

# Rankin County Sheriff's Office cleaning long overdue

## Sheriff Bailey inescapably responsible for what happens on his watch

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

What's that old saying – a picture is worth a thousand words. Yet there are 62 words on the [www.rankincounty.org](http://www.rankincounty.org) website that caught my eye: "Sheriff's Office....Responsibilities.... The Sheriff's Department is the chief law enforcement agency in Rankin County. The Sheriff and his deputies respond to calls for emergency service, enforcing local ordinances, state and federal law, and maintaining a sense of tranquility by visibility in the communities they patrol. Thus they take responsibility for the safety and well-being of all persons living in and visiting Rankin County."

A big job – lots of responsibility. This description sounds good on its face, but sadly we know that these words above don't apply to everyone in Rankin County, nor do they wholly reflect the commitment of the Rankin County Sheriff's Department. We know, and the entire nation now knows of the recent atrocities – the grossly illegal and inhumane torture inflicted upon two black men, Michael Corey Jenkins and Eddie Terrell Parker



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on January 24, 2023, by white law enforcement from Rankin County.

Despite all eyes being on this recent delivery of racially motivated horror, majority-white Rankin County has a long history of racist behavior. Several locals have shared anecdotal memories of Rankin County as a haven of hatred toward African Americans.

Recently a retired attorney told of showing up there in the courthouse in 1969 to represent a client in a divorce case, and being told by the judge, "N...ger get out of my courtroom." He was qualified and licensed by the State of Mississippi to practice

law, but not suitable to the judge because of the color of his skin.

Five years prior, <https://www.courtlistener.com/opinion/264774/united-states-v-jonathan-r-edwards-jr-sheriff-of-rankin-county/> tells us it was alleged that then Sheriff Jonathan Edwards had "threatened, intimidated, and coerced and attempted to threaten, intimidate, and coerce non-registered Negro citizens of voting age in Rankin County for the purpose of discouraging them from registering to vote and from voting for candidates for federal office." Factually, the complaint charged that appellee struck and beat a Negro

ing in the Circuit Clerk's Office waiting for two other Negroes to finish registering to vote, and at the same time, two other people, believed to be the appellee's deputies, struck two Negroes who were registering. The complaint further charged that "On February 1, 1963, and continuing to the time of the filing of this complaint, the defendant threatened, intimidated, and coerced and attempted to threaten, intimidate, and coerce non-registered Negro citizens."

But in June 1964, the Fifth Circuit ruled: "It is the considered judgment of this Court that

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# Mayor Chokwe Lumumba announces name of new police chief



Mayor Choke Lumumba announces Jackson's new chief of police  
PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

At a press conference held at the Jackson Police Training Conference Monday, Mayor Chokwe Lumumba announced Joseph Wade is Jackson's new police chief.

The announcement had a twist of mystery when the mayor told attendees that the search for a permanent chief

had been concluded. He then thanked Chief Wade for his dedication and hard work in meeting the challenges of the police department.

After sharing such information as the individual to be the new chief was a native of Mississippi with more than 30 years of law enforcement

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# A black delivery driver loses his FedEx job more than a year after he said white men attacked him

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
Associated Press

Last Thursday, a Mississippi judge cited police errors in declaring a mistrial for the father and son charged in the attack. A detective testified about failing to give prosecutors and defense attorneys a copy of a videotaped police interview with Gibson.

Carlos Moore, an attorney who has represented Gibson in a civil lawsuit, provided AP with a copy of an email Gibson received from FedEx on Monday. It said Gibson's employment was terminated July 26, and the company attempted to deliver a letter and documents to him about the termination July 31.

FedEx fired Gibson because he did not accept a part-time, non-courier job that the company offered in mid-July, Moore said, adding that he did not know whether the company gave Gibson a deadline to accept.

"They can't tell me when I should be ready to come back," Gibson said.

Gibson, 25, said he has been on worker's compensation leave, at about one-third of his pay, since shortly after he reported the attack to police in Brookhaven, Mississippi, on the night it hap-

pened, Jan. 24, 2022.

Gibson was not injured in the shooting or chase, but he said Monday that he has been in therapy to deal with anxiety because of it. He said he still has trouble sleeping.

Brandon Case and his father, Gregory Case, are charged with attempted first-degree murder, conspiracy and shooting into the vehicle driven by Gibson. Prosecutors said they intend to schedule a new trial for the two men, who remain out on bond. A court official said the judge's docket is full through December.

The chase and gunfire led to complaints on social media of racism in Brookhaven, about an hour's drive south of the state capital, Jackson.

The encounter happened as Gibson made FedEx deliveries in a van with the Hertz logo on three sides. After he dropped off a package at a home on a dead-end public road, Gregory Case used a pickup truck to try to block the van from leaving, and Brandon Case came outside with a gun, District Attorney Dee Bates told jurors last week.

As Gibson drove the van

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# White supremacy and democracy don't go together

Another chapter in America's history of white supremacy playing out in our Democracy

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

All the major dictionaries say that democracy is a form of government by the people. We all know that – it's part of our DNA being Americans. The vote of the people is sacred. Merriam-Webster adds about democracy – a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation usually involving periodically held free elections.

*Reference.com* provides a broader picture, "Instead of a king ruling the people, the people represented themselves. This was possible due to the relatively small size of the city-states which used a democratic system. Over time, however, it has become necessary to move from direct to representative democracy. This is because it is seemingly impossible for a large nation such as the United States to practice direct rule by the people. For a democracy to truly be direct, each eligible citizen must be present at every governmental debate and must vote on every issue. Because this isn't practical in the modern world, modern democratic nations have their citizens vote for representatives who are charged with providing a voice for their constituents."

To varying degrees, we learn about candidates who are seeking elected office. Candidates will flock to community forums in an effort to get the message out to the people. They rent billboards, purchase advertising



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online, in print and on television. They often get mailing lists and fill our mailboxes with flyers. Maybe they hold town-hall type events, and surely knock on a lot of doors. Unfailingly, they seek donations to fund the expenses mentioned above.

Ultimately, the people go to the polls and make their voices heard. That's what we do in America, but there are those in our country that are so thirsty for power that they look to bypass or usurp the voice of the people. They believe that their voice should prevail, regardless of what the people have said.

Earlier this month, the host of Symone on MSNBC, Symone D. Sanders-Townsend,

said, "There are anti-democratic forces at work in America, but many Americans may not realize the extent of the danger. After all, democracy does not just happen. It needs to be carefully guarded and nurtured in order to survive."

Has anyone else noticed that almost without exception, these people are white? Black Americans and other minorities often appear to be the targets of anti-democracy efforts and legislative power-brokering, not the instigators of it. We can't forget for a second that the results of the U.S. Census reveal

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## Dr. Michelle Owens named the new president of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure



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Dr. Michelle Owens has been named the new president of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure. Her term as president extends from July 2023-July 2025.

Dr. Owens is a Maternal Fetal Medicine subspecialist and resident of Jackson, MS. She received her medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia and completed her residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD.

After completing her subspecialty training in Maternal Fetal Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Dr. Owens joined the faculty and achieved the rank of full professor with tenure. During her time at UMMC, Dr. Owens served as Medical Director for ambulatory services and Wiser Women and Infants Hospital, MFM Fellowship Director, MFM Division Chief, Vice-Chair of Clinical Services, and Interim Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Owens

is a practicing Maternal Fetal Medicine physician and Maternal Health Consultant with the Mississippi Department of Health and the clinical chair of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee.

Dr. Owens is the current National Assistant Secretary of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. While she enjoys traveling, sports, reading and music of all genres, her favorite pastime is spending time with her husband Jody Owens, II and their three children.

## Information session held about the rebuilding of Medgar Evers Blvd.

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The City of Jackson hosted an information session to share updates on the Rebuilding of Medgar Evers Boulevard Roadway Project. The meeting was held August 22, 2023, from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Hinds Community College-Jackson Branch on Medgar Evers Blvd. in Community Room 100.

The information session allowed constituents and community stakeholders to view the project's proposed renderings. Engineers were available to answer any questions regarding this project.

### About the Rebuilding of Medgar Evers Blvd.

The \$20 million grant, Rebuilding Medgar Evers Blvd., is awarded from Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE), a discretionary grant program.

The grant funds will help reconstruct a 1.5-mile section of the former US highway into a multimodal, complete street. These areas include the entire street of Medgar Evers Boulevard to the Woodrow Wilson Avenue (Five Points) area on the south to Coleman Avenue

and Ridgeway Street on the north.

The project will catalyze community improvement and economic opportunity for neighborhoods along the corridor, removing physical and perceptual barriers inherent in a roadway initially widened to take people away from the city.

The road will be transformed from a crumbling, antiquated, former US highway designed to move cars and trucks only into a green, multimodal, mixed-use urban boulevard.

Together the project's design and construction phase will not only improve the accessibility and sustainability of the corridor but boost the economic potential and reduce barriers to economic, educational, and quality of life opportunities for the residents.

The project's pedestrian and transit amenities will allow all those who travel along the boulevard to access, use and cross the roadway safely and comfortably.

The Medgar Evers Blvd. is an essential connection from the Mississippi Delta region to the capital city of Jackson.

## City of Jackson's Neighborhood Services Division (NSD)

*The City of Jackson*

The City of Jackson's Planning and Development Department has officially launched its Neighborhood Services Division (NSD). The intent of this division is to provide education to the public and strengthen relationships between neighborhoods and the City of Jackson by col-

laborating with the neighborhood associations, community partners, stakeholders, and leaders. In an effort to engage the neighborhoods, the NSD is requiring that all neighborhood associations and organizations register with the division's Neighborhood Referral Program via the OpenGov online portal at <https://jacksonms.viewpointcloud.com>

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The framework of the Neighborhood Services Division was instituted by the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative Program, which will offer capital investment and funding opportunities to neighborhoods via their registered neighborhood associations and organizations.

For more information on the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative Program or how to establish a neighborhood association or to reactivate an existing organization, please contact the Neighborhood Services Division, Dr. Robbie Sparkman Smith, Manager - email: [robbies@jacksonms.gov](mailto:robbies@jacksonms.gov).

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experience, Lumumba asked Chief Wade to introduce the new police chief, who of course was ‘himself.’ The new chief received a standing ovation.

The 28-year veteran of the Jackson Police department in his remarks stated, “You will be proud to have me as a chief, as I am proud to represent you.



Chief Joseph Wade takes oath as new chief of police

The announcement was made during a ceremony in which seven former JPD officers returned to the force under the leadership of Wade while serving as the interim chief.

Chief Wade became interim police chief May 19 after Chief James Davis announced his retirement.



Re-instated officers giving their oath



Officers returned to the force under the leadership of Chief Wade, when serving as interim chief

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around the pickup truck, shots were fired, with three rounds hitting the delivery van and some of the packages inside, Bates said.

Gregory Case saw a rental van with a Florida license plate outside his mother-in-law’s unoccupied home after dark, defense attorney Terrell Stubbs told jurors. The elder Case was just going to ask the van driver what was going on, but the driver did not stop, Stubbs said.

On Aug. 10, a federal judge dismissed Gibson’s federal lawsuit seeking \$5 million from FedEx, writing that the lawsuit failed to prove the company discrimi-

nated against him because of his race. That litigation also named the city of Brookhaven, the police chief and the Cases. Moore said he plans to file a new civil suit in state court, seeking \$10 million.

A grand jury issued a report last month saying that Brookhaven Police Department officers “poorly investigate their cases.” The grand jury, made up of local residents, considered more than 60 criminal cases, and wrote that the department is “complacent,” “does not complete investigations in a timely manner,” shows a “lack of professionalism” and “has a habit of witness blaming.”

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an injunction would not be proper on account of this past event because the Court is satisfied that it will not happen again. It is purely a local grievance for which these Negroes are probably entitled to redress for the acts of this deputy but injunctive relief is not suggested.”

In dissent, storied Justice John R. Brown wrote, in part, “I need not quarrel with the facts found or the inferences to be drawn. In their naked, raw, undisputed form, they are shocking. The Sheriff of this Mississippi County beat up a Negro at the entrance to the voter registration office while two other Negroes – who were inside trying to register – were being struck by two of the Sheriff’s deputies. Worse, from the witness stand, the Sheriff, a large, tall person in contrast to his small victim, openly boasted that “I struck [Grim] just as many times and fast as I could.” It was no act of self-defense.”

The lengthy timeline of these events in Rankin County up to the present day includes the era of 40-year Rankin County lawman, J.B. Torrence, who after many years as constable and deputy, was elevated to sheriff and served in that capacity for 24 years, from 1972 to 1996. Various news reports describe him as possessing quiet intensity and having an imposing physical presence. Unofficial telling’s share a continuing reign of terror for African Americans during his watch.

Nearly seven months after Sheriff Bryan Bailey’s Goon Squad – as his deputies Christian Dedmon, Hunter Elward, Brett McAlpin, Jeffrey Middleton and Daniel Opdyke along with Richland police officer Joshua Hartfield, liked to call themselves – these six white law men pleaded guilty to federal civil rights charges and state charges for their horrific and ungodly behavior against Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Parker, per reporting by CNN and other sources.

Under their federal convictions, Dedmon and Elward each face up to 120 years in prison, plus a life sentence. Opdyke faces up to 100 years; McAlpin, up to 90 years; Hartfield and Middleton, up to 80 years each.

On the state level, prosecution recommendations included these sentences: Elward, 15 years in prison; Dedmon, 10 years; McAlpin and Middleton, eight

years; Opdyke and Hartfield, five years.

Seth W. Stoughton, law enforcement expert and professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law, called the acts “reminiscent of the most blatant racist abuses by police in the Jim Crow and Civil Rights era. This was a lynch mob of officers, pure and simple.”

The environment enabled the Goon Squad to operate, he said. “An investigator knew exactly who to call, and they knew exactly how to communicate to do something like this,” he said. “That’s not spontaneous, it’s the result of the tacit or explicit approval of the supervisors and agency,” all per *Mississippi Today* reporting.

But the sheriff – the top Rankin law man – takes no ownership. Per numerous sources he has painted the picture that he is a victim of the Goon Squad’s behavior. He has claimed that his deputies lied to him, that he is sick to his stomach over this, that he didn’t know anything about the existence of the Goon Squad, that he is in disbelief, that he has tried to build a reputation and tried to have a safe county and that the Goon Squad robbed him of that.


White law enforcement do not plead guilty to abuses of African Americans in Mississippi, do they? In Rankin County, do they? But they did. Repulsive hateful torturous behavior does not occur in a vacuum – it occurs against a backdrop of similar behavior. The Rankin County Sheriff’s Office needs cleaning, and the head of the culture, the one who claims to be a leader while portraying himself as a victim, must go away.

Think for a moment about all the voices in Rankin County and elsewhere who have been completely silent in the midst of this brazen abuse of power. President Barack Obama reminds, “Change is brought about because ordinary people do extraordinary things.”

How about just showing up in support, Rankin County? On Saturday, August 26 at 2 p.m. there will be a National Summit Against Police Brutality and Injustice at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 925 Trickhambridge Road in Brandon. People of goodwill can pack this church Saturday, demonstrating that all Mississippians are worthy of respect and accountability for their actions.

**Captured in the photo: L James Lott, Ward 6 Alderman of Clinton (left), Vern Gavin, District 4 Candidate for Hinds County Supervisor (middle), Robert Amos, Ward 3 Alderman of Byram (right)**

Former District 4 Candidates, Alderman James Lott of Ward 6 in Clinton and Alderman Robert Amos of Ward 3 in Byram have pledged their support/endorsement to re-elect Vern Gavin for Supervisor. Gavin is the only District 4 candidate and leader with the KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, INTEGRITY, and RESPECT. A leader with experience matters and is needed to move Hinds County forward. On Tuesday, August 29th, “TOGETHER WE CAN”, vote to re-elect Vern Gavin for Hinds County Supervisor of District 4.



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what the motivation is behind their behavior – in the past 60 years the white population in the United States has dropped from 88.6% in 1960 to 57.8% in 2020 – just under a 31% decline, and a significant percent of our population is not happy about it.

On January 21, 2022, The Brennan Center wrote, “Nineteen states enacted thirty-four laws restricting access to voting, far and away the most in any year in at least the past decade. These laws impose a wide range of voter suppression measures, such as obstacles to voting by mail, new voter ID requirements, and limitations on what election officials can do to help promote voter access. They vary greatly in scope, from omnibus laws with multiple restrictive provisions to single-subject laws that create less obvious burdens. The modern approach to voter suppression can often be characterized as death by a thousand cuts seemingly minor rules about issues like voter ID, mail voting, resource allocation at polling places, and voter roll maintenance can add up to create significant burdens, particularly on communities of color.”

For these power mongers, it’s not enough to suppress the vote, they are reaching further to control election officials. In a *New York Times* article on July 1, 2021, titled How Republican States Are Expanding Their Power Over Elections, they say, “Republicans have introduced at least 216 bills in 41 states to give legislatures more power over elections officials, according to the States United Democracy Center, a new bipartisan organization that aims to protect democratic norms. Of those, 24 have been enacted into law across 14 states.”

As we know, not all anti-democratic behaviors and laws are directly related to voting. On February 27, 2022, *Forbes Magazine* published an article entitled, Why Won’t White Conservatives Admit That Their Issue Isn’t Critical Race Theory? In part, they say, “proponents of the theory argue that there is a large cohort of white Americans who have expressed opposition to the theory who are not guilty of having gaps in knowledge about it but choose to remain blatantly and willfully uneducated about CRT, which speaks to a larger issue. A larger issue that that points to a deeply rooted rage that stems from fear of anything they perceive to be a threat to their racial privilege. Furthermore, many argue that their indignant and almost boastful resistance to familiarize themselves on the topic of basic U.S. history further illustrates their racial privilege.”

Earlier this year, *USA Today* published an article on March 23, 2023 titled, DEI came to colleges with a bang. Now, these red states

are on a mission to snuff it out. They say, “At least two dozen bills on the question have been introduced in 15 states this year, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, all seeking to somehow undo DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) efforts at colleges. In some states, institutions are already rolling back their DEI programs in anticipation of a crackdown.”

These white governors, legislators, elected officials and others right on down to school board members in some cases, like to lump DEI and CRT together and refer to them as indoctrination. On August 17, 2023, Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders told Fox News, “We’ve got to get back to the basics of teaching math, of teaching reading, writing and American history. And we cannot perpetuate a lie to our students and push this propaganda leftist agenda, teaching our kids to hate America and hate one another. It’s one of the reasons that we put into law banning things like indoctrination and CRT [critical race theory]. We want our kids to receive a quality education, and we want to make sure that every student has access to it and a pathway to prosperity. And that’s exactly what we’re doing here in the state of Arkansas.”

The folks in America that are attempting to suppress the vote, control the election officials, and rewrite American history are not Black or Brown or Red or Yellow. They are White, and they think that this is their country.

# Mississippi Authority for Educational Television Board meets Sept. 19, 2023

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The Mississippi Authority for Educational Television (MAET) Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, at 10 a.m. at 3825 Ridgewood Road.

The MAET board will conduct business concerning the operations of Mississippi Public Broadcasting. The meeting is open to the public.

MPB is a state agency that also operates as a PBS and NPR affiliate broadcasting station.

For more information on MPB visit, [www.mpbonline.org](http://www.mpbonline.org).

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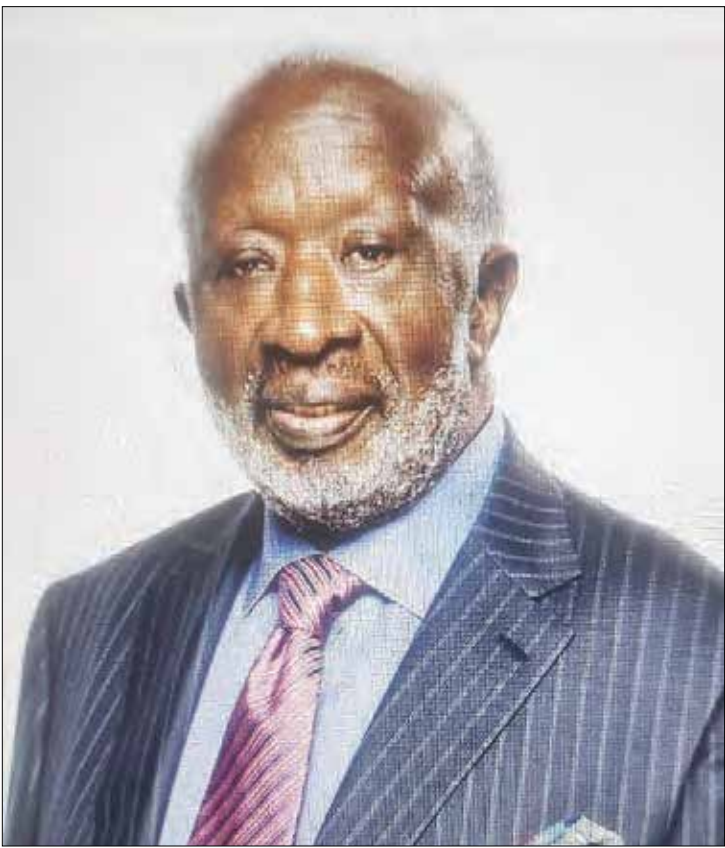
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# Clarence Avant, dubbed the “Godfather of Black Entertainment,” dead at 92



Clarence Alexander Avant MEDIA PHOTO

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

Clarence Avant was born in Climax, North Carolina on February 25, 1931. He adopted his mother’s surname in that he did not have a relationship with his father during his childhood years. Instead of graduating from high school, the teen moved to New York City and worked at Macy’s department store. He later worked at a law directory in Newark.

Jem Aswald reported in *Variety* that it was during the 1960s that Avant began his entertainment career. He had no mentors, but through experimentation and determination he became skillful. He worked at Teddy P’s Lounge where he met blues artist Little Willie John who made Avant his manager.

Lalo Schiffrin and Jimmy Smith were others under his leadership. During the late ‘60s, he formed his own record company in Los Angeles. Bill Withers, Sixto Rodriguez, and Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis had hits on two record labels that Avant founded. He was instrumental in helping broker the sale of Stax Records. Three decades later, Motown Records was met with the legend who became chairman of the board. Subsequently, Avant became the first African-American board member at PolyGram.

*The Hollywood Reporter* pointed out that Avant was no stranger to numerous producers, executives and artists in the music industry. Not only was he a mentor to them, but he was also an advisor. To name a few, there were Lionel Richie, Jay-Z, Pharrell Williams, Antonio “L.A.” Reid Kenny “Babyface” Edmonds, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston and many more.

In Avant’s Hollywood Walk of Fame ceremony in 2016, Quincy Jones stated, “He’s...been the silent architect of so many deals, it would make your head spin. He gets things done but doesn’t beat his chest or look for credit.”

Avant won the Ahmet Ertegun Award from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2021. This led Richie to proclaim of the mogul, “He’s a teacher, he’s a master communicator, he’s the perfect marriage between street sense and common sense. What he did for us, the sons and daughters of

the Afro American community, he brought us some understanding of what the music business was all about.”

In the Netflix documentary – *The Black Godfather* – directed by Reginald Hudlin and Nicole Avant (Avant’s daughter), Avant’s extraordinary life and career were chronicled. The mogul had impactful fundraising skills. He was a behind-the-scenes advisor to President George W. Bush. Further, his significant work was acknowledged by Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, along with Andrew Young.

Within that documentary, Withers referenced Avant as “a manipulator of people,” but the artist intended his comment to mean that Avant encouraged people to fulfill their potential.

When asked about the breath of his ambitions, Avant told *Variety* that his mentor was Louis Armstrong, and, “It all goes back to something Joe Glaser (his manager) taught me, ‘Aim high.’ You can’t walk up to the Empire State building – you’ll get tired, your knees might give out. But you can ride the elevator and walk down. You always aim up here, and walk down later if you have to.”

In the world of sports, Avant worked with heroes – Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, Jim Brown and Mohammad Ali.

Avant died Sunday, August 13, 2023, in his home in Beverly Hills. His spouse, philanthropist Jacqueline Avant, was fatally shot in their home during a robbery less than two years before he died.

His children (Nicole and Alexander) and son-in-law Ted Sarandos issued a statement found in *TheWrap*: “It is with a heavy heart that the Avant/Sarandos family announce the passing of Clarence Alexander Avant. Through his revolutionary business leadership, Clarence became affectionately known as ‘the Black Godfather’ in the worlds of music, entertainment, politics, and sports. Clarence leaves behind a loving family and a sea of friends and associates that have changed the world and will continue to change the world for generations to come. The joy of his legacy eases the sorrow of our loss.”

# Congressional Black Caucus confronts ongoing assault on Black Rights

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) firmly stated that Black Americans are being attacked in various ways nationwide, with Republicans leading these efforts.

“We refuse to be victims, and we will not be silenced,” declared CBC Chairman and Representative Steven Horsford (D-Nev.) during a State of Black America press event held at the Capitol.

“Our fundamental rights are under siege, and our history is being denied. But we will not passively witness these actions. Too many people count on us to fight for them.”

Recent events in several GOP-led state legislatures have intensified concerns within the CBC.

Despite a Supreme Court order, Alabama and Louisiana legislatures refused to create an additional district with a majority of black residents.

The Florida State Board of Education has approved new education guidelines that downplay the harsh history of slavery. Instead, they emphasize the perceived benefits gained from the skills of enslaved people.

Rep. Maxwell Frost from



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Florida, the youngest member of the House, expressed frustration with his state’s guidelines.

He said these guidelines aim to erase and indoctrinate this generation with white supremacy.

However, Frost warned that Florida officials should not underestimate Black America’s determination to organize and resist.

Members of the CBC said

denying the racism of white nationalists.

Horsford acknowledged that expectations from Republican leaders are minimal at this point, but Representative Troy Carter (D-La.) demanded that the party’s leaders take a stand against such bigotry.

“The silence from Republicans and others in the face of such egregious statements is deafening,” Carter said. “We will not condone the erasing of history. We must stand together to put an end to this.”

The CBC has issued a list of demands, calling on the Department of Justice and the Department of Education to launch investigations into education policies.

The caucus recently met with Education Secretary Miguel Cardona to discuss policies about black history.

They also sent formal letters to Cardona and Attorney General Merrick Garland, urging for a “strong legal strategy.”

“Black people did not benefit from slavery; we built this country,” emphasized Horsford.

“Our toil, sweat and tears went into constructing the very foundation of this nation. Elevating Black America is an elevation for all. We will not tolerate this assault on our rights.”

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# Mississippi grand jury cites shoddy investigations by police department

By Emily Wagster Pettus and Michael Goldberg  
*Associated Press*

A Mississippi grand jury issued a report last month sharply criticizing a police department whose errors prompted a mistrial this week in the case of two white men charged in an attack on a black FedEx driver.

Officers in the Brookhaven Police Department “poorly investigate their cases,” according to a Lincoln County grand jury that considered more than 60 criminal cases. The department is “complacent,” “does not complete investigations in a timely manner,” shows a “lack of professionalism” and “has a habit of witness blaming,” the grand jury said.

The July 10 report came weeks before Judge David Strong cited police errors as his reason for declaring a mistrial Thursday in the case of Gregory Case and his son, Brandon Case, who are accused of shooting at and chasing FedEx employee D’Monterrio Gibson, who was delivering a package near their homes in January 2022.

Gibson, 25, was not injured in the attack. But the chase and gunfire led to complaints on social media of racism in Brookhaven, about an hour’s drive south of the state capital, Jackson.

Prosecutors said they intend to set a new trial for Gregory Case and Brandon Case, who remain out on bond. The men were indicted in November on charges of attempted first-degree murder, conspiracy and shooting into the vehicle driven by Gibson. A court official said it could be months before a new trial date is available.

Strong said he made the mistrial decision because of errors by a Brookhaven Police Department detective. On Wednesday, the judge ended court early after Detective Vincent Fernando acknowledged under oath while the jury was out of the courtroom that he had not previously given prosecutors or defense attorneys a videotaped statement police had taken from Gibson.

“The bottom line is, this file should have been turned over to the DA’s office prior to the indictment,” Strong told Fernando on



Gregory Case and Brandon Case

Wednesday. “And lo and behold, here we are on the second day of the trial and we find out something that these attorneys have been looking for at least a week and potentially months is actually in your file.”

By withholding the videotaped statement, a potentially critical element of the investigation, Fernando kept attorneys on both sides of the case in the dark.

“Do you understand how the system doesn’t work when that happens?” Strong probed.

“Yes, your honor,” Fernando replied.

The judge said Fernando also improperly testified about guns found in the home of one of the men on trial and shell casings found outside the home. Defense attorneys requested the mistrial, and Strong said he had no choice but to grant it.

Fernando had testified that he has 20 years of law enforcement experience, with the past three in Brookhaven.

Brookhaven Police Chief Kenneth Collins did not answer the phone and did not immediately respond to voicemail messages Friday. When The Associated Press called the police department and asked for Fernando, an employee sent the call to the chief’s line.

The legal procedure for turning over important documents can be hampered by bureaucratic disconnect, said André de Gruy, the state public defender for Mississippi. De Gruy, who was not involved in the case, said in an interview Friday that local prosecutors all over the state have been slow to turn over files to defense attorneys.

“District attorneys all over the state tell us, ‘We’re having trouble getting files from the police

department, so we can’t turn it over to you,’” de Gruy said.

Why Fernando didn’t turn over the file has vexed legal observers. If he testified that he had the videotaped statement, it would seem that he wasn’t trying to hide it; he just didn’t turn it over, de Gruy said.

Outside of potential consequences handed down by the police department, de Gruy said legal punishment for Fernando would be unlikely if he didn’t commit perjury, a crime for which he hasn’t been accused.

The grand jury made up of local residents did not name specific Brookhaven Police Department officers but wrote that “investigations are not completed after the original investigator leaves the department” and that the department “is arresting individuals without sufficient probable cause.”

The grand jury said the department has a “lack of accountability,” department employees gave conflicting statements of fact to the grand jury, the department does too little to train its employees and does not use technology to its advantage.

Sharon London of Irondale, Alabama, attended the trial in Brookhaven this week, saying she wants justice for Gibson and his family because she believes her own family did not receive it after her 43-year-old sister, Bridget London Hall, was killed in Brookhaven in 2015. London said the police department never arrested anyone.

London said the Brookhaven Police Department has “a breakdown in their leadership.”

“They do not know how to investigate cases,” London said. “And that’s a problem. That’s a problem for D’Monterrio. That’s a problem for me. And that’s a problem for all the citizens here in Brookhaven, Mississippi, and they should be upset about it. And I am.”

District Attorney Dee Bates was first elected in 2003 and did not run for office this year. His term expires at the end of the year. Bates said the mistrial was “very frustrating to me.”

“But I’m certain it’s frustrating to others probably more,” Bates said.

# ‘Smart Window’ maker to pay nearly \$5 million fine for illegal wastewater dumping in Mississippi

By Michael Goldberg  
*Associated Press/Report for America*

A California-based company will pay just under \$5 million in fines for discharging wastewater into a publicly owned sewage treatment plant in Mississippi without obtaining a valid state permit, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

View Inc., a glass-making firm headquartered in Silicon Valley, previously pleaded guilty to negligently discharging wastewater into a city sewer system from the company’s sole manufacturing facility in Olive Branch, Mississippi. That discharge endangered residents in the north Mississippi community and Memphis suburb of almost 40,000, federal prosecutors said.

“When companies place profit and convenience above public safety, we will do all we can to punish that behavior and protect the public,” U.S. Attorney Clay Joyner said in a news release. “This illegal discharge of wastewater into the public treatment facility

demonstrated a blatant disregard for the safety and wellbeing of citizens in our District.”

In addition to the fines, U.S. District Judge Sharon Aycock sentenced the company to a three-year term of probation.

The company discharges about 248,000 gallons of wastewater per day from glass-cutting, grinding, washing and polishing directly into the city’s sewer system. But the company did so without a proper permit for years, prosecutors said.

“Unpermitted discharges of industrial wastewater can pose a serious threat to our nation’s wastewater treatment systems,” said Charles Carfagno, a special agent with the Environmental Protection Agency.

The company did not answer a call to its general line and did not immediately respond to a written request for comment.

The Mississippi glass plant opened by View Inc. was initially touted as a successful economic development

project by former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour. In 2010, Barbour lured the company, previously known as Soladigm, to the state with a \$40 million loan, according to *The Commercial Appeal*.

According to its website, the company makes “smart windows” that can lower energy costs and improve mental health.

In July, the company reached a settlement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for failing to disclose \$28 million in liabilities to address a defect in its windows. In a news release, the agency said it decided not to impose civil penalties because the company self-reported its misconduct.

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# JPS installs new digital scanner systems at all high schools

By Michael Goldberg  
*Associated Press/Report for America*

JPS is enhancing its school building security with a new security feature at all JPS high schools during the 2023-2024 school year. Scholars, staff, and all visitors must now enter through the Evolv Express® system during the school day. It can identify dangerous items inside bags and pockets.

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The City of Jackson, Mississippi will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2023-2024 on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is now operating with projected total budget revenues of \$462,856,055 (16.3 percent) or \$75,365,695 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has a total projected revenue of \$421,806,603. Of that amount, (18.5 percent) or \$78,146,862 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For next fiscal year, The City of Jackson plans to increase your ad valorem tax millage rate by 2.00 mills from 63.03 mills to 65.03 mills. This increase means that you will pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property.

Any citizen of The City of Jackson is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2023-2024, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

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## Intimidation and threats of harm used by some Trump supporters

By James B. Ewers Jr.  
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May the best man win is an expression that most of us have heard over our lifetime. Now we say may the best person win which acknowledges the power, stature and status of women.

The best person wins moniker suggests that the person has a set of credentials and experiences that are exemplary. It makes them stand-out among a field of other candidates. There are also some personal characteristics that the best person should have. They include honesty, integrity and fairness.

These are just a few of those traits that make us as voters have confidence in them. That is the barometer that we use before we cast our ballot.

The Republican Party has a crowded field of candidates who are vying to be their party's choice as the presidential nominee. Donald Trump is one of them. He is the current frontrunner by a large margin.

Some polls have him closing in on 60% of the people saying that he is their guy. However not everyone is all in for the former president.

Republican Senator Bill Cassidy from Louisiana believes that he should step aside. Senator Cassidy said, "Former President Donald

Trump should bow out of the 2024 presidential race."

Many Republicans behind closed doors simply think that having four indictments hurt his chances to be elected in a general election. Former governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie, also thinks that Trump can't win in 2024.

The four indictments have created an integrity battle that he just can't overcome. His behavior has gotten him into a cesspool of lies, misstatements and wrongdoings.

Meanwhile, his supporters remain steadfast and unshaken as they remain loyal to him. Their level of support has gone beyond the boundaries of civility and decency. These are my opinions.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan was threatened by a woman living in Texas. Reports say the woman left a voicemail to her saying, "If Trump doesn't get elected in 2024, we are coming to kill you."

Prosecutors allege Abigail Jo Shry of Alvin Texas has been identified as the individual who left the message. She is still in jail according to authorities.

Making threats against public officials will not go unnoticed. Unfortunately, Shry's life has been forever tarnished. The history books will link her forever to Donald Trump and others who wanted to ignore the rule of law. Maybe somewhere along the way, she will realize that Trump isn't coming to her defense.

Last week, Fulton County District Attorney, Fani Willis gave Trump a blow to his already sinking like quicksand reputation. He along with 18 others have been indicted over their efforts to overturn the 2020 election results in the state of Georgia.

Days after his latest indictment, threats to District Attorney Willis and the grand jurors came to light. Reports say that Trump supporters are behind them.

Have we gotten to a point in our country where if you don't like a judge or a ruling that you want to physically harm them? America, what is happening to us?

It is my opinion that some Trump supporters are just wanna-be intimidators. They want to ignore long-established rules and try to establish another way of doing business.

Are all Trump supporters' law-breakers? No, they are not. However, the problem is that incidents like January 6th cast a cloud of embarrassment and shame on their efforts.

When you break the law, there are consequences to your actions. Penalties, fines and imprisonments will follow you. You can run, but your running will be in vain.

Trump loyalists have decided that everything and anything that doesn't align with him is wrong. That's wayward and dangerous thinking. You need to wake up before it's too late because right now you are in a daily nightmare.

## Husbands you need to make a U-turn

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.  
Guest Writer



I will never forget the day I heard one of the most soulful songs ever played on the radio. I was walking out of the store and was immediately captivated in the parking lot with a loud melody and tune from a nearby vehicle – it not only sounded good, but the message was profound too. I slowly proceeded to my vehicle hoping to hear as much as possible to get a feel for the lyrics and the beat. I had never heard this song, but I was mesmerized with everything about it, the lyrics, the voices, the tone, and most importantly the message.

The song had a gospel, blues and R & B sound to it. I sat in my car bumping my head and singing along as if I heard it my whole life. I could never figure out the name of it, but I googled as many lyrics of the song until I found out. The raspy song was called, "U-turn," by King George. I listened to it as many times as it would play on my phone – let me just put it this way, my car was on hydraulics the entire time (I know).

Husbands, I'm in agreement with King George, you need to make a U-turn not tomorrow or next week – you need to make a U-turn today, now. Husbands, if you know that you are going the wrong way with your wives – make a U-turn and start over again. Some of you have good wives. Your wives have been faithful, patient, long suffering and forgiving.

Furthermore, your wife has loved you when she has felt unloved, neglected and taken advantage of by you. However, your wife is human too; she will eventually make a turn and turn away from you if you are unwilling to change, love and cherish her.

I just don't understand why a man marry a woman, someone's daughter, makes a vow before God only later to mistreat, abuse, hurt, antagonize and drain the life from her. Many of you are fully aware of how you are hurting your wives, but you continue as if you don't care.

What are some things that you need to make a U-turn from? Well, husbands, I'm glad you asked. The following are things that many husbands need to make a U-turn from:

- Secret social media accounts
- Secret phone codes (share your code with your wife – does a husband really need a code on his phone? – I know another article for another day.

- Verbal abuse
- Emotional, physical and mental abuse
- Infidelity – that's too fancy – cheating
- Neglect – stop putting everything and everybody before your wife
- Neglecting your covenant family – help your wife rear the children God gave you – she is not the only responsible parent
- Not coming home – where do you be all night long?
- Finding any excuse to leave home
- Not providing for your family – there are too many wives worrying about how the bills are going be paid because husbands are investing their money in clothes, shoes, technology, booty calls, etc.
- Some are paying the bills or helping pay the bills, but you never buy your wife anything because you feel that paying the bills or helping pay the bills is sufficient – buy your wife some perfume, a purse, an outfit, her favorite candy bar or something every now and then or even give her a few dollars at least...
- No communication – not taking out time to talk or listen to your wife
- Expecting love making but you don't make love in your conversation, behavior and actions towards your wife – remember, foreplay begins before you get in the bedroom (previous article)
- Forgetting important events like your anniversary, wife's birthday (it happens, unfortunately)
- Never wooing your wife – Can you woo, woo, woo? Your wife needs affection, positive attention and affirmation.
- Not reassuring your wife that you love her often if not daily.

The above examples are only a gist of some of the things that husbands need to make a U-turn from. You know you have been going in the wrong direction for months and even years with your wife. If you have a good wife and you truly love her and you know without any doubt that she loves, you too. Isn't she and your marriage worth making a U-turn for? As King George so eloquently sang it, husbands you need to make a U-turn.

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## Trump's secret weapon: Stupidity

By Oscar H. Blayton  
Pres. Black Chamber of Commerce



For almost a decade, Americans have been scratching their heads over the meteoric rise of Donald J. Trump's political career. When then-Congressman Keith Ellison appeared on the July 26, 2015, edition of ABC's "This Week" and warned that Donald Trump could become the Republican presidential nominee for the 2016 presidential election, the program's host, George Stephanopoulos, laughed along with the show's other panelists and stated, "I know you don't believe that."

Now, eight years after Ellison's warning, America has witnessed multiple instances of Trump's deplorable behavior and suffered through an ugly period while Trump occupied the White House.

Trump was impeached twice and now stands indicted multiple times for crimes related to his misconduct before, during and after his term of office.

Apart from those antebellum presidents who were enslavers, Trump has been the most noxious individual to hold this nation's highest office. Any clear-thinking American would be hard-pressed to name a single admirable characteristic this man possesses. Yet, millions of Americans are keen to see him returned as head of state.

Trump's popularity with a large segment of American voters should not be a mystery to anyone who has paid attention to American history and has a clear understanding of the dominant foundational myths of American culture.

The history of this country is one of oppression and abuse. Beginning with Christopher Columbus, European imperialism has driven the enslavement and genocide inflicted upon the indigenous people of this land. A report written in 1495 – (only three years after Columbus first

landed in the Western Hemisphere) – describes how Columbus and his followers captured more than 500 Arawak men, women and children to be sold in the slave markets in Spain. This report also describes how approximately 200 of those captives died during the voyage eastward over the Atlantic Ocean and their bodies were dumped into the ocean.

The diaspora of Europe that spread across North America in the years following Columbus' voyages brought with them death and misery to the people they found here as well as to the people they dragged here in chains. In the ensuing centuries, imperial invaders and colonizers gained great wealth by exploiting the land and labor of others.

This is not a history of which anyone could be proud, yet nationhood demands heroic myths that extol the virtues of the ancestors. Those founders, particularly the founding fathers, were practically deified, as evidenced by the famous painting in the dome of the U.S. Capitol titled, "The Apotheosis of Washington." This painting depicts the first president accompanied by female figures representing Liberty and Victory, and surrounded by several other representative figures, being elevated into heaven.

The literal meaning of "apotheosis" is to make one a god. This painting bears no evidence of the existence of the enslaved who were forced to toil without compensation at Mount Vernon and other plantations under Washington's control. Nor does it depict the people of the First Nations who were forced to withdraw from their ancestral lands to give way to the colonial invaders.

Our national myth is that America was settled by good white people who brought this land to its full potential through hard work and virtuous behavior. Any narrative that contradicts this myth is erased or banned, hence the fanatical surge of book banning and efforts to hide historical events that speak truth to the

American myth. But this begs the question: Why is it necessary to distort our history and obscure facts?

The answer lies in the fact that America is, and always has been, a corporate enterprise. The first invaders and the founders were seeking to gain or maintain wealth. And corporate enterprises, whose sole existence is wealth driven, operate under a management style known as the "mushroom principle" where employees – like mushrooms – are kept in the dark and periodically given a load of manure.

Donald Trump also applies this principle as his political strategy. He merely substitutes the "American enterprise" for "corporate enterprise" and "voters" for "employees." Trump was hatched in a corporate environment and understands well the mushroom principle. With an uninquisitive mind and a significant bent towards sloth, Trump is a perfect fit for a large segment of America's voting population. Sloth is not merely laziness; it is a condition of sluggish mentation and self-centered indifference.

Trump has no interest in improving his mind, and neither do his followers. Herein lies their connection. Trump, as a stupid person, is the ideal candidate for a stupid voter. People who do not want to know the truth of history, or the nature of their own characters, are delighted by Trump's matching qualities.

An uneducated, unthinking and uninquisitive electorate will vote for a candidate with matching characteristics. Trump is clearly an idiot; even his die-hard supporters must recognize this. But they see themselves in him. And they see their support of him as a form of self-preservation. As long as Trump appears to be stupid, stupid people will vote for him.

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## The 2024 Election, President Biden and the Black Vote

By Dr. John Warren  
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It appears that as we draw closer to the 2024 Presidential Primaries, a number of Democrats are starting to talk about replacing Joe Biden and denying him a second term.

The focus is around his ratings in the polls, his age and false allegations that the country is worse off than before he was elected.

Oh, how soon we forget. But even more important, we should not forget who made Biden president. It was the Black Vote that put Biden in the White House. As a result of that vote, America has experienced unprecedented recovery economically, in healthcare, employment and in its international status.

But now comes an election and a growing parade of Democrats now complaining about the age and support for the man who has done more for America in the last three years, than any. However, Biden has not done all he could have done for the very black people who put him in office. He has not gone to the mat in the fight against the Filibuster in the

Senate on the fight for Voting Rights legislation or the George Floyd Act.

Now there are questions as to whether the Black Vote will be motivated to come out again for Joe Biden; There is the announcement of Professor Cornel West's intent to run on a Libertarian slate. Hopefully this will not steal African-American votes just because he is African American. But the loss of the Black Vote could open the door for a Republican to return to the White House, whether or not Trump is the candidate.

Now is the time to get involved in preparation for the 2024 election. Now is the time to guard against wasting support on people who want to run for president with no program or agenda to continue or replace what President Biden has done or could still get done in a second term.

The President is not too old to continue to serve. As a matter of fact, his experience is needed now more than ever before with the sea of "wannabees" with no preparation circling the White House. Let's not be fooled with polls and the attacks on his age. Rather, let's focus on what we want him to do in his second term that he didn't complete in the first. Something to think about.



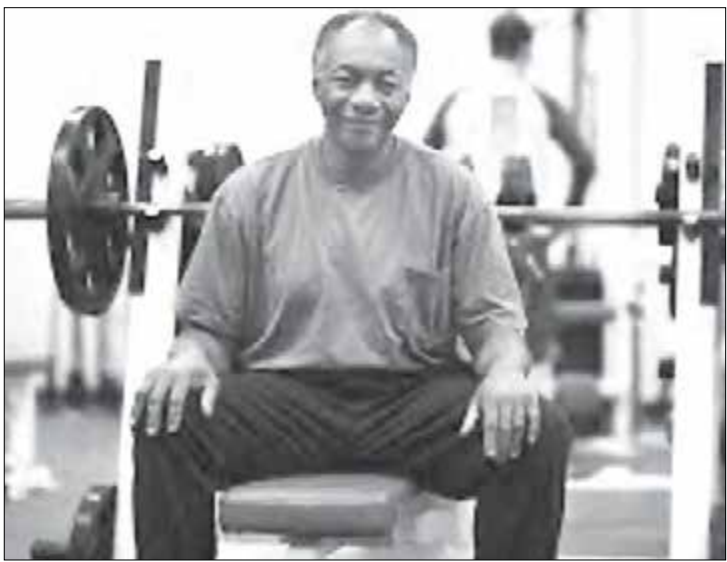
# Questions about exercise and diet

By Vince Faust  
*Tips to Be Fit*

“What is the difference between losing weight by dieting alone and losing weight by exercising?” – Janet Wynnefield, Pa.

Losing weight through dieting alone used to be a common approach, but recent insights emphasize the importance of combining diet and exercise for the best results. Dieting alone to lose weight will lead to a muscle mass loss of around 50% and a fat and water loss of around 50%. Weight lost through proper diet and exercise will result in a fat loss of around 98% and lean muscle mass may increase. The loss of lean muscle will weaken the muscles and organs.

When you lose weight by dieting alone your metabolism decreases and your body will burn calories at a slower rate. When you quit dieting your body continues to burn calories slowly. When you start eating you eventually gain back the weight you lost and sometimes more because your metabolism is burning food calories so slowly. The bottom line is exercise tones muscle, burns



and increases your metabolism while dieting doesn’t.

Eating also stimulates your body to burn calories because the digestion process uses a lot of energy. Eating small low fat meals three to six times a day will keep your energy level constant. You should include plenty of fruits, vegetables and whole grain breads, cereals and foods like whole grain pasta and brown rice in your diet. Make sure you consume between 12 to 15 calories per pound of body weight daily.

Instead of starving your

body to lose weight workout for 30-60 minutes 3-5 times a week. Walking is great for the beginner and jogging can become addictive. You’ll also want to do toning exercises for each part of the body.

So, which do you want muscle or flab? Work that body and tighten up that diet while you tighten up your body.

**Diet & Water**  
“I’m using one of those low calorie diets you see on TV. This diet has me drinking about 10 glasses of water a day. Why do I have to drink so

much water?” –Reggie Jackson, MS

The reason most of your low calorie diet programs have you drinking a lot of water is to prevent damage to your kidneys. Extremely low calorie diets cause the body to break down the muscle for protein, resulting in excess uric acid in the blood, which can lead to kidney stones. Drinking large quantities of water will dilute your urine and lessen the likelihood of developing kidney stones. To avoid putting your body in danger, you should eat no less than 1200 calories daily and do some toning and aerobics exercises. A program of exercise and good food will keep you healthy and reduce your body fat percentage safely.

**Diet Change**  
“I want to change my diet to loose weight. I don’t want to use any of those crazy fad diets. Can you give me some guide lines to loose weight?” – Laura Atlanta, GA

If you’re ready to change your way of eating instead of starving yourself on those crazy fad diets, you should start by changing one meal at

a time. Use this sample menu as a guideline for a quick weight loss. For breakfast have a bowl of fruit salad containing sliced apples, bananas and grapes. For a late morning snack have another piece of fruit. At lunch, have baked chicken or fish seasoned with herbs. For a side dish have broccoli and spinach. Skip the butter and salt. You can also have a vegetable salad without heavy dressing. For a late afternoon snack have popcorn or a bran muffin. For dinner have ground turkey meatloaf with string beans and a large salad. For a late night snack have a cup of herbal tea. Throughout the day you should also drink 6 to 8 glasses of water.

This is just a sample menu you don’t have to live with it for life. You can substitute foods in the sample menu. The key to successfully changing your eating habits is to take it one step at a time. Start with breakfast. Once you’ve mastered that meal move onto lunch. Then change dinner. This is a lifestyle change that may take some time. The change will be lasting if you do it gradually.

**Muscle & Weight Loss**  
“I’m lifting weights with my boyfriend. But, I got on the scale and I’ve gained 3 pounds. Should I stop lifting weight?” – Sarah Pittsburgh, PA

Gaining muscle weight will help you in your effort to lose body fat. Muscle tissue burns calories at a faster rate than fat. Therefore, the more lean muscle your body contains the less fat your body will store. Most people are surprised when they gain weight after they start a weight lifting program. You have to remember a lean body may weight more but it will appear smaller. Two people may weight the same but the one with the higher percentage of body fat will appear larger. Fat takes up more space. So don’t worry about the scale and take a look in the mirror. Use a combination of weight training, aerobics and a sensible diet consisting of vegetables, Lean protein, fruits and whole grain breads and pastas. This will ensure a safe and permanent weight loss. So which do you want fat or muscle.

Before starting your fitness program, consult your physician.

## Keep busy kids focused on heart health

*The American Heart Association*

The American Heart Association states that staying active, eating healthy and getting plenty of sleep can help kids stay healthy now and for a lifetime

As summer wraps up and kids head back to the classrooms, it’s important to recognize how young people spend their free time could impact their heart health, according to the American Heart Association, the world’s leading nonprofit organization focused on heart and brain health for all. Too much screen time and unhealthy on-the-go eating habits could make for some hard lessons in poor heart health in the future.

In a 2022 study in the journal *Circulation*, researchers reported that most children and adolescents in the U.S. scored poorly for overall cardiovascular health. Less than 30% of kids ages 2 to 19 met high healthy heart standards according to American Heart Association’s Life’s Essential 8 metrics that define levels of heart health based on diet, physical activity, cigarette smoking, body mass index, total cholesterol, blood pressure, blood glucose and quality of sleep. The study showed that heart health decreased considerably as kids got older, with high cardiovascular health reported in:

- 56% of two-to-five-year-olds;
- 33% of six-to 11-year-olds;
- and
- 14% of 12-to-19 year-olds.

Overall, kids were experiencing higher body mass index, increased blood pressure and eating less nutritious foods, all risk factors for poor heart health. Obesity, a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke, continues to be a major public health threat for children in all age groups, and, according to the American Heart Association’s 2023 Heart and Stroke Statistical Update has nearly quadrupled from about 5% in the 1970s to 14.5% in 2020. At the same time, school aged children are surrounded by entertainment from video games on their smartphones to shows on television. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion, they spend between six and nine hours in front of screens each day, reducing time being physically active.

“Our habits in adulthood begin in childhood, and we know that a sedentary lifestyle that’s spent in front of screens and not being outside, having fun with friends and being physically active puts children at a variety of health risks,” said Federico Asch, M.D., a volunteer member of the American Heart Association’s Science Advisory and Coordinating Committee, a cardiologist at MedStar Health and a professor of medicine at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. “Once the school year starts, kids tend to have less free time and may navigate toward less active habits such as watching TV and playing video games. This is especially true as kids get older and no longer have scheduled gym classes or recess and don’t take part in organized or school sports.”

Federal guidelines recommend children and teens ages 6 to 17 get at least an hour of moderate to vigorous activity a day, including more intense activities at least three times a week.

Healthy eating is also important for growing kids. Once the busy school year starts, many may skip breakfast in the morning and if the family doesn’t have a scheduled mealtime, they may be grabbing unhealthy snacks on the go after school and munching on junk food while engaging in that screen time in the evenings.

Even sleep can significantly impact a child’s health. Adequate sleep promotes healing, improves brain function and reduces the risk for chronic diseases. Children require more sleep than adults, with recommendations for kids including:

- 10-16 hours for ages 5 and younger, including naps;
- 9-12 hours for ages 6-12;
- and 8-10 hours for ages 13-18.

The American Heart Association suggests a few tips for helping keep kids heart-healthy:

- Schedule family time for physical activity. Weather permitting, go outdoors for a walk, a

hike or even just some backyard games. Indoor activities can actually incorporate active screen-time, like playing a dance-off or interactive sports video game.

- Plan a weekly menu and prep your meals. Encourage kids to help with meal planning and even grocery shopping. Make sure you have on hand foods they will eat that are also healthy for them. Taking the time to prepare for the week ahead – even cutting up fruits and veggies for healthy snacks – can help improve overall diets.

- Simplify your family’s schedule. In today’s society we’re expected to do it all. But this type of non-stop lifestyle isn’t sustainable or healthy. Try prioritizing your activities and see what you can do without so you’ll have more time for the things that matter. You can also work on ways to manage stress.

- Set a regular bed time – and wake-up time. Develop bedtime routines to wind down after a busy day. While it may be unrealistic to expect older kids to turn in early, have them to turn off their phones and other devices prior to bedtime. Encourage them to develop their own rituals for a good night’s sleep – and trying to catch up on the weekends doesn’t count.

- Live by example. Be a role model for healthy behaviors. It doesn’t mean you have to change-up everything at once, set goals and take baby steps. Teaching your kids about heart health now will help them live longer, healthier lives for their own future.

“It can be a challenge for busy working parents to find ways to keep their kids active and help them develop healthy habits. We know lifelong heart health begins in childhood, so it’s important to make the effort,” Asch said. “Switch off the TV and limit video game time and instead go outside to toss a ball or take a walk. Schedule regular family dinner time as often as possible and encourage your kids to help in the meal planning. Simple steps can make a big difference and will set them up for a lifetime of good health.”

## Short of breath? It could be interstitial lung disease



*The American Heart Association*

It is estimated that about 250,000 Americans are living with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) and scleroderma associated ILD, two types of interstitial lung disease (ILD) that can make breathing difficult.

During September, which is Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month, the American Lung Association, with support from Boehringer Ingelheim, is providing support and resources to those impacted by ILD. As part of the educational campaign, they are sharing these important facts and insights:

What is ILD? Interstitial lung disease is an umbrella term used for a large group of diseases that cause scarring (fibrosis) of the lungs. The scarring causes stiffness that makes it difficult to breathe and get oxygen to the bloodstream. Lung damage from ILDs is often irreversible and gets worse over time, however treatment is available to help relieve symptoms.

Who is at risk? While anyone can get interstitial lung disease, many things can increase the risk of ILD or even cause it, including genetics and certain medications or medical treatments, like radiation or chemotherapy. Smoking can not only cause ILDs, but can make the

condition much worse, which is why anyone diagnosed is strongly encouraged to quit. Additionally, people with autoimmune diseases such as scleroderma – also called systemic sclerosis – are at an increased risk of developing an ILD. Unfortunately, in the case of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, the cause is unknown.

What are the symptoms of ILD? The most common symptom of all ILDs is shortness of breath. This is often accompanied by a dry cough, chest discomfort, fatigue and occasionally, weight loss.

How is ILD diagnosed? Healthcare providers test for ILD through a chest X-ray or CT scan. A lung function test may be used to measure total lung capacity, which may have deteriorated due to the ILD. In more serious cases, and to diagnose a specific type of ILD, more invasive procedures may be needed, such as a lung biopsy or bronchoscopy, which employs a small camera located at the end of a flexible tube that takes photos and collects tissue samples of the air passages.

How can ILD be managed? It is recommended that patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis stay active and eat well. They may also be encouraged to use oxygen therapy as prescribed to help manage their

condition. In some cases, the condition can be slowed by certain medications, and occasionally, people with IPF will be recommended for lung transplant.

Where can patients find support? Two new educational webcasts – “Newly Diagnosed with ILD” and “Living with ILD” – will provide education, resources and support to patients and their loved ones. Both webcasts will feature a healthcare provider and patient, and will be made available on-demand after the live showing. Critical resources can also be found through the American Lung Association’s Patient & Caregiver Network, a nationwide patient-centric community that connects people living with lung diseases like ILD with critical support, education and access to emerging research like clinical trials. Join for free at Lung.org/pcn. .

Understanding ILD and getting support is critical in helping patients breathe easier. Not only is diagnosis essential to disease treatment and management, connecting with others walking in the same shoes can be an invaluable source of support and practical help.

To learn more, call the Lung HelpLine at 800-LUNGUSA or visit Lung.org



P R E S E R V E D

# The residue of rage

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



“Lift Every Chair and Swing.” “Aquamayne” and “Fade in the Water.” These were some of the top trending social media topics just a couple of weeks ago. Like so many of you, I was mesmerized by the video footage shared on social media of the racial attack at the Montgomery, Alabama Riverfront brawl.

From the time I saw the footage that Sunday evening until early Tuesday morning a few days later, I spent too much time laughing at the memes showing people practicing swinging folding chairs, recreating the attack with gummy bears, and singing new songs featuring sound effects from the fight. Some of them were hilarious. I wondered how folks could create videos that were that humorous in such a short amount of time.

When the fight happened,

I wanted to write about it but wasn’t sure what to say that hadn’t already been said. It was obvious that it was a racially motivated fight. It was also obvious that the fight was a response to years of repression of African Americans. Surprisingly, there were some folks that questioned why the ship’s co-captain who was viciously attacked while merely doing his job didn’t just turn the other cheek and walk away.

After thinking about it, I concluded that what was so fascinating about the incident was how it illustrated that there is a rage that lingers. The rage is not about hating white folks or even the rage of an obvious injustice. Names like Emmett Till, Rodney King, George Floyd, Trayvon Martin and Ahmad Arbery stir up many emotions like anger and frustration at the senseless and, in some cases, deadly violence they endured.

After thinking about it and hearing commentary about how the fight showed that African Americans will defend

each other even if we don’t personally know you, I kept thinking that was just part of the reason why there was such a swift response to the strong defense of the ship’s first mate.

I also don’t think the fight was just about fighting back finally after years of oppression. Part of the energy of the fight was also rooted in the feeling of helplessness or more specifically perceived helplessness. Perceptions of feelings whether reasonable or not often lead to more fights than the feelings themselves. For example, it’s perceiving that there is a disrespect (even if there is no evidence) that causes fights and leaves hurt feelings.

Proverbs 14:12 says, “There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.” In other words, our perceptions, what we think about others, can be dangerous.

I’m surprised that more men and women of faith, black and white, didn’t address the Montgomery brawl

other than to mention it in passing during their Sunday sermons. There was a missed opportunity to unpack some critical issues regarding how Christians should respond to issues of race, injustice and entitlement.

What we saw in Montgomery wasn’t a rare instance of fighting against racism (which African Americans have done for centuries in this country.) What we saw was a real-life example of the danger of misperception and how it leaves a residue of repressed rage that will always come to the surface when you least expect it.

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# What the love of God will do

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



First Corinthians, chapter 13:1 lets us know that we have to endure all things. Verse 1 reads, “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.” If you do not have charity, or the love of God, you are just making a lot of noise. Verses 2-4 state: “And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.”

You know whether or not you have it. Charity is longsuffering with people. You do not want to cut them off, but you suffer long with them; and you bear with them trying to get them to understand the love of God. If you act mean and

nasty, you do not have charity because charity is very kind. If you have charity, you will not envy your brother or your sister because he or she has this or that. Neither should you get puffed up because you have something. You should always be meek and humble. There are no big “I’s or little “You’s in the church. We are all brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Verses 5-7 read: “Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.”

If you have charity, or the love of God, all your thoughts should be positive toward your brothers and sisters who are serving God. When sin comes around, I am ready to flee from it. If you have no respect for God and you want to commit sin, I must say ‘Good-bye.’ I do not rejoice in sin. When it comes to the truth, I am ready to rejoice.

Praise God! We can rejoice in the truth. With the Love of God, you can endureth all things. No matter what others do to you, God can give you the power to endure all things and to encourage others.

Simeon R. Green, III, pastor, First Church of God, 6517 Walmsley Blvd., Richmond, Virginia 23224.

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
City of Jackson  
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

**20857-090523 RFP for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Records Management System (RMS), Fire Services (CAD), Jail Management System (JMS), and Mobile Filed Reporting System for the City of Jackson, Mississippi**

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

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

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

Monica Oliver, Manager  
Purchasing Division  
(601) 960-1025 or 989-1828

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**Advertisement For Bids**  
**ELECTRONIC GATE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**  
**CITY PROJECT NO. RFP#2023-08**

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 219 South President Street, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, September 5, 2023 for electronic gate maintenance and repair (as specified) necessary for REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-08.

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

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

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

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

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

Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal forms to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid for ELECTRONIC GATE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-08."

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

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

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

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

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

Christine Welch, Deputy Director Office of Transportation

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**NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY**  
**CITY OF JACKSON**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: parcel 71- 27, located on Fortification Street in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at \$500.00. The City will retain all mineral rights it owns, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same from said property. For additional information or for a "bid form", contact Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us.

BID INSTRUCTIONS: All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the City Clerk of the City of Jackson (located in City Hall at 219 S. President St. Jackson, Mississippi 39201). The outside of the envelope must be plainly marked to identify the parcel number being bid on along with the bidder's name. Enclose one (1) original and one (1) copy of the bid. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Preferential preference will be granted to all equivalent high bidders that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee. If multiple equivalent high bidders submitted applications, a re-bid process utilizing the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) between those bidders will be granted to determine a winner. If multiple equivalent high bidders persist after BAFO, the re-bid process will be repeated, if necessary, until a sole high bidder is certified.

If multiple equivalent high bidders did not submit applications to the Surplus Property Committee, a re-bid process utilizing the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) between those bidders will be granted to determine a winner. If multiple equivalent high bidders persist after BAFO, the re-bid process will be repeated, if necessary, until a sole high bidder is certified.

If multiple equivalent high bidders consist of, one equivalent high bidder that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee and the other equivalent high bidder(s) that did not submit an application to the Surplus Property Committee, preferential preference will be granted to the bidder that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee.

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**Advertisement For Bids**  
**DISPOSAL OF NON-HAZARDOUS LIQUID WASTE MATERIAL**  
**CITY PROJECT NO. RFP#2023-07**

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**Advertisement for Bids**  
**Bid 3243 ESSER Project Package A: Renovations for Bates, Blackburn, Cardoza, Forest Hill, Peebles Schools**

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) September 12, 2023, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning ESSER Project Package A will be held at Bates Elementary School 3180 McDowell Road Ext., Jackson, MS, on Friday, September 1, 2023, at 3:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.jpdsmsprojects.com. Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.jpdsmsprojects.com. A \$250.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each printed set of bid specs/documents. A \$100.00 Nonrefundable deposit shall be required on each digital PDF set of bid specs/documents. Documents must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact John Murray at Canizaro Cawthon Davis, Phone: 601-948-7337 or Email: jmurray@ccdarchitects.com.

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

8/17/2023, 8/24/2023

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**Advertisement for Bids**  
**Bid 3244 ESSER Program: HVAC Indoor Air Quality Upgrades for Casey, Galloway, Spann and Whitten Schools**

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) September 12, 2023, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning ESSER Project Package A will be held at Spann Elementary School ESS-ER Program HVAC Indoor Air Quality Upgrades at 1615 Brecon Drive Jackson, MS, 39211, Friday, August 25, 2023, at 3:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.jpdsmsprojects.com. A \$150.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each printed set of bid specs/documents. A \$100.00 Nonrefundable deposit shall be required on each digital PDF set of bid specs/documents. Documents must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Anderson Ervin at Durrell Design Group, Phone: 601-708-4788 or Email: aervin@durrelldesigngroup.com

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

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

Proposals to lease space in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 will be received by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") via the online portal only at www.jrams.org, until 5:00 o'clock P.M., January 31, 2023, for any space available to be leased in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 (the "Facility").

The Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 is located in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, on the south side of Capitol Street, between Congress and President Streets, and space available for lease is located on the first floor of the Facility.

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

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

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

12/29/2022, 1/26/2023, 2/23/2023, 3/30/2023, 4/27/23, 5/25/23, 06/29/23, 07/27/23, 08/24/23, 09/21/23, 10/26/23, 11/30/23



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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BEATRICE K. YOUNG, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. P2023-89 G/2

PETITIONER: ROSIE BUCKHAULTER

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS

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

This the 28th day of July, 2023.

*Rosie Buckhaalter*  
Rosie Buckhaalter, Administrator

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Hinds

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Rosie Buckhaalter, Administrator for the Estate of Beatrice K. Young, deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the foregoing is true and correct as therein stated.

*Damon Stevenson*  
NOTARY  
Damon Stevenson  
Stevenson Legal Group, PLLC  
1810 N. West Street  
Jackson, MS 39202  
Telephone: (769) 251-0207, Facsimile: (601) 608-7872

8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023, 08/24/23

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
**City of Jackson**  
**Jackson, Mississippi**

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

96863-091923- Twelve Month Supply Pothole/Utility Cut

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE CITY OF JACKSON'S WEBSITE, WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV AND CENTRAL BIDDING, WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM

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

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the E130 Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, and Jackson, Mississippi.

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

Monica Oliver, Manager  
Purchasing Division  
(601)960-1025 or 1533

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**PURCHASE DESIGNATED PROPERTIES OWNED BY**  
**THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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

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

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

RFP DATED: April 27, 2023

4/27/23, 5/25/23, 06/22/23, 07/27/23, 08/24/23, 09/21/23, 10/26/23, 11/23/23, 12/21/23

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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, SEPTEMBER 13, 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

New Business

A. 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. 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.

C. CASE NO. HPNC-23-6

LOCATION: 112 PINEHAVEN DR (PARCEL 16-82)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: Varuni Kern  
REQUEST: 1. REMOVE THE VINYL SIDING, THE ORIGINAL WOOD SIDING AND THE WOOD SINGLE PANE WINDOWS. 2. REPLACE WITH HARDIE BOARD SIDING TO MATCH PROFILE OF THE ORIGINAL WOOD AND INSTALL NEW INSULATED PANE WINDOWS MATCHING EXISTING STYLE. 3. REPLACE REAR DOOR AND REMOVE THE OLD BRICK STEPS AND REPLACE WITH A SMALL WOOD DECK WITH RAILING AND STEPS.

D. CASE NO. HPNC-23-13

LOCATION: 1320 BELVOIR PL (PARCEL 10-13)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: JOHN WEAVER  
REQUEST: TO BE ALLOWED TO BUILD A FREE STANDING CARPORT AND A STORAGE ROOM ATTACHED TO THE EXISTING GARAGE. ALSO REQUESTING TO ADD NEW CONCRETE SLABS FOR THE ADDITIONAL STORAGE ROOM AND SOLAR PANELS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ROOF ON THE REAR PORTION OF THE HOUSE.

E. CASE NO. HPLD-23-1

LOCATION: 0 ROSE ST (PARCEL 147-7)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: N/A APPLICANT: PATRICIA WISE  
REQUEST: TO HAVE THIS PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS A JACKSON LANDMARK.

F. CASE NO. HPLD-23-2

LOCATION: 4920 ROBINSON RD (PARCEL 832-130)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: N/A APPLICANT: REV. KARL TAYLOR SR.  
REQUEST: TO HAVE 4920 ROBINSON RD DESIGNATED AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.

II. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
ADJOURNMENT

08/24/23, 08/31/23

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CITY OF JACKSON Garbage Collection Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenses Year Ended September 30, 2022	
Operating revenues - garbage collection charges	8,093,621
Other Revenues	3,703
Total Revenues	8,097,324
Operating expenses:	
Personnel services	678,343
Supplies	164,756
Contracted services - garbage collection	4,848,210
Contracted services - other	3,109,628
Other services and charges	793,349
Depreciation	147,759
Total operating expenses	9,742,045
Operating loss	(1,644,721)
Non-operating revenue (expense)	
Noncapital grants	30,818
Interest revenue	170
Interest and service charges on long-term debt and capitalized lease obligations	(2,101)
Gain on sale of capital assets	28,887
Net income (loss)	(1,615,834)
Note 1 - Contracted garbage collection services is composed of payments to Rickard's Disposal, Inc. of Jackson and Waste Management of Mississippi, Inc.	
Note 2 - The average monthly cost incurred by the City for garbage and recycling pickup service for the fiscal year 2022 was \$19.20.	

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**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING FOR A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM (TWELVE MONTHS) ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, CREATION OR EXPANSION OF BARS AND NIGHT CLUBS OPERATING ON OR ADJACENT TO CAPITOL STREET IN THE CITY'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, there is a concern that the location of additional bars in a concentrated area on and around Capitol Street in the City's Central Business District, as established by Section 707-A of the City of Jackson Zoning Ordinance, is both imminent and detrimental to public safety and to the development of this area consistent with the City's comprehensive plan and zoning laws; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Central Business District (or "CBD")-which is in the vicinity of City Hall, the State Capitol, and numerous civic, commercial and residential buildings, as further defined in Sections 202.28 and 707-A of the Zoning Ordinance-is to "preserve and perpetuate an intensive and cohesive downtown urban core characterized as the center for employment and as the focus of commercial, governmental, and cultural activities" and "to develop a strong sense of place by extending the duration of downtown's activities by improving the pedestrian environment and creating mutually supportive land uses such as cultural arts, education, entertainment, housing, business, other commerce and government;" and

WHEREAS, the public safety and proper development of the Capitol Street Corridor-which is the downtown area adjacent to Capitol Street that is bounded by Amite Street on the north, Pearl Street on the south, State Street on the east, and Mill Street on the west (referred to hereafter as the "Capitol Street Corridor"), is vitally important to the overall success of the CBD and the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the existing bars within the Capitol Street Corridor have attracted large crowds to the CBD, which have frequently spilled out of the bars, to public sidewalks and streets creating dangerous traffic conditions and other concerns for downtown residents, guests of nearby hotels, and neighboring business and property owners; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the effects on the flow of traffic and public right-of-ways caused by the large crowds drawn to existing bars within the Capitol Street Corridor, the city has received reports of dangerous criminal conduct, including the sale of illegal drugs and discharge of firearms in a crowded area, which creates serious public safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, in one recent incident of dangerous criminal activity in the Capitol Street Corridor, which has received significant media attention that is detrimental to the CBD's development, residents reported over 100 rounds fired by semi-automatic weapons in or around a bar operating on Capitol Street during a time in which crowds were congregating in the area, putting patrons, residents, employees, and other persons at serious risk of bodily injury or death; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Police Department ("JPD") has a significant shortage of officers, with approximately 150 unfilled officer positions, and has publicly encouraged business owners in downtown Jackson-including the CBD and Capitol Street Corridor-to hire private security officers to help combat crime, and protect people and property in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, there are concerns that the concentration of an excessive number of bars and nightclubs in the Capitol Street Corridor could undermine the City's existing zoning and development plans for the CBD by squeezing out other desirable business and civic property uses, discouraging residential development; and adversely impacting neighboring property uses and property values; and

WHEREAS, the City desires a reasonable period of time to study the impacts of bars on the Capitol Street Corridor and determine whether adoption or amendment of zoning laws and ordinances applicable to the CBD and Capitol Street Corridor-including whether bars should be limited or restricted as permitted uses-is appropriate to address those impacts; and

WHEREAS, this interim moratorium is intended to be of temporary duration so that the impact of bars on the Capitol Street Corridor can be further studied and analyzed, with as little impact on neighboring property owners and businesses as possible, and is necessary as a temporary measure to preserve and promote the health, safety, and general welfare to citizens, the property owners, businesses, and visitors to the CBD and Capitol Street Corridor; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that such study and review can reasonably be completed within a period of twelve months; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this temporary moratorium is meant to restrict or limit the operations of any permitted "bar" that is lawfully operating in the Capitol Street Corridor at the time of adoption of the moratorium; and

WHEREAS, the City has authority to adopt an ordinance, order, or resolution providing for a temporary moratorium on bars and nightclubs pursuant to Mississippi Code Sections 21-17-1 et seq. and 21-13-1 et seq., including the authority to adopt ordinances, orders, and resolutions for the immediate and temporary preservation of the public peace, health, and safety within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that a temporary moratorium on the location, operation, permitting, or construction of bars within the Capitol Street Corridor is necessary to address a significant threat to public safety and to preserve the public peace, health, and safety within the CBD and downtown Jackson more generally.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON ADOPT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:

I. The City hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the location, operation, permitting, or construction of bars within the Capitol Street Corridor-the downtown area adjacent to Capitol Street that is bounded by Amite Street on the north, Pearl Street on the south, State Street on the east, and Mill Street on the west;

2. This moratorium shall apply to any business that meets the definition of "bar" in Section 202.15 or "nightclub" in Section 202.106 of the Zoning Ordinance. For avoidance of doubt, those definitions are recited here. Section 202.15 defines "bar" as "[a] commercial establishment having as its principal use the serving of alcoholic beverages or liquor for consumption on the premises and providing entertainment for its patrons. Food may be served as an accessory use." Section 202.106 defines "nightclub" as "[a] bar or similar establishment where a dance floor or live entertainment is provided."

3. This temporary moratorium shall remain in place for a period of twelve months, unless this moratorium is terminated prior to the end of that period by order of the City Council.

4. Based on the facts and circumstances of each individual case, and subject to approval by the Mayor and City Council, relief from the prohibitions of this moratorium may be granted to avoid undue hardship or for other good cause shown.

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; Vice President Lee seconded.

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

ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Special Council Meeting June 22, 2023 and recorded in Minute Book "6X, Pgs. 375-377".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 15th day of August, 2023.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

08/24/23



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**AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 86-21 CONCERNING THE USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

THE CITY OF JACKSON ORDAINS:

That Chapter 86, Article I, Section 86-21, of the City of Jackson Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 86-21. Definitions

A) Definitions: For Purposes of this Section

(1) Articles pyrotechnic means pyrotechnic devices for professional use that are similar to consumer fireworks in chemical composition and construction but not intended for consumer use, that meet the weight limits for consumer fireworks but are not labeled as such, and that are classified as UN0431 or UN0432 under 49 CFR 172.101.

(2) Consumer fireworks means fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5. Consumer fireworks does not include low-impact fireworks.

(3) Display fireworks means large fireworks devices that are explosive materials intended for use in fireworks displays and designed to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, as provided in 27 CFR 555.11, 49 CFR 172, and APA standard 87-1, 4.1.

(4) Fireworks means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or a flare, designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks consist of consumer fireworks, low-impact fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, and special effects.

(5) Low-impact fireworks means ground and handheld sparkling devices as that phrase is defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5.

(6) Novelties means that term as defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and 3.2.5 and all of the following:

(i) Toy plastic or paper caps for toy pistols in sheets, strips, rolls, or individual caps containing not more than .25 of a grain of explosive content per cap, in packages labeled to indicate the maximum explosive content per cap.

(ii) Toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, toy trick noisemakers, and toy guns in which toy caps as described in subparagraph.

(iii) are used, that are constructed so that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, and that are not designed to break apart or be separated so as to form a missile by the explosion.

(iv) Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding one-eighth-inch in diameter.

(v) Toy snakes not containing mercury, if packed in cardboard boxes with not more than 12 pieces per box for retail sale and if the manufacturer's name and the quantity contained in each box are printed on the box; and toy smoke devices.

(7) Special effects means a combination of chemical elements or chemical compounds capable of burning independently of the oxygen of the atmosphere and designed and intended to produce an audible, visual, mechanical, or thermal effect as an integral part of a motion picture, radio, television, theatrical, or opera production or live entertainment.

B - Use of consumer fireworks.

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) below, it shall be unlawful for any person to ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks, as such term is defined in section 86-21-A.

(b) It is unlawful to throw, toss or aim any fireworks at any person, animal, or vehicle, explode any fireworks within three hundred 300 yards of any railroad depot or warehouse, hospital, asylum, or within 300 feet of where fireworks are offered for sale. A person may ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks only between the hours of 9:00 am and 10:00 pm on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after the following national holidays:

(1) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the third Monday in January

(3) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May

(3) Juneteenth, June 19

(4) Independence Day, July 4

(5) Labor Day, the first Monday in September

(6) Columbus Day, the second Monday in October

(7) Veterans Day, November 11

(9) Christmas Day, December 25

(c) On New Year's Day, January 1, a person may ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. On the day before, or the day after, New Year's Day, a person may ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks between the hours of 9:00 a.m and 10:00 p.m.

(d) A person shall not shoot, discharge, fire, explode, or otherwise use any consumer fireworks on or low-impact fireworks in any of the streets, sidewalks, alleys, or elsewhere within the city limits, except during the permitted dates and times listed under the permitted holidays.

(e) Each violation of paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) shall be punishable by a civil infraction with a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

(f) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person that violates this subsection is responsible for a civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

(g) A person shall not ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or a combination of both. A person who violates this subsection is responsible for a civil infraction punishable by

a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

(h) Minors under 16 years of age shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks without the supervision of a parent, guardian, or custodian. Parents, guardians, or custodians will be held financially liable for any damages on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person should minors be knowingly left unaccompanied during the use of consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks.

(i) Unmanned free-floating devices. Any unmanned free-floating device (sky lantern) which requires fire underneath to propel it and is not moored to the ground while aloft, have an uncontrolled and unpredictable flight path and descent area so as to pose a potential fire risk and are therefore prohibited within city limits.

(j) Unless otherwise provided in this section, if a person knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates this section, the person is guilty of a crime as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(2) If the violation causes damage to the property of another person, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 60 days or a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both.

C- Sale and Storage of Fireworks.

(a) Firework sales are seasonal sales only, within the times permitted by state law. No fireworks should be sold or offered for sale within the City of Jackson before June 15 and after July 5, before Dec. 5, and after Jan. 2 of each year.

(b) Permitted holidays recognized for the purpose of sale should be limited to July 4, Dec. 25, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1.

(c) The name of the association, organization, or corporation, together with the names of the persons to be in charge of the sales, the dates and time of the day at which the sales are to be held, and a diagram/sketch of the location to serve as a sales location must be submitted to City of Jackson's Planning Director, Zoning Administrator, Fire Chief, and Fire Marshal.

(d) A license fee for the sale of fireworks at each location shall be in the sum of \$250.00, and a structure erected for the sale of fireworks shall comply with those requirements set forth through the ordinance, and all other city ordinances or regulations. The structure must be approved for occupancy, including no smoking signs, exit signs, and fire extinguishers.

(e) City representatives, including the Building Inspector, as well as a fire official, are authorized to inspect the site and make periodic follow-up checks, as deemed necessary, to ensure continued compliance.

(f) Fireworks must not be sold or kept for sale in a place of business where paints, oils, varnishes, turpentine of gasoline, or other flammable substances are kept. Fireworks should be stored in a room set aside for storage of fireworks only and shall have a sign over the entrance that reads, "Fireworks – No Smoking - Keep Open Flames Away."

(g) All retailers are forbidden to expose fireworks where the sun shines through the glass on the merchandise displayed, except where fireworks are in the original package, and all fireworks kept for sale on front counters must remain in original packages, except where an attendant is on constant duty, or the firework is equipped with a threaded safety fuse.

(h) All retail stands must display a minimum of four "No Smoking" signs in a prominent place, viewable to the public. The permittee shall be responsible for strict enforcement of the no-smoking regulation.

(i) It is unlawful for fireworks to be stored, kept, sold, or discharged within 300 feet of the property line of any gasoline pump, gasoline filling station, gasoline bulk station, or any building in which gasoline or volatile liquids are sold. Additionally, all fireworks sales sites are required to be 2,500 feet away from other existing fireworks outlets, and 500 feet from any residential properties. • It is also unlawful to sell any type of fireworks that have not been evaluated and approved for sale and use within the State of Mississippi by the state Fire Marshal.

(j) All fireworks sales must be located in an appropriate Limited Commercial District as defined by the City's Zoning Ordinance, 702.04 C-2.

(k) Fireworks also must not be sold to unaccompanied minors under the age of 18, or anyone under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

D - Regulations governing displays.

(a) The fire marshal shall have the right to be present at the firing of any permitted public display of fireworks and shall have the right to cause such display to be stopped unless it is conducted in strict accordance with the statements made in the application for the required permit and so as not to be hazardous to property or endanger any persons.

(b) No person shall ignite, explode, project or otherwise make use of any fireworks in or on any street, alley, highway or other public place or property within the city, nor shall any person permit such fireworks to be projected over or onto the property of another person, without the consent of the person having control of such property.

(c) No person shall ignite, explode, project or otherwise make use of any fireworks within 200 feet of any dwelling or other structure wherein persons reside.

(d) Every fireworks display shall be handled by a competent operator approved by the chief of police and the fire marshal for the city, and shall be of such character and so located, discharged or fired as, in the opinion of the fire marshal after proper inspection, shall not be hazardous to property or endanger any person.

E - Required.

No person shall explode any fireworks, pyrotechnics or other explosives of like character in a public display without a permit from the fire marshal.

F – Permit and Application.

1) The city council upon application in writing, on forms provided by the director of the department of state police, which are available at the city clerk's office, may grant a permit for the use of fireworks within their political jurisdiction, manufactured for outdoor pest control or agricultural purposes, or for public display by municipalities, fair associations, amusement parks, or other organizations or groups of individuals approved by the city, if the applicable provisions of this ordinance are complied with. The permits shall be on forms provided by the director of the fire department, fire marshal division. After a permit has been granted, sales, possession, or transportation of fireworks for the purposes described in the permit only may be made. A permit granted under this subsection shall not be transferable, nor shall a permit be issued to a person under the age of 18 years.

(2) The city council, upon application in writing, may grant a permit, on forms provided by the director of the fire department, which are available at the city clerk's office, to a resident, wholesale dealer or jobber to have in his possession within the political jurisdiction, fireworks otherwise not prohibited, for sale only to holders of permits as provided in this section. A permit granted under this subsection is not transferable, nor shall a permit be issued to a person under the age of 18 years.

(3) Before a permit for a pyrotechnic display is issued, the person, firm, or corporation making application therefor shall furnish proof of financial responsibility by a bond or insurance in an amount deemed necessary by the local governing authority to satisfy claims for damages to property or personal injuries arising out of an act or omission on the part of the person, firm, or corporation, or an agent or employee thereof, in the amount, character and form the local authority determines necessary for the protection of the public.

(4) A permit shall not be issued under this ordinance to a nonresident person, firm, or corporation for conduct of a pyrotechnic display in this city until the person, firm, or corporation has appointed in writing a resident member of the bar of this state or a resident agent to be his legal representative upon whom all process in an action or proceeding against him may be served.

(5) The local governing authority shall rule on the competency and qualifications of operators of pyrotechnic displays, as the operator has furnished in his application form, and on the time, place and safety aspects of the displays before granting permits. (b) The application for a permit for the public display of fireworks shall set forth: (1) The name of the individual or organization sponsoring the display, together with the name, age, experience and physical characteristics of the persons actually in charge of firing the display. (2) The date and the time of day at which the display will be held. (3) The exact location plan for the display. (4) The number and kinds of fireworks to be discharged. (5) The manner and place of storage of such fireworks prior to the display.

(6) A diagram of the grounds on which the display is to be held, showing the point at which, the fireworks are to be discharged, the location of all buildings, highways and other lines of communication, the lines behind which the audience will be restrained and the location of all trees, telegraph, telephone or electrical wires in the nearby vicinity or other overhead obstructions.

The application shall be verified by affidavit.

G - Investigation and issuance.

(a) The fire marshal shall make or cause to be made an inspection of the place stated in the permit application as the location of the proposed public display of fireworks, to ascertain whether it is a safe and proper location for the display thereof. He shall also investigate the qualifications of the proposed operator of the display. He shall also ascertain whether the applicant is a bonafide fair, association, amusement park or other organization or group of individuals. He shall also examine into the kind and character of the fireworks proposed to be used in the display. If he ascertains that the proposed display is to be given a proper place by a competent operator so that it shall not be hazardous to property or endanger any persons, he shall endorse and approve the application, and issue the necessary permit in the name of the fire department.

(b) No permit for the public display of fireworks shall be issued to a person who is not 18 years of age and of good moral character.

H - Fee.

The fee for a permit for a public display of fireworks shall be as required.

I – Non-transferability.

No permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this division shall be transferable.

J - Bond.

Before the issuance of any permit to hold a public display of fireworks, the applicant shall file a bond or property damage and public liability insurance certificate, acceptable to the city council, naming the city as coinsurer. Such bond or insurance certificate shall be in the amount of at least \$100,000.00 and, in case of the insurance certificate, the coverage for public liability shall be in the amount of \$100,000.00 for injury to one person and \$200,000.00 for injury to two or more persons resulting from the same accident. The certificate shall provide for a minimum of \$100,000.00 in property damage. Such protection shall become available for the payment of any damages by reason of the permitted use or display of fireworks, or arising from the acts of the permittee, his agents, employees and subcontractors.

K - Additional regulations.

The fire marshal shall have the power to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the granting of permits for using fireworks for supervised public displays.

L - This Ordinance will be effective 30 days after passage and publication.

Sections 86-22— 86-50. - Reserved.

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Lee and Lindsay.

Nays – Hartley.

Absent – Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris

Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting July 18, 2023 and recorded in Minute Book "6X, Pgs. 544-554".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 22nd day of August, 2023.

SEAL     Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

8/24/2023

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
**City of Jackson**  
**Jackson, Mississippi**

Sealed, signed RFP'S are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

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

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority

of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF THE JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2-102 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances, provides for the establishment of City Council standing committees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that Section 2-102 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances should be amended to combine the Planning Committee with the Economic Development Committee, and, thus, a new section titled "Planning/Economic Development Committee" should be established; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-102 currently states:  
"Sec. 2-102. Establishment of standing committees.  
The council shall maintain six standing committees which may make recommendations to the council as appropriate. The six standing committees shall be:

- (1)

Finance committee.
- (2)

Rules committee.
- (3)

Planning committee.
- (4)

Legislative committee.
- (5)

Economic development committee.
- (6)

Government Operations committee.

WHEREAS, Section 2-104 currently states: "Sec. 2-104. – Rules committee.  
The function of this committee is to conduct an ongoing analysis of council procedures to ensure legality and maximum exercise of council responsibilities. Additionally, all matters relating to nominations, rules, laws, executive communications, resolutions and ordinances shall be referred to this committee at the discretion of the president. Additional duties may be assigned as needed.  
WHEREAS, in order to establish a Rules and Government Committee, the above-mentioned sections of Article I, Section 2-102 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances must be amended as follows:

"Sec. 2-102. Establishment of standing committees.  
The council shall maintain six eight standing committees which may make recommendations to the council as appropriate. The six standing committees shall be:

- 1) Finance committee.

2) Rules and Government Operations committee.

3) Planning/Economic development committee.

4) Legislative committee.

5) Economic development committee.

- 6) Public Works Committee

7) Public Property Renaming Committee

8) Public Safety & Parks Committee

"Sec. 2-104. – Rules and Government Operations committee.  
The function of this committee is to conduct an ongoing analysis of council procedures to ensure legality and maximum exercise of council responsibilities. Additionally, all matters relating to nominations, rules, laws, executive communications, resolutions and ordinances shall be referred to this committee at the discretion of the president. Additional duties may be assigned as needed.  
"Sec.2-106 – Public Works Committee.

The function of this committee is to oversees the City's Public Works responsibility for planning, designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining the city's infrastructure which includes public roads, transportation systems, bridges, water, wastewater, drainage, and solid waste disposal systems to ensure the sustainability of structures and services essential to the welfare and acceptable quality of life for its citizens.

Sec. 2-107. – Government Operation committee- shall be deleted in its entirety.  
"Sec.2-107 – Public Property Renaming Committee.

The function of this committee is to implement of the guidelines established for renaming the City's properties or facilities, the facilitation of the citizens' input through the process of notification, reviewing of all applications and advisement to the applicant, in writing, as to whether the application has met the requirements set forth in these procedures, the assurance of the monitoring of all phases of the procedures established for this process.

"Sec.2-108 – Public Safety and Parks Committee.

The function of this committee is the protection of citizens, organizations, and communities by preventing them from being in danger and guarding their well-being. Also, this committee is dedicated to the assurance of the creation of positive experiences by providing quality parks, facilities, services, and programs for all of citizens.

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

Section 1. Sec. 2-102 is amended, and shall now read as follows:

"Sec. 2-102. Establishment of standing committees.  
The council shall maintain seven standing committees which may make recommendations to council as appropriate. The eight standing committees shall be:

- (1) Finance committee.

(2) Rules and Government Operations committee.

(3) Planning/ Economic Development committee.

(4) Legislative committee.

(5) Public Works committee.

(6) Public Property Renaming committee.

(7) Public Safety and Parks committee.

Section 2. Sec. 2-104 is amended, and shall now read as follows:

"Sec. 2-104. – Rules and Government Operations committee.  
The function of this committee is to conduct an ongoing analysis of council procedures to ensure legality and maximum exercise of council responsibilities. Additionally, all matters relating to nominations, rules, laws, executive communications, resolutions and ordinances shall be referred to this committee at the discretion of the president. Additional duties may be assigned as needed.

Section 3. Sec. 2-106 is amended, and shall now read as follows:

"Sec.2-106 – Public Works Committee.

The function of this committee is to oversees the City's Public Works responsibility for planning, designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining the city's infrastructure which includes public roads, transportation systems, bridges, water, wastewater, drainage, and solid waste disposal systems to ensure the sustainability of structures and services essential to the welfare and acceptable quality of life for its citizens.

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Section 4. Sec. 2-107 is deleted in its entirety.

Section 5. Sec. 2-107 is amended, and shall now read as follows:

"Sec.2-107 – Public Property Renaming Committee.

The function of this committee is to implement of the guidelines established for renaming the City's properties or facilities, the facilitation of the citizens' input through the process of notification, reviewing of all applications and advisement to the applicant, in writing, as to whether the application has met the requirements set forth in these procedures, the assurance of the monitoring of all phases of the procedures established for this process.

Section 6. Sec. 2-108 is amended, and shall now read as follows:

"Sec.2-108 – Public Safety and Parks Committee.

The function of this committee is the protection of citizens, organizations, and communities by preventing them from being in danger and guarding their well-being. Also, this committee is dedicated to the assurance of the creation of positive experiences by providing quality parks, facilities, services, and programs for all of citizens.

Section 7. Any delay in the effectiveness of this ordinance will have a debilitating effect on City government; thus, this Ordinance will be effective 30 days after passage and publication.

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

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

ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting July 18, 2023 and recorded in Minute Book "6X, Pgs. 539-544".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 22nd day of August, 2023.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

08/24/23

LEGAL

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
JOSEPHINE H. KING, DECEASED

CAUSE NUMBER: 1:15-PC-00409

CARLOS KING,  
AS ADMINISTRATOR  
OF THE ESTATE OF  
JOSEPHINE H. KING, DECEASED

PETITIONER

VS.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW  
OF THE ESTATE OF  
JOSEPHINE H. KING, DECEASED

RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF  
JOSEPHINE H. KING, DECEASED

You have been made respondents in the suit filed in this Court by Carlos King, as Administrator of the Estate of Josephine H. King, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition for Determination of Heirship and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed against you in this action at 1:30 p.m. on the 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023, at the HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURTHOUSE, 316 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

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

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 14<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2023.

Hon. Eddie Jean Carr,  
Hinds County Chancery Clerk

BY:  D.C.



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# National Cemetery administration reaches out to colleges and universities to apply for federal grants to research Veteran cemeteries

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

National cemeteries in the United States for military veterans and service members began during the Civil War, near the battlefields, military hospitals and campgrounds of the war. An act passed by the U.S. Congress (July 17, 1862), gave rise to this occurrence. By the end of 1862, 12 national cemeteries had been established, including two of the nation's most iconic military cemeteries, Arlington National Cemetery and Gettysburg National Cemetery.

In 1867 a law was passed by Congress to establish and protect national cemeteries.

To this date, the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) has 155 national cemeteries. Within the NCA there is no limit to the number of benefits that stakeholders can receive in light of their participation. The sum of collective vision is unique within the broader Veterans Legacy Pro-

gram (VLP).

Through the VLP, students and scholars at Institutions of Higher Learning are extended opportunities to research the histories of Veterans interred in their nearby national cemetery. Unlike any other federally-funded program, the VLP is a national model of local engagement.

Within the VLP are three entities of commonality: (1) funded, original research on area Veterans; (2) research opportunities for undergraduates (and graduates, if applicable); and (3) work that is proudly shared with the local community, to memorialize Veterans in this unique engaging way.

In previous years, scholars have been actively engaged. They have presented at national conferences, written articles on their work, and developed book projects. Historians have been typically attracted to these sponsored research programs. Other disciplines, nevertheless, including English, American

Indian studies, and film, have received funding.

The application process for funding is ongoing. Applications for new awards are requested by the NCA. Actual or estimated deadline dates for the transmittal of applications will be provided by the administration. Interested persons are encouraged to gather their teams, schedule query meetings, and be familiar with national, state, and tribal cemeteries.

A tangible report using the stories of those interred in VA's National Cemeteries and VA Grant Funded cemeteries will focus on underrepresented Veterans and Service Members to include – and not limited to – race, gender, ethnicity, identity and Veterans from LGBTQ communities.

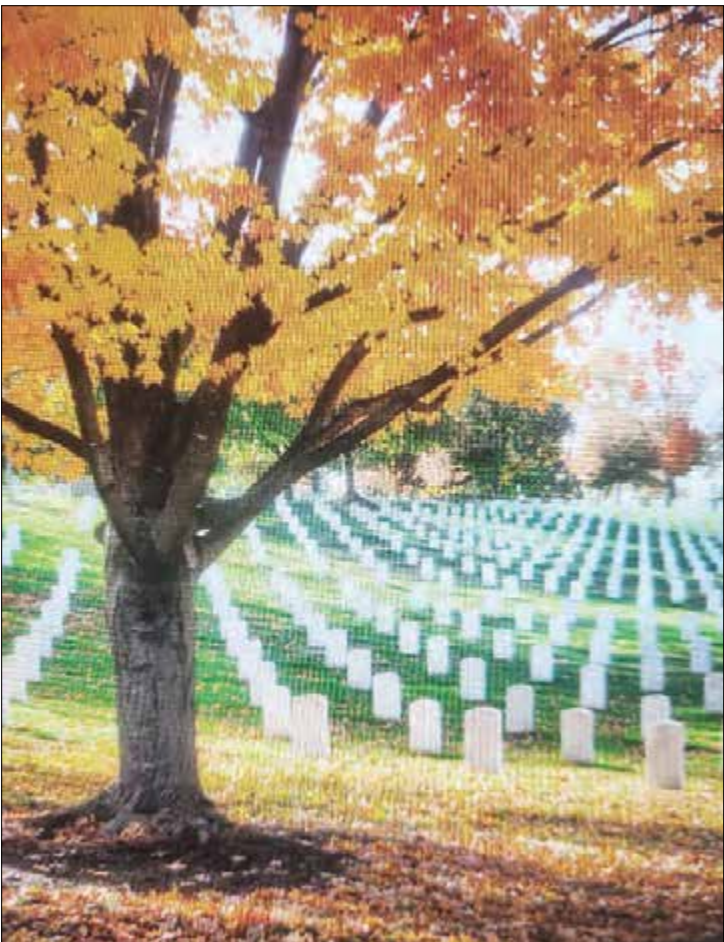
Projects under VLGP can encompass a wide range of identities. For example – in addition to films – books, graphic novels, educational manuals, as well as electronic database resource materials can be utilized

by scholars and researchers.

The Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) will be contained in the official application notice and listed in the Federal register (<https://www.federalregister.gov/>).

The requirements and instructions for submitting applications electronically are in the Federal Register in the application notice for competition. Applicants are encouraged to review the Under Secretary Memorial Affairs' (UMSA) priorities and be ready when the application has been released.

Persons interested in learning more about Veterans Legacy Grants and looking for updates on the next funding cycle may visit the Veteran Legacy Grants Program ([/legacy.grants.gov/](https://legacy.grants.gov/)). They may also contact MyVA411 main information line: 800-689-2411. The postal address is: National Cemetery Administration/Attn: General Inquiries/810 Vermont Avenue/ Washington, DC 20420.



Arlington National Cemetery

# JPS superintendent addresses academic gains and isolated testing concerns

The JPS Newswire

We are thrilled to share some truly exciting news. Our dedication to excellence in education is evident in our recent test scores and academic achievements. Our scholars' hard work, combined with the relentless efforts of our teachers, staff, parents, and the entire community, have led to exceptional results that demonstrate our commitment to academic success.

Our students have shown remarkable growth in their academic performance. Across all grade levels, we have witnessed a significant growth in proficiency levels in subjects ranging from Algebra I, Biology I, English II, U.S. History, English Language Learner (ELA), Math, and Science. These results are a testament to the diligence and determination of our students to excel.

This year, our most significant gains were in the fields of science and mathematics. In 2023, 43.8% of our scholars achieved proficiency in science – an 11% surge from 2022 and 25% increase from 2021. Comparably, in the area of mathematics, we observed a 9% increase in proficiency from 2022, which translates to an exciting 22.6% rise from 2021. Between 2022



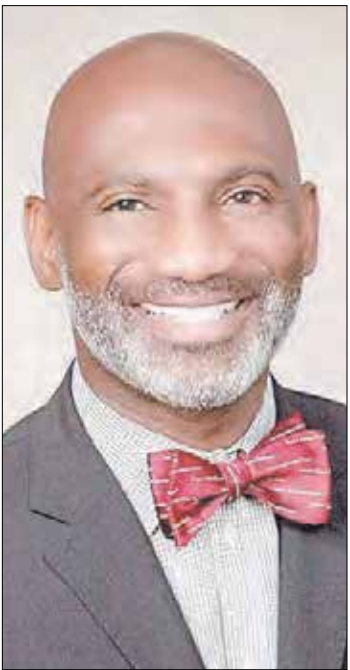
and 2023, proficiency gains of 6% for English language arts and 7% for history were also achieved.

It's not just about test scores. Our scholars' holistic growth is a priority. Their increasing curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm for learning are indicators of a well-rounded education that will serve them well in their future endeavors.

“Our educators have gone above and beyond to create a supportive and engaging learn-

ing environment,” said Superintendent Dr. Errick L. Greene. “Their innovative teaching methods, personalized attention, and dedication to fostering critical thinking have undoubtedly played a pivotal role in driving these outstanding results. Let us commend our teachers for their unwavering commitment to guiding our students towards success.”

This achievement is not solely attributed to the efforts within our school walls. It is the result



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of a united community, including parents, guardians, volunteers, and local businesses, that have continually supported our educational endeavors. Your encouragement, involvement, and belief in our students have greatly contributed to their achievements.

We understand the importance of maintaining the integrity of our education system and ensuring a fair and equitable environment for all students. We wanted to address recent

concerns that have come to our attention regarding potential testing irregularities within our school district.

“Upon learning of testing irregularities associated with the 2022/2023 Mississippi Academic Assessment Program, the Jackson Public Schools administration acted swiftly to launch a comprehensive investigation,” said Board of Trustees President Dr. Ed Sivak. “The Board of Trustees was quickly informed of the matter, and is united in its support for Superintendent Dr. Errick L. Greene and has full confidence in the process he has outlined to surface findings in an equitable, transparent, and timely manner. As one of the largest districts in the state, we’re hopeful that the overall story of Jackson Public Schools remains one of hard work, resilience and increasingly higher performance of our students. We thank all of our teachers, principals, support staff, scholars and families for their continued commitment to excellence.”

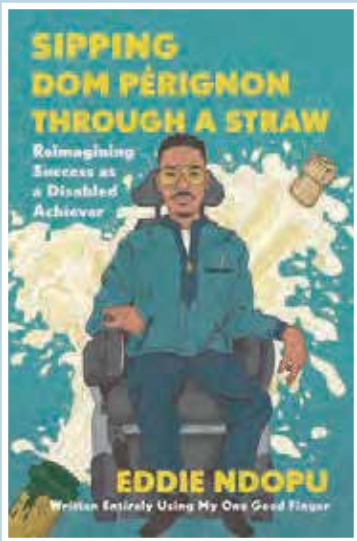
Maintaining the highest standards of academic integrity is one of our top priorities. Any allegations of testing irregularities or misconduct are taken very seriously, and we are committed to thoroughly investigating

any such claims. Our goal is to ensure that every scholar has the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills under fair and consistent conditions. We want to assure you that we are actively looking into these concerns. This is not a districtwide issue. This is a very isolated incident. We will follow the investigation where it leads and take all appropriate actions including termination and reporting to the Mississippi Department of Education Office of Educator Misconduct. Our investigation process is designed to be thorough and impartial, and we will involve all necessary parties to ensure transparency and accountability. While we understand that speculation and concern can arise during such situations, we kindly ask for your patience as we work to gather all the facts and reach a fair resolution. We will keep our families and the community updated on the progress and results of the investigation.

Thank you for your support and understanding of our commitment to uphold the values of our school district.

We are One District with One Direction, Marching Towards Excellence.





# BOOK REVIEW: SIPPING DOM PERIGNON THROUGH A STRAW

BY EDDIE NDOPU  
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
Columnist

You really get around.  
You're here, you're there, at all the best parties and all the biggest events. It seems like everyone knows you, too, and you call them all "friend." You're a mover and a shaker and you sure do get around – even if, as in the new book "Sipping Dom Perignon Through a Straw" by Eddie Ndopu, it's on four wheels.  
He almost let it go.  
In the days after receiving an acceptance letter from "the oldest university in the English-

speaking world," Eddie Ndopu was stunned. The scholarship he'd landed from Oxford paid for his classes and room and board. He'd also get a stipend but the scholarship didn't include one essential thing: funds for his "disability-related needs."

Diagnosed at age two with spinal muscular atrophy, Ndopu was not expected to live beyond age five, but he defied the odds. Now his body required a wheelchair to get around, and help with his personal hygiene, bedtime, dressing, eating and

drinking, and other day-to-day things he couldn't do himself. Not only was Oxford discluding money for that, but his regular caregiver, Lucky, was denied a visa provision.

That ultimately turned out for the better. Ndopu was in love with Lucky, who said he'd never be with another man but he suddenly was. Lucky's insincere vows broke Ndopu's heart and gave him impetus to seize the Oxford offer. Things could change. He'd figure it out.

He said yes, and began searching for a new caregiver who'd

bring him from Johannesburg to London and stay to help – but before he even got to Oxford, he was passed between two people, one of whom told him that England had laws by which caretakers had to abide. Caretaker Four decided the job wasn't for him. "Five" was homophobic. "Six" embarrassed Ndopu. "Seven" had family issues to tend to. And then the final blow arrived: a £66,000 bill (around \$84,000 U.S.) that Oxford University wanted for their help...


"Sipping Dom Perignon Through a Straw" is really quite

the complexity.


Author Eddie Ndopu has a lot to be proud of – his humanitarian work and activism on behalf of the disabled, his education, and his dogged wall-busting, to start – but only a fraction of this book is about those things. The rest is largely a good long rant about how a major institution colossally dropped the metaphoric ball, and about the individuals who disappointed Ndupo in ways large and small during time he was studying there. In that, Ndupo expresses outrage – righteous and right, when he's

dismissed, denigrated, or lessened – but others are not always given that grace, and seem to be dismissed and judged. Complex, see? – and conflicting.

Though readers will absolutely note the indignation and unfairness of what Ndopu endured, and may be compelled to act, don't look for a lot of joy in accomplishment inside this tale. Instead, it's an assertive, loud call for change at every level, and you should consider it as such. You'll like "Sipping Dom Perignon Through a Straw" if you can get around that.



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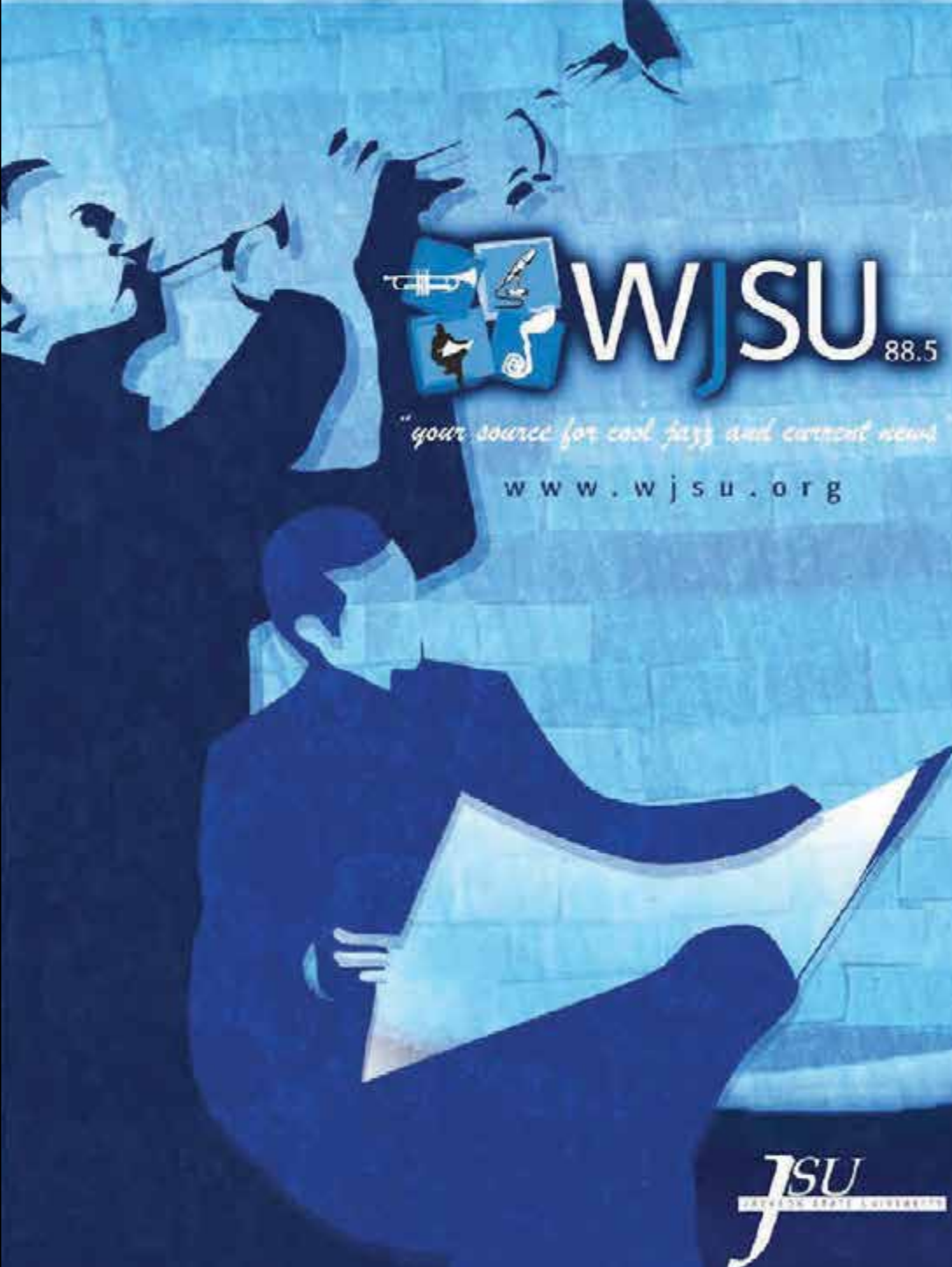
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# Football Season begins this week

By Timothy Ward  
Sports Writer

Football fans rejoice! Happy Football New Year is only a day or two away. The jamborees are over, the spring games are over, and now teams get to hit players other than their teammates.

Who's going to win the crown in high school football this season?

This season Mississippi debuts the 7A division. Powerhouse programs like Madison Central, Brandon, Oak Grove, St. Martin, along with other former 6A schools will comprise 7A. Should be interesting.

Brandon looks to go for a third consecutive state championship game appearance and the first for 7A. Senior running back Nate Blount ran for over 2000 yards last season with 26 touchdowns. He would like nothing more than to end his senior year with a bang.

Jackson State opens the season in the same city it ended last season and plans to end this season, in Atlanta. The MEAC/SWAC Challenge kicks off Saturday featuring Jackson State versus South Carolina State. For Tiger Nation, it's more than that, it's a new beginning. Coach Prime is gone. Shedeur and Shilo Sanders are gone. Travis Hunter is gone. Several key components to the back to back championship run have followed Deion Sanders to Colorado or to other schools. What will the Tigers look like is the biggest question heading into the season.

Pre-season polls have FAMU and Southern predicted to win the East and West Divisions of the SWAC respectively. FAMU has only lost 2 SWAC games since joining the league 2 years ago,



BJ Stevens is the man on offense.



Fired up J State



Head coach TC Taylor coached alongside coach Prime.



Who replaces Shedeur?



Sonic Boom is ready for new season.

both to Jackson State.

JSU head coach TC Taylor took over for Deion Sanders and hit the ground running. Jackson State lost several players to the transfer portal, but they also brought in several players who will make their Tiger debut Saturday.

“Coach Prime laid out a great foundation with the way we ap-

proach each and every game,” Taylor said. “We’re going to continue that. We’re just going to continue that on a daily basis. That’s all we can do.”

Will the Darkside defense still be dominant? How does the offensive and defensive lines look this year? Did they add size? Are they still fast? Offensively, who’s

the man?

BJ Stevens is a pre-season SWAC selection at tight end, but what about the rest of the team? More questions than answers loom right now. Saturday goes a long way in answering many of them. One thing for sure, it’s been a long time off from December and it feels like it.

This season is perhaps more anticipated after Deion Sanders has departed, than when he debuted. Hate him or love him, coach Prime helped turn things around at Jackson State using his connections to enhance facilities and aid in exposure for Jackson State and HBCUs nationwide. The motto this season is

“Guard THEE Yard.” JSU fans nationwide will convene in Atlanta this weekend to root for the Tigers. Breaking out the fresh t-shirts and wardrobe, expect a season of blue and red to be present – fans, Sonic Boom of the South, JSU cheerleaders, etc. It will be an excellent way to kick off the season.

## Hinds County School District Weekly Update

### ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

#### SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION

Hinds County School District, Superintendent Dr. Robert Sanders would like to thank Adriane Louie and Precoat Metals Corporation for donating school supplies to the Hinds County School District. Thank you for your support and your effort in getting us started in a positive direction for the 2023-2024 school year by ensuring we have everything we need to be successful. Thank you for your support.



#### MUNICIPALITY VISITATION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Relations Specialist Tonie Crisler visited the Raymond City Officials at their town meeting. Crisler informed them that school was getting ready to start and all Hinds County Schools are expecting to have a great exciting year and thanked Raymond for their support of the schools in Raymond.





# Anderson United Methodist Church Women's Day Service

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

"A Purpose Driven Journey, Women Walking in Faith, Love and Service" was the theme for the annual Women's Day Service held at Anderson United Sunday, August 20, 2023 during the 10:15 a.m. service. Dr. Stephen T. Cook serves as senior pastor at Anderson located at 6205 Hanging Moss Road in Jackson, MS.

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Juanita Sims Doty. Doty was introduced by First Lady Erma Cook.

Doty is well known throughout the community as an educator, human rights advocate, entrepreneur and dedicated to serving her family and community. Her personal motto is, "I serve God serving others."

Doty titled her message after the Women's Day chosen theme, "A Purpose Driv-

en Journey: Women Walking in Faith, Love and Service."

Pastor Cook told *The Mississippi Link* that it was a phenomenal event and people are still talking about it. He stated, "It was an absolutely wonderful day. Doty did an excellent job speaking on faith, love and service."

The operations manager at Anderson, Janice Jones, was momentarily speechless when asked for comments regarding Doty's message. She said, "I am beyond words. Her speech really touched my heart. She hit every point raised and simply knocked it out of the park."

Jones estimated over 800 people attended the service.

"I don't get emotional a whole lot but her words were touching and moving, not just for the women of Anderson but for everyone in attendance," Jones concluded.



Dr. Juanita Sims Doty, Women's Day Speaker PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON



# JODY OWENS

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I would like to extend my gratitude to the citizens of Hinds County for electing me as the Democratic Nominee for District Attorney. We are proud of our accomplishments, but there is still much progress to be made. VOTE Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 and join me in the fight for a safer Hinds County!





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