgiveness destroy our homes and communities? Yes, I

realize it is not easy to forgive. Further, it especially is not easy to forgive those who you love like your spouse. Some offenses perpetrated by a spouse can almost seem impossible to forgive like infidelity, bad financial decisions, physical, mental and verbal abuse, spouse abandonment, etc. Although, it is not easy to forgive your spouse, it is possible.

Are there times that you can forgive your spouse for an offense and still file for a divorce? You will know if your situation warrants forgiveness and moving forward with your spouse or if it will warrant forgiveness and divorce. I would advise, however, that until you have made your final decision, seek immediate marital counseling, if possible, the both of you. I and no one else can make this decision for you – only you can make this decision. Howev-

er, in any instance, you should forgive because it will free you.

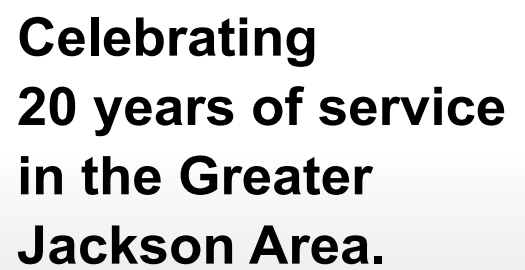
One of the major hesitations and concerns that many have about forgiving someone is that it will free the person that offended you. While that is true, forgiving someone also frees you. In other words, you are free from no longer allowing what a person said or did to control your emotions, reactions, responses, and ultimately your life – unforgiveness is no longer your master and you are no longer it’s servant. Most importantly, forgiving your spouse leads to your healing and even sometimes their healing and healing for your marriage.

I challenge every spouse to forgive your spouse today. Some of you are thinking, Dr. Calvert, I just can’t he or she hurt me too bad. I promise, I empathize with you but aren’t you tired of letting unforgive-

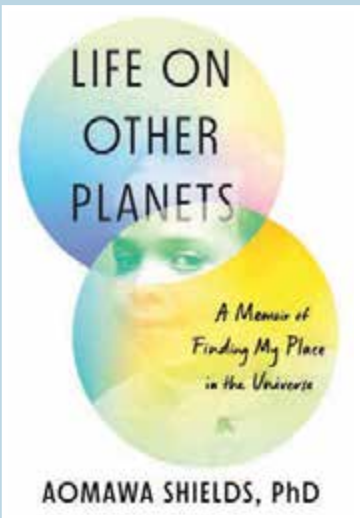
ness be your master – a master controls you. A master keeps you (heart, soul and mind) in chains of bondage, despair and turmoil. Let it go today – ask God to help you let it go, forgive your spouse.

Too many fatal decisions are made in marriages everyday due to unforgiveness but it could be avoided. If you, or both of you, find it difficult to forgive one another and you want your marriage to be saved, please seek professional marital counseling, join a marriage ministry, seek pastoral counseling, or a professional counselor that you feel can help.

I know this may read as cliché but don’t let something that occurred yesterday defeat you and hold you and/or your marriage hostage any longer – it’s time to let it go!



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BOOK REVIEW:

LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS:

A MEMOIR OF FINDING MY PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE

BY AOMAWA SHIELDS, PHD

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight... And the second and third and you'll just keep wishing until you run out of desires.

You'll never run out of stars, though, so you can spend all night wishing and do it again tomorrow. Wish hard enough, work even harder and, as in the new book "Life on Other Planets" by Aomawa Shields, PhD, you may see your hopes come true.

Growing up in a "self-sufficient and independent" all-fe-

male household that prized education and encouraged her love of the planets, Aomawa Shields was raised securely on a foundation of science and "the sky was my first love." She didn't know then that the night sky could become a career; she remembers wanting, instead, to be a cheerleader like the pretty white girls she saw on TV.

Her PhD-educated mother "winced" over that, but delighted in Shields' fascination with stars and her embrace of STEM subjects. By the time she was twelve

years old, Shields had mapped out her entire future career.

To get there, she read as much about astronomy as she could find. She "devoured" TV shows about space before applying to attend an elite prep school that took her from her California home to New Hampshire. At Exeter, she says, "As soon as I could, I took astronomy courses...." She dreamed of applying at NASA.

She also auditioned for a play, and landed a good part. Acting, Shields learned, was fun and she was quite good at it; storytelling,

making an audience feel a certain way, it was addictive. And so, when she began struggling academically in college and a professor told her that maybe it was time to put astronomy aside, another "love" was waiting for her in the wings. She continued to attend astronomy classes, but he also secretly auditioned for parts before moving back to California for her new career.

Still, she says, she wasn't satisfied. Astronomy and acting – how was this going to work? She had two loves, and was about to meet a third...

Pick up "Life on Other Planets," and you may be tempted to put it right back down. The subject matter is pretty heavy. It's very science-y and what if it's over your head?

You might get lost, right?

Not really. Author Aomawa Shields does bring a lot of science into her tale, but it comes with a lot of gentle wide-eyed wonder and explanations that are easy for an average reader to grasp. There's beauty in what Shields sees, and she shares her excitement in a way that will make you see the sky with fresh eyes.

That's the first leg of this book. The other part is about Shields' journey to fit into two worlds, one foot in each of them, while still being true to herself and her interests.

Readers who love science will love this book, but you don't have to be a STEM expert to enjoy it.

Find "Life on Other Planets" and see if it doesn't brighten your summertime reading.

ZACK WALLACE
Hinds County Circuit Clerk

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Women for Progress of MS holds PAC election event at The Capital Club in Jackson

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The Women for Progress (WFP) of MS held a free event Tuesday from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at The Capital Club located at 135 S. Congress in Jackson. The event included networking, a panel discussion on Policies Impacting Black Women, Entertainment by Jessie Primer Jazz Band and a presentation of candidates endorsed by Women for Progress Political Action Committee (WFPPAC)

The mission of WFPPAC is to increase women's political power in the state of Mississippi by engaging women voters, women candidates, women leaders and other candidates who champion women's issues. Theresa King, WFP Executive Community Liaison & Oxfam lobbyist and organizer, gave the welcome followed by Pastor Tonya Ware, executive director, WFP Women's Business Network, who offered prayer and sang a jingle about Women for Progress. Attorney Kyra Roby, political analyst for One Voice, introduced Cassandra Welchlin, the moderator for the panel discussion. Welchlin is the executive di-



Candidates endorsed by WFPPAC - (L-R) Hinds County Sheriff Tyree Jones, Ratoya Gilmer McGee, Candidate for Election Commission, Dist. 2; Dyamone White, Candidate for Rep. Dist. 63; MS Senator Hillman Frazier, Dist. 27; Luigia Hodge, Candidate for Hinds Co. Supervisor, Dist. 1; Justice Court Judge Kenny Lewis, Dist. 4; Tamara Grace Butler Washington, Candidate for MS House of Rep. Dist. 69; and Senator David Blunt, Dist. 29; (not seen in photo - Credell Calhoun, Hinds County Supervisor, Dist. 3; Sharon Moman, MS House of Rep. Dist. 56; and Roshunda Allen, MS House of Rep. Dist. 66)

rector of MS Black Women's Roundtable. She stated over and over again, "Black women's votes have carried this democracy in these United States."

Panelists leading the discussion included Waikinya Clanton of the Southern Poverty Law Center; Joi Owens Norwood, Esq., Kellogg's Foundation; and Dr. Erica Thompson,

educator, Magnolia Medical Foundation. The discussion, as introduced by the moderator, centered around why the Black Woman's vote is important, why their vote should not be taken for granted, and issues black women are faced with in Mississippi and throughout the country. After the panel discussion,



Panelist (L-R) Moderator Cassandra Welchlin; Waikinya Clanton; Joi Owens Norwood, Dr. Erica Thompson

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County District 3 Supervisor, Credell Calhoun; Hinds County Sheriff, Tyree Jones; MS Senate District 27, Hillman Frazier; MS House of Representatives District 63, Dyamone White; MS Senate District 29, David Blount; Election Commissioner District 2, Ratoya Gilmer McGee; MS House of Representatives District 66, Roshunda Allen; MS House of Representatives District 69, Tamara Grace Butler Washington; MS House of Representatives District 56, Sharon Moman; and Justice Court Judge, District 4, Kenny Lewis. According to the WFPPAC website, each candidate receiving the WFPPAC Endorsement meets and exceeds their leadership beliefs, strategies and experience expectations. They display a high level of knowledge of the office, duties and responsibilities, and bring an innovative approach to the seat they seek. Closing remarks were made by President Willie Jones, Women for Progress of MS.

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Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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Superintendent Dr. Robert Sanders and Assistant Superintendents Dr. Antionette Woodall and Michelle Ray met with law enforcement leaders to discuss proper protocol and procedures when a bus accident occurs. Pictured are Sheriff Tyree Jones, Hinds County Sheriff Department; Captain Rick Dean, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol; Deputy Director Joey Jamison, Department of Emergency Management; and AMR Clinical Education Specialist Kolandra Rucker. This was in the interest of ensuring that our children and staff are responded to in the most expedited manner for safety and complete care on site of the accident and to ensure that they make it to the hospital if necessary and ultimately back home safely.



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