



Illusions don’t help us, bare-bones truth reveals our path

The election of Barak Obama was a monumental gift to this nation



L-R: Preseident Barak Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, all hands coming together. COURTESY OF [HTTPS://BARACKOBAMA.COM/](https://barackobama.com/)

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Before we know it, it will have been 15 years since America elected its very first president who was African American. Time flies. Nearly 15 years since we watched on television as civil rights icon, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, sobbed openly in Chicago’s Grant Park, as the newly elected Senator from Illinois gave this victory speech, having just been elected the 44th President of the United States of America with 67% of the vote. The good reverend was not alone.

In his victory speech, the then 47-year-old president-elect was a unifier-in-chief. He indicated that change had come to America. He praised John McCain and his VP running mate Sarah Palin. He gave thanks to many people, then stated, “But above all, I will never forget who this victory truly be-

longs to – it belongs to you.” He spoke about the road ahead being long, and the climb being steep. He cautioned, “Let us resist the temptation to fall back on the same partisanship and pettiness and immaturity that has poisoned our politics for so long.”

He went on, “And to all those who have wondered if America’s beacon still burns as bright – tonight we proved once more that the true strength of our nation comes not from the might of our arms or the scale of our wealth, but from the enduring power of our ideals: democracy, liberty, opportunity and unyielding hope,” per abcnews.com. Oh, what a speech it was on November 4, 2008, before an estimated 240,000 people packed into Grant Park.

The moment was unforgettably glorious. The highlight of our lives for many – 389 years since

the first slaves were brought to this land, and 232 years since our founding as a nation – the president-elect of the United States of America was a black man.

How many joined with me in believing our nation had turned a corner? 67% of the vote! Yet today, fifteen years on, we are painfully aware we had fallen prey to hopeful illusions. The truth is that all too many were not pleased with the election outcome. In small numbers, people began to act out – show their true colors. Within a month of the election, “hundreds of incidents of abuse and intimidation were reported, white supremacist groups saw a flood of interest from possible new members, and far right groups are also capitalizing on rising unemployment in the economic downturn and a demographic shift that could make whites a minority by mid-century,” per the Southern

Poverty Law Center, as reported by Reuters.com on November 24, 2008.

“Barak Obama’s presidency signaled a post-racial America at first, but the racial conflict following disproved that,” per Dr. Peniel E. Joseph, who holds a joint professorship appointment at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the History Department at the University of Texas at Austin, writing for *The Washington Post*, April 22, 2016. On November 9, 2018, another Joseph article was subtitled, “At the core of these recent hate crimes is anti-black racism that animates our long national history of white supremacy,” also published in the *Post*.

White supremacy, white nationalism and Christian nationalism are now fully synonymous.

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‘Sick and tired of being sick and tired?’ It’s your time - vote

By Emmitt Hayes, Jr.
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The disaster of infrastructure failure combined with the river flooding has been a looming crisis since each incumbent was elected to office and even before. We vote people into office to serve our best interests and to prevent the numerous disasters that have beleaguered Jackson.

Only recently have we had the attention from the state and local leaders on this decade’s old problem, but that attention meant blaming the obvious on each other and finger pointing. It is clear to us that each of them is a part of the problem. Once the national press and Congressman Bennie Thompson, 2nd Dist., (D-MS) focused on the problem, the world came to know

about this total failure on behalf of people elected to public service, not self-service. It’s our time now, VOTE!

Fannie Lou Hamer, voting rights activist, civil rights leader and humanitarian, captured the nation’s attention, during the 196 Democratic National Convention, when she described the injustices, she and others in her community had endured in their fight for the right to vote. She declared, “I’m sick and tired of being sick and tired!” It’s our time now, VOTE!

When we needed steady leadership from the Jackson City Council, we got a load of garbage, literally and figuratively. I am sick and tired! It’s our time now, VOTE!

We read about millions and millions of gallons of untreated wastewater being released

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U.S. District Judge Tanya S. Chutkan to oversee former President Trump’s Election Interference Case

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Judge Tanya S. Chutkan will preside over the case of former President Donald Trump’s alleged efforts to overturn the 2020 election. This decision comes after Chutkan’s previous involvement in key motions related to the January 6 committee’s investigation.

Chutkan has a history with Trump. She denied his 2021 motion to prevent records from being given to the January 6 committee. In her decision, she emphasized that “Presidents are not kings, and plaintiff is not president.” This ruling showcased her commitment to upholding the principles of democracy and the rule of law.

A trailblazer in her own right, Chutkan’s background is impressive. She was born in Kingston, Jamaica and moved



U. S. District Judge Tanya S. Chutkan

to the United States to pursue higher education.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from George Washington University and later graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Chutkan began her law career working in private practice and

later at the District of Columbia Public Defender Service. After that, she joined the law firm Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, where she specialized in white-collar criminal defense for a total of 12 years.

Legal experts described Chutkan as incredibly dedicated to justice and fair repre-

sentation as a public defender. They said her commitment to ensuring equal access to justice was evident.

Her colleagues said her extensive experience in complex legal matters and criminal defense undoubtedly contributed to her well-rounded understanding of the law.

Chutkan was appointed to the District Court for the District of Columbia by former President Barack Obama in 2014.

Chutkan has a reputation for being a fair and committed judge. Still, she hasn’t shied away from imposing harsher sentences than the Justice Department initially requested in cases involving January 6 defendants.

When federal prosecutors suggested that Matt Mazzocco serve three months of

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Alpha Phi Alpha gives method to Governor DeSantis’ madness of racist education curriculum/ convention moved

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It’s never too late to say that enough is enough. In saying it, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity sent a strong message to Governor Ron DeSantis that Florida is disrespectful and hostile to the black community. In 2025 the fraternity plans to celebrate its 99th General Convention and 119th Anniversary Convention. The conference, however, will not take place in Orlando, Florida (an original intent).

Alpha Phi Alpha asserts that policies set by DeSantis produce psychological harm to the black community. The controversial education curriculum that was approved, along with the “Don’t Say Gay Bill” is one of devastation, thereby denying the true history of the black community and subjecting persons to persecution and shame. This blow to the black community demonstrates that



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. General President Dr. Willis L. Lonzer, III announced the relocation of the Fraternity’s 99th General Convention and 119 Anniversary Convention from Orlando, Florida to take place in 2025, due to Governor Ron DeSantis’ harmful, racist, and insensitive policies against the Black community.

racism and insensitivity continue to be on the rise in the sunny state.

Recently, NBC reported that the Alphas indicated that

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IN MEMORIAM: Joe Willie “Soop” Mitchell

Sunrise: August 4, 1948 – Sunset: July 26, 2023



Mitchell

On July 26, 2023 in Jackson, MS, the Lord deemed it fitting and proper to call Joe Willie Mitchell, another one of His servants, to rest from this world and to be home with the Lord.

Born, August 4, 1948 in Benton, MS (Yazoo City), he was the 12th of thirteen children from the union of the late Eddie and Gladys Mitchell. From a very young age, he came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior as an active member at Ebenezer AME Church in Benton, MS.

Mitchell’s interest and gift in music showed at an early age when his mother bought him a set of drums at 5 years old, followed by a guitar and then a piano – all for which he taught himself to play. He started playing tuba in the school band at 6th grade. Around age 14, his teacher (Mr. Patton) started a road band and they played in clubs all over Mississippi. At Yazoo City

High School, he played a number of instruments such as the baritone horn, trombone, keyboard, string bass and lead guitar. He used music as a tool for preparing himself for life and during this time he also played in small bands to earn money. Still touring the state with the band until his graduation, primarily on guitar/bass, he was most known for his performance of the 1962 Ben E. King classic – “Stand By Me.”

While in high school, he mesmerized his teachers by excelling in his music theory classes and was requested to start writing music for the Yazoo City High School Band until he graduated.

In the fall of 1966, Joe went up Highway 49 to attend “THEE” Jackson State University on a full band scholarship. While at JSU, he participated in concert and symphonic bands and was a proud member of the marching band also known as the Sonic Boom of the South.

As a student at JSU, he quickly excelled within the Music Department and by his sophomore year had assumed the role of student conductor for both the marching and symphonic bands. In this role, he assisted the faculty and staff with all duties and arranged music for the world-renowned Sonic Boom of the South – JSU Marching Band until 1970, all while completing his undergraduate degree.

While still enrolled as an undergraduate student, he actually started his teaching career a

year earlier as the band director of Lanier Junior High School in Jackson, MS from fall 1969 until integration in 1970.

While in his first year of teaching at Lanier High School, Joe met his life partner, Joyce Ann Adams. On July 19, 1970, they exchanged vows in Joyce’s parents’ home and to this union three children were born.

Upon graduating with a Bachelors of Music Education from Jackson State University, he went on to serve as the band director of Raymond High School in Raymond, MS. Mitchell took on a new milestone by actually starting the band program at East Flora High School which he grew to 60 students.

Mitchell enrolled in graduate school at Jackson State University in 1974. After receiving his Masters in Music Education in 1975, he served as band director for Sumner Hill High School in Clinton, MS for five years and grew their program to more than 75 students. He then went on to Clinton High School in Clinton, MS from 1980-1984, serving as assistant marching band director and director of concert and jazz bands.

In 1985, Mitchell became the band director at Callaway High School in Jackson, MS where he remained for 28 years. By his second year, his program had received its 1st superior rating in Marching Band over 8 years. He started a Music Theory Program that allowed his students to excel

at a faster rate.

Every year, the Callaway High School Marching Band participated in various Mardi Gras parades in New Orleans, LA and on several occasions won 1st Place in the Mighty Bacchus Parade. Also, while at Callaway, he managed to have a significant impact on all music programs throughout the Jackson Public Schools District. Mitchell spearheaded the initiative for JPS students to participate in the Capital District Festival held every year.

During his tenure at Callaway, he was able to develop one of the finest band programs in the state growing the band to as many as 180 plus students. Annually, more than 90% percent of his graduating seniors received scholarships to further their education at various colleges and universities throughout the country.

The City of Jackson provided him an accommodation in Music Education recognizing both his contributions as an educator and his accomplishments and community impact he had as a band director.

Joe “Soop” Mitchell continued his passion for music by playing with several bands throughout the area including his own. After several years of playing for artists like Dorothy Moore as her band leader, he decided to try his hand at opening an entertainment venue to showcase his talent and love for music. This led to the beginning of “Soop’s Res-

taurant & Lounge.” The lounge opened in April 1980 on Mill Street. With Soop on both bass and Hammond B3 organ along with his vocalists, this served as the clubs “House Band” performing on Friday and Saturday nights.

Soop’s Restaurant & Lounge relocated a few times but became the point for live entertainment from Thursday thru Saturday in Jackson. The lounge focused on blues, jazz and R&B music hosting artist such as Houston Person, Richard “Groove” Holmes, Shirley Brown, J. Blackfoot, Pat Brown, Buddy Ace, Willie Clayton and various local up and coming artists.

“Soop” decided it was time to not only have his own building, but to build a club that would allow him to showcase music in a whole new way. In November 1997 (just before Capital City Classic), Soop’s Restaurant & Lounge opened at its current location on Country Club Drive. Soop continued his focus of live music by hosting up and coming R&B artists such as Jessie Powell, H-Town, Carl Thomas, Jaheim and so many more.

As a longtime member of Pearl Street AME Church, Joe sat in the corner to play his bass every Sunday and was an active member in the men’s Sunday School. He was also a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. pledging Upsilon Epsilon Chapter Fall 1967. In recent years, he was actively involved with the

Beta Alpha Chapter in Jackson, MS where he sat on the Talent Hunt Committee to focus on scholarships for high school students aspiring to a career in the arts.

He will now join his loving wife of 52 years as they are both a part of the Lord’s choir. The memory of his musicianship, entrepreneurship, thoughtfulness, selflessness, patience, and love will live on in the hearts of his family: his two sons – Joseph Keith and Jerrold Vincent of Jackson, MS; one daughter – Jacqueline Delores of West Palm Beach, FL; five loving sisters-in-law – Rosie Middleton (Derrick) of Chicago, IL; Hazel Mitchell (David) of Jackson, MS; Beverly Mitchell (Thomas) of Detroit, MI; Bettie Mitchell (Phillip) of Detroit, MI; Halinda Haymer (Jessie) of St. Louis, MO and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and close family friends.

Viewing:

Westhaven Memorial Funeral Home, 3580 Robinson Road, Jackson, MS 39209, Friday, August 4, 2023 (10 a.m.-6 p.m.) Family will be present from 5-6 p.m.)

Memorial Service:

Callaway HS Auditorium, 601 Beasley Road, Jackson, MS 39206, Friday, August 4, 2023 (6 p.m.-7 p.m.)

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into the environment. Hundreds of sewer overflows are being reported around the city, releasing sewage into the environment which eventually ends up in the Pearl River. I am sick and tired! VOTE!

When it comes to street and road maintenance, I am sick and tired of the bickering and concerns about backroom, sweetheart deals that may personally benefit some elected officials.

I am sick and tired of the adversarial relations between city, county and state officials and I know the way to change the outcome is to change those officials we have voted into office. It's our time now, VOTE!

So many of us live in what sometimes sounds like a war zone. Rapid-gunfire, people dying, crime increasing, inmates escaping, and we expect effective responses from law enforcement but for that we must demand more from our elected officials. I'm sick and tired of the crime! It's our time now. VOTE

Let's stop talking about "somebody ought to do something." Let us do it. It's our time now VOTE! Vote for those who you know have been responsive to your needs, not the ones blaming, shaming and having public fights in public meetings. Negotiating and trying to find solutions to

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the convention was to host between 4,000-6,000 guests and to generate approximately \$4.6 million.

The fraternity is not the only organization that has pulled from Florida sites. Cancellations have come from at least nine other groups or associations; thus, a united front has come to focus in retaliation of DeSantis and his constituency.

General President Dr. Willis L. Lonzer, III asserted, "Although we are moving our convention from Florida, Alpha Phi Alpha will continue to support the strong advocacy of Alpha brothers and other advocates fighting against the continued assault on our communities in Florida by Gov. Ron DeSantis."

Lonzer went on to state that work done by the Alphas covers a long, detailed account that has endured since the fraternity's inception. "The powers that be have compelled the Alphas "to work harder to protect the legacy of those who struggled and died to make a 'More Perfect Union,'" Lonzer voiced.

Within the political heat against DeSantis' suggestion that slavery benefitted black people are several black Republicans and conservatives. "Ron DeSantis is not the candidate for black

our problems is essential. This is what we expected from the people we voted for, but we did not get it! It's our time now, VOTE!

We lost access to clean drinking water in Jackson, we lost garbage collection, we lost commerce, we lost security and safety, our schools are struggling, and we have incumbents wanting to be re-elected, so here they come. They talk, they make promises, and some say nothing because they count on you not voting. They know if you don't vote, you don't count. Have you not felt like you don't count? Not all office holders make us feel that way, but you know the ones that do. VOTE!

Well, here is something that many of us promise ourselves – the next time I get a chance to vote, I am going to get rid of the problems and find real people who have our best interest at heart. I am mad and it is my time! I am sick and tired of being sick and tired! It's my time now. VOTE or shut the heck up and suffer!

Emmitt Hayes, Jr., CEO of Let There Be Light (LTBL) Consultants, is a native of Jackson, MS. He attended Jackson Public Schools and graduated from Tougaloo College. He resides in Austin, Texas but visits family and friends often in his hometown of Jackson.

conservatives, and that's what he constantly, constantly exhibits to us," said Diante Johnson, president of the Black Conservative Federation.

Representative Byron Donalds (R-Florida) largely agrees with the overall changes but is against the "personal benefit" insertion of the revised guidelines. That part, he said, needs to be adjusted because "it's wrong."

Signed into law in 2022 were the revised guidelines. Middle school educators are required to teach students that "slaves developed skills which, in some instances, could be applied for their personal benefit."

Other black conservative representatives have publicly criticized DeSantis: Tim Scott (R-S.C.), John James (R-Mich.) and Wesley Hunt (R-Tx). Hunt, however, appears to stand out in expressing that they could not conceive how the enslaved would have benefitted from slavery.

"If Ron DeSantis spent more time doing the job the people of Florida elected him to do and less time on his failing presidential campaign, perhaps Florida's curriculum on slavery would more accurately reflect the pain and heartbreak experienced by millions who suffered through the original sin," stated Hunt per Politico.

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These ideologies surged following the November 4, 2008, election and at times it feels we have moved perilously close to risking or even losing our democracy.

In August 2019, Businessinsider.com spoke with psychologists about the insecurities that fuel white supremacists. Arie Kruglanski, a social psychologist at the University of Maryland, said, "People become white nationalists for three reasons: a desire to feel significant, attribution of their lack of personal success to another group, and a sense of belonging among other white nationalists."

They shared "many experts believe we are currently living in a new "Gilded Age," with the country's economic growth falling mostly into the hands of the wealthy. The top 20% richest Americans owned 77% of total household wealth in 2016 – and the top 1% alone holds more wealth than the entire middle class. Meanwhile, one in five American children live in poverty." Tristan Bridges, a professor of sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara, shared with writer Allana Akhtar at Businessinsider.com that "the current rise of white nationalism may stem from rising inequality in the US." Bootstrapping age-old stereotypes, African Americans ae now targeted in deeper ways.

President Biden is signing executive orders left and right to advance racial equity, while the right – with what was once a fringe element now becoming more accepted – is mov-

ing ahead at full speed dismantling voting rights, diversity initiatives, affirmative action, reproductive rights, housing and lending discrimination reforms, gun reforms, and stonewalling climate change and environmental justice – and trying to erase and rewrite black history. The highest court in the land is now slanted to the right so far that its rulings, often and increasingly, don't resemble the will of most of the country.

Racist Americans seemed to have moved into the shadows for a few decades prior to the November 4, 2008, general election. Not anymore, they now parade openly in the broad light of day with disgruntled white folks at the helm!

The heroic James Meredith has never wavered, saying, "We must continue to fight for integration."

If all Americans could truly see the value – morally and economically – of integration, it would be blinding – it would lift all Americans to heights never seen.

President Obama's election, and reelection in 2012 with 51.1% of the vote, drew the curtain back for us to see the truth about a large portion of America's soul. We have so much work to do, and our path has been completely revealed.

Maya Angelou once said, "I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better." We must believe her words and follow her example.

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home-confinement and probation after he pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of storming the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, Chutkan insisted that there must be consequences "beyond sitting at home" for individuals involved in an attempted violent overthrow of the U.S. government.

"If Mr. Mazzocco walks away with probation and a slap on the wrist, that's not going to deter anyone trying what he did again," Chutkan asserted from the bench.

"It does not, in this Court's opinion, indicate the severity – the gravity of the offenses that he committed on Jan. 6."

Ultimately, she sentenced Mazzocco to 45 days in jail and 60 hours of community service.

Many observers said her stance reflects

a belief in the importance of holding individuals accountable for their actions during the insurrection.

The judge has refused to bow to political pressure or executive privilege. In addition to denying Trump's emergency motion in 2021, attempting to prevent the National Archives from turning over his administration's records to the January 6 committee, she has remained steadfast in upholding the law.

"For a lot of people, I seem to check a lot of boxes: immigrant, woman, black, Asian. Your qualifications are always going to be subject to criticism and you have to develop a thick skin," Chutkan was quoted as saying in a February 2022 profile posted by the federal judiciary.

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Now comes JXN Undivided Coalition

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Preparing for an interview with Danyelle Holmes about JXN Undivided a few days ago reminded me of the first time I heard her speak in public. She is focused, direct and unwavering in serving the people – more often than not, they are the people that are invisible to so many others, and people who are relentlessly being exploited in Jackson, around Mississippi, and far beyond. She does not play.

Holmes spoke at a Mayor's Town Hall at Forest Hills High School on September 13, 2022, which focused on the water crisis. After patiently waiting for her turn, she stood up – way up, saying, “The foolishness that is going on in our City Hall with our City Council has high-jacked our city...our city is being held hostage; business can't go on as usual, and it's going to take the citizens to take a stand and challenge these elected officials to do what is right and to take the city of Jackson off the for sale block. Jackson is for sale under the table, they are running a cult, and Jackson is not for sale...we are going to nationalize the issues in Jackson, and the voices of those who have been impacted.”

That is Danyelle Holmes, born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi. Truth be told, a few months after that Town Hall, Jackson received \$600 million towards the water system, directly from Congress, bypass-



Danyelle Holmes at Repairers of the Breach event.

ing the state.

Holmes has been a national social justice organizer with Repairers of the Breach/Poor People's Campaign since 2018. She served as local coordinator when Reverend Dr. William Barber came to Jackson to lead rallies outside the Governor's Mansion in September, October and November of 2022. She co-founded the Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition in 2020.

The Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition (MRRC) is a coalition of over thirty organizations and individuals coming together to mobilize Mississippi communities to provide rapid response support in times of crisis, whether the crisis is caused by natural disaster or infrastructure failures. At MRRC, the entire foundation is based on listening to what our people say they need and generating resources to fill those

voids, per their website <https://msrrc.org>.

Now comes yet another powerful grassroots organization, JXN Undivided Coalition that Holmes helped launch in early 2023 and currently serves on the steering committee. The JXN Undivided Coalition stands for supporting – through protests, other direct actions, and through community and legal engagement – the right to vote, the right to flourish and the right of political self-determination for Jackson residents.

The coalition was founded to resist the state takeover of the rights and resources of residents of Jackson, Mississippi, which is a majority black and black-led city, by the state of Mississippi and its lawmakers, who are majority white. Community education, organizing and public demonstrations are foundational means by which they have and will continue to

impact political outcomes and the lives of members and loved ones in the Jackson community. Their member list includes over thirty organizations: local, statewide and nationally.

In early June, a federal lawsuit was filed challenging Senate Bill 2343, which expands the jurisdiction of the State Capitol Police and requires prior written authorization from the commissioner of public safety or chief of capitol police to have any event on sidewalks or streets next to property owned or occupied by state entities or officials.

Protests in Jackson have typically taken place downtown, including around the numerous state-owned buildings such as the capitol and governor's mansion, per *Clarion Ledger* reporting.

Plaintiffs in the case, you guessed it – JXN Undivided Coalition, as well as Mississippi

Votes, People's Advocacy Institute, Mississippi Poor People's Campaign, Black Voters Matter, and three local community organizers. The suit was filed June 6, and by June 29, U.S. District Court Judge Henry Wingate issued a preliminary injunction. “Wingate said the provision likely would have had a chilling effect on free speech and criticized the law for being too “constitutionally vague,” per WLBT reporting.

“The JXN Undivided Coalition and its members have for years engaged in the deeply American tradition of peacefully gathering on public property to convey to elected officials what matters most to us” the plaintiffs said a statement. “What matters most to us is the right to vote and the right of political self-determination for Jackson residents. We have spoken, and the state has responded with a sweeping prohibition

of speech next to properties in Jackson occupied by state officials absent prior authorization. We should not have to risk arrest and imprisonment for exercising our constitutional rights, including freedom of speech and equal protection under the law,” per the same *Clarion Ledger* article.

Holmes indicates that the entire month of July was designated as human dignity month by JXN Undivided Coalition.

“Our direct actions have been centered on human dignity and a push for human dignity for all Mississippians,” Holmes said.

When asked about attempts to communicate with the legislators who have created the takeover bills, she indicated that “we are always trying to work across the lines of division to create policies and laws that are just to all and not only a select few. The coalition has not been successful in changing the minds and hearts of elected officials whose goal is to undermine the leadership in the City of Jackson, as well as raping the city of its assets and resources.”

So many people in our state have fallen asleep and end up accepting the oppression that is delivered by the white power structure, but not them and their formidable partners. They are a potent barrier to the takeover attempts that come harder and stronger with each new year.

Contact JXN Undivided Coalition at 601-460-9578 to find ways to support their efforts on our behalf.

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LEWIS
JUSTICE COURT JUDGE
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- Married to Vickie Lewis for 26 years
- Two children Kendra and Amias
- One granddaughter Cali Lewis
- Business Owner
- Minister
- Presided over 10,000 cases
- Zero complaints from Judicial Performance

Education

- 2019 Mississippi Judiciary College
- 2016 New Foundation Seminary Masters of Theology
- 2005 MS Certified Investigators School
- 2004 Vehicle Theft Investigation School
- 2004 New Criminal Investigator School
- 1994 MS Law Enforcement Training Academy
- 1993 Delta State University BS Criminal Justice
- 1989 Clinton High School

Professional Experience

- 2020-present Hinds County Justice Court Judge
- 2017-2020 Hinds County Court Facilitator
- 2016-2017 Mississippi State Attorney General's Office
- 2006-2016 Hinds County District Attorney's Office
- 1994-2006 Clinton Police Officer

Achievements

- 2022 Citizen of the Year for the City of Clinton
- 2022 Boy Scouts of America Golden Eagle Award
- 2022 New Horizon Church Community Servants Award
- 2018 HBHS Crisis Intervention Officer School
- 2018 State of Mississippi School Board
- 2012 Clinton Public School District Board of Trustees
- 2011 Hinds County DA's Top Cop
- 2009 AG's Knock Out Knock Offs Task Force
- 2003 City of Clinton Police Officer of the Year
- 2003 Appointed Clinton Police Department Chaplain
- 2003 Graduate of the 12th Class of Leadership Clinton
- 2001 Mt. Hood Baptist Church Outstanding Service and Accomplishment in Law Enforcement Award
- 2001 Top five Nominees for Tri-County Officer of the Year
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Mississippi Folklife Summer issue exploring Mississippi art and culture

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The Mississippi Arts Commission's (MAC) Folk & Traditional Arts program announces the release of the Summer 2023 Issue of its traditional arts online publication, Mississippi Folklife. The latest issue features two essays exploring the state's art and culture, highlighting Cleveland native Johnnie Smith and The Raw Oyster Marching Club (ROMC) from Bay St. Louis.

The first essay by MAC Folk & Traditional Arts Director Maria Zeringue, "Johnnie Smith: Painting the Delta," provides an in-depth profile of Johnnie Smith, a self-taught painter from Cleveland, MS. Smith paints scenes of Delta landscapes, historical buildings, portraits and local life. Smith is also a Mississippi Arts Commission Folk Arts Fellowship grant recipient for the 2023-2024 year. The essay is accompanied by photographs of Smith and his work by fellow Cleveland-based photographer Rory Doyle.

"I am really thankful for the support of the Mississippi Arts Commission, and I really appreciate being chosen to be a part of Mississippi Folklife," said Smith. "One of the most important things to me is to be able to show others what I do, and I am happy that people will be able to see my art online." Smith adds, "Painting means everything to me, and if I am not doing it, it feels like something is missing. This article is a window into my approach to painting and how it positively im-



Johnnie Smith. Photo by Rory Doyle, courtesy of the Mississippi Arts Commission.

pacts my life."

The second article of the Summer 2023 Issue, "The Raw Oyster Marching Club: An Interview with Martha Whitney Butler and Ann Dinwiddie Madden," focuses on a carnival and dancing group based in Bay St. Louis, MS. In this interview with Maria Zeringue, Martha Whitney Butler and Ann Dinwiddie, Madden discuss the ROMC's history, their process of making oysters, costumes, choreography and the social impact of the club.

"The Raw Oyster Marching Club is such an interesting part of Mississippi Carnival celebrations and Gulf Coast

culture," explains Zeringue. "By talking with Martha and Ann, I learned so much about the club and the community of artists, dancers and performers that contribute to the magic of the ROMC. I cherish my small collection of oysters made by club members, and I hope this article encourages people to one day check out a parade with this fun group!"

Mississippi Folklife is free and accessible to the public online and is possible thanks to the generous support of the National Endowment for the Arts. New issues are released twice a year on <https://mississippifolklife.org>.



A group photo of ROMC members in their green and gold costumes. Photo by Maria Zeringue, courtesy of the Mississippi Arts Commission

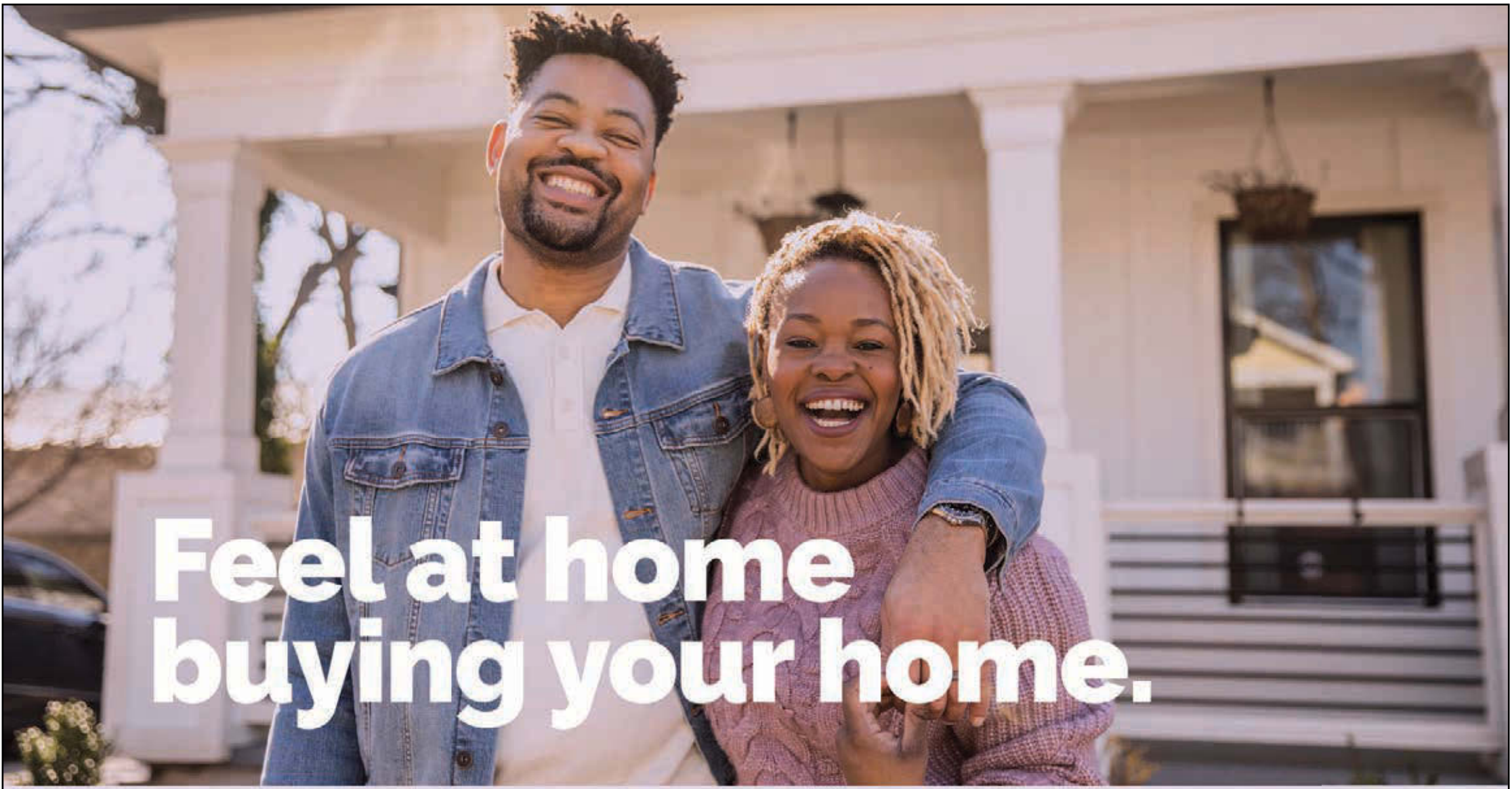
For more information about the new issue, please contact Maria Zeringue, Folk and Traditional Arts Director, at the Mississippi Arts Commission at mzeringue@arts.ms.gov. To view other publications and articles from Mississippi Folklife, visit <https://mississippifolklife.org>.

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This statement is attributed to Rep. Zakiya Summers (MS-68):

“Senate Bill 2358 was a bad bill and a bad law. I applaud the federal court in its ruling to block the law and preserve Mississippians’ fundamental right to vote. Let’s be clear – SB 2358 was a blatant attempt at voter suppression right here in Mississippi and clearly in violation of the Voting Rights Act. Without this decision, SB 2358 would have severely restricted the way Mississippians cast their ballot, jeopardizing your constitutional right and adding undue burdens to our men and women of the Armed Forces, the disabled, sick and shut in, our young people and senior members in our communities. Instead of the leadership of our state putting barriers to the ballot box into law, we should make it easier for Mississippians to make their voices heard through measures like online voter registration, early voting and voter restoration. Voting is the cornerstone to our democracy and it must be defended and protected.”



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Mississippi’s Giant Houseparty’ shows sharp divide between candidates

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Mississippi’s political divide was on full display Thursday in the blazing heat as Republican Gov. Tate Reeves and Democratic challenger Brandon Presley spoke to a rowdy outdoor crowd at the largest political event of this election year, less than two weeks before party primaries.

Spectators cheered their own candidate – “Tate! Tate! Tate!” “Bran-don! Bran-don!” – and heckled the other “Liar! Liar!” “Later, Tater!” – at the Neshoba County Fair, a gathering known as “Mississippi’s Giant Houseparty.”

For several days, groups of friends and families live in colorful cabins on the fairgrounds. Political speeches are one form of entertainment, along with concerts and horse races.

While candidates spoke Thursday, more than 1,000 people stood in the sunshine or sat on long wooden benches under a tin-roofed pavilion, fanning themselves as the temperature hovered at a humid 97 degrees Fahrenheit (36.1 degrees Celsius).

“I understand where working people are and Tate Reeves doesn’t have a clue,” Presley said. “He doesn’t have a clue as to what people in Mississippi are struggling with. When he comes up here in a few minutes, he’s going to do his best to whistle past the problems in Mississippi, including our health care crisis.”

Reeves defends his position. “This is not a campaign between two Mississippians offering Mississippi ideas to solve Mississippi’s challenges,” Reeves said. “I wish it was. But

it’s not. The national liberals have made Mississippi their target.”

Presley did not mention abortion in his speech Thursday, but he has publicly described himself as “pro-life” many times.

Reeves drew loud cheers from his own supporters when he talked about two laws he signed – one in 2021 that bans transgender people from playing girls’ or women’s sports, and one this year that bans gender-affirming health care for transgender people younger than 18.

“The eternal truth is that boys are boys and girls are girls,” Reeves said to loud cheers from his supporters.

Presley said at a press forum in June that he trusts families to make health care decisions for their children. Responding to questions Thursday after the speeches, Presley said that he would not try to overturn the laws dealing with sports or transgender health care if he is elected governor.

“That law is settled in Mississippi,” Presley said.

On stage Thursday, Presley said Reeves did nothing to prevent “the largest public corruption scandal in the state of Mississippi.” He was referring to the misspending of tens of millions of dollars of welfare money that was intended to help some of the poorest people in the U.S.

A former Mississippi Department of Human Services director and others have pleaded guilty to charges in the case that was first revealed to the public in early 2020, soon after Reeves moved up from lieutenant governor to governor.

Presley accused Reeves of

only caring about campaign donors.

“It’s why in this campaign, you watch up here today, he will not open his mouth one time to propose ethics reform in Mississippi to stop the welfare scandal from ever happening again,” Presley said.

Reeves did not mention the welfare misspending during his speech. But he said: “Brandon Presley and his party are happy to see people go on welfare. He campaigns on wanting more welfare.”

Presley has criticized Reeves for referring to Medicaid, a government-funded health insurance program, as “welfare.” Presley has said Mississippi has lost billions of dollars by not joining 40 other states that have expanded Medicaid to working people whose jobs don’t provide health insurance.

Reeves, responding to questions after the speeches, said he remains opposed to Medicaid expansion. He said Mississippi should work to attract jobs that will provide private health insurance for employees.

Presley is unopposed for the Democratic nomination. In the Aug. 8 Republican primary, Reeves faces David Hardigree and John Witcher, who are both running low-budget campaigns.

Hardigree is a military veteran who said that he wants to talk to all sheriffs to try to reduce crime. Witcher is a physician who said he is “against the woke agenda” and believes COVID-19 vaccinations are dangerous.

In the Nov. 7 general election, Presley will face the Republican nominee and one independent candidate, Gwendolyn Gray.

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Long drives, determination mark Hinds CC nursing grads



Vicksburg firefighters Tavares Hatchett, Stevenson Archie, Jabaris McDaniel and Reginald Galloway received Associate Degrees in Nursing from Hinds Community College on July 26. PHOTOS BY BRAD SMITH/HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Four Vicksburg firefighters earned Associate Degrees in Nursing on July 26 in the first of three summer graduation ceremonies at Hinds Community College.

The four – Tavares Hatchett, Stevenson Archie, Jabaris McDaniel and Reginald Galloway – went through the paramedic program at Hinds, three at the same time and one separately, before completing the nursing program together at the Vicksburg-Warren Campus.

“This is everything: Giving back and helping people,” said an elated McDaniel.

Hatchett said his medical interest began when he first worked at a pharmacy, became a firefighter and then a paramedic. “I liked being a paramedic first,” he said.

Arianna Irby of Raleigh drove 100 miles each day to complete her practical nursing degree at the Nursing Allied Health Center while working at the Pearl MEA clinic. Her husband missed the ceremony because of naval training in Virginia but her parents – along with her three daughters Avery, 5; Ivy, 2 and Emmie, 1 – watched her walk across the stage at Cain-Cochran Hall.

“I have a very understanding boss and a good support system helping me with these three children. That’s how I did it,” she said, referring to her parents and husband Corey.

She plans to return to Hinds in the near future for an Associate Degree in Nursing.

All special speakers for the ceremonies were students receiving degrees.

Canton resident Deanna Sharkey offered the invocation and benediction. She received a degree in practical nursing. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and is a student member of the National Association of Licensed Practical Nurses. At age 33, she plans to start her career in medical-surgical nursing and work toward becoming a registered nurse in the future.

Trent Ard spoke on behalf of classmates. At age 28, he earned an Associate Degree in Nursing. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society



Trent Ard of Pine, La., left, and Canton resident Deanna Sharkey were the student speakers for the July 26 nursing and allied health graduation ceremony at Hinds Community College.



Jaliyah Miller of Jackson graduated from Hinds Community College on July 26 with a degree in Medical Data Technology. She is with family members, from left, Martha McCite, Christian Miller, LaWanda Johnson and Asia Henderson

and a new member of Mississippi Organization of Associate Degree Nursing. He will further his education at the University of Southern Mississippi and wants to work in critical care.

“Although that first test in our first summer semester had me questioning my decision to transition into nursing, I am glad I did, and I am happy that I chose Hinds. Even though I had a 252-mile round trip for each night of class, and questioned my sanity from time to time, Hinds was without a doubt the place for me,” said Ard, who lives in Pine, La. “Hinds has provided me with a wealth of knowledge that I can apply to be that good, competent Hinds nurse we have heard about all year.

“I can say without a doubt that I am ready. I am sure that my fellow soon-

to-be practicing RNs agree with me in that Hinds prepares you to ... have a successful life-long career in nursing,” he said.

In total, nearly 400 students received a total 476 credentials, meaning some students received more than one credential. Of those, 65 students graduated cum laude with a grade point average of 3.2 to 3.59; 42 graduated magna cum laude with a grade point average of 3.6 to 3.99 and 37 graduated summa cum laude with a grade point average of 4.0.

Students in other programs graduated on July 27. Those with last names beginning with A-L graduated at 10 a.m. and those whose last names begin with M-Z graduated at 2 p.m. All ceremonies were at Cain-Cochran Hall on the Raymond Campus.

Mississippi School of Health Services & Careers partners with MDOC Works to offer healthcare career training



**By Dr. Marcus A. Chanay
President of MS School of Health Services and Careers**

The Mississippi School of Health Services & Careers, in collaboration with the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Works, is proud to announce the launch of a comprehensive healthcare career training program. This initiative, known as HOPE (Helping ex-Offenders Prepare for Employment), aims to provide valuable skills and opportunities for individuals reentering society after incarceration.

The program has received substantial funding through various sources, including the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds and the U.S. Department of Labor.

As a result of this strong partnership, the program was developed with a comprehensive curriculum that addresses the unique needs of individuals transitioning from incarceration to the workforce.

On June 29, 2023, fifteen graduates received certifications within Phlebotomy and Medical Billing and Coding during the MSSHSC and MDOC White Coat Ceremony.

“We are super proud of these ladies and their tremendous accomplishments,” stated Eric Beamon, HOPE coordinator for MS WORKS.

The funding for this program is equally noteworthy.

MDOC Works, an initiative focused on providing employment opportunities

for formerly incarcerated individuals, has played a pivotal role in securing 100% funding through the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds. This federal award, SLRFP0003, was granted to Accelerate MS by the U.S. Department of Treasury, underscoring the significance and recognition of this endeavor.

Additionally, the HOPE program has received financial support from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds.

The Southcentral Mississippi Works, through a subaward, has contributed to the program’s success by providing vital resources and support to help individuals overcome barriers and obtain meaningful employment. The healthcare career training program offered by the Mississippi School of Health Services & Careers is designed to equip individuals with the knowledge, skills and certifications necessary to pursue rewarding careers in the healthcare industry.

“Education and providing the opportunity to learn or advance technical skills within the healthcare industry is principal in the shaping and molding of our future healthcare services available of patients and our communities,” said Dr. Marcus A. Chanay, president of MS School of Health Services and Careers.”

Recognizing the growing demand for healthcare professionals and the untapped potential of individuals with a criminal record, the program aims to bridge the gap between training and employment.



Guns In your home

Do you need a gun for protection?

By Vince Faust
Tips to be Fit

Did you know that 100 Americans die everyday from gun violence and tens of thousands more suffer non-fatal gun injuries? Does that mean you need to get a gun to protect yourself and your family? Has society become so violent that everyone should arm himself or herself for protection? Do guns really protect a family? What does the data say?

The issue of owning a gun for protection is a complex and contentious one. Advocates of gun ownership often argue that having a firearm in your home can act as a deterrent to potential criminals and provide a means of self-defense. Some say a firearm can deter burglars and intruders. It's been argued that having a gun is your best way of protecting your family. The data on outcomes of gun ownership does not support such claims.

Research has shown that having guns in the home increases your risk of accidents and incidents of violence. Studies have indicated that a gun in your home is more likely to be used in a domestic dispute, accidental shooting or suicide attempt than in self-defense against an intruder. The presence of guns can escalate conflicts and lead to tragic outcomes, especially in emotional charged situations.

The idea that guns effectively protect homeowners from crime does not always align with real-world scenarios. In most cases your gun is not easily accessible during a home invasion and you may not have the training or the presence of mind to use a gun safely and effectively under stress.

We should look at other factors that could contribute to your home safety



such as improved security systems, unarmed neighborhood watch programs and community engagement. Preventative measures like proper lighting, secure locks and cooperation among neighbors can significantly reduce the likelihood of crime.

Ultimately the effectiveness of guns in protecting homeowners from crime is an issue that depends on various factors that include the individual and family training with their gun, local crime rates and the specific circumstances of a potential threat. Think

about it. How does a criminal know not to come to your house because you now have a gun? Are you going to put a sign up that says, "I have a gun." There is no one-size-fits-all answer. The decision to own a gun for self-defense should be made carefully and based on all the potential risk and responsibilities.

Some may still say isn't crime on the rise? Over 80% in the US believe crime is increasing or staying the same in their community. This belief is grounded in fear from the succes-

sive mass shooting to the brazen attacks during daylight hours.

The FBI's annual report for 2021 released this year showed that crime decreased by 1% from the previous year.

The FBI tracks seven major crimes. Theft, auto theft and burglary have been falling regularly for the last 20 years. Violent crimes such as aggravated assault, murder, rape and robbery increased in 2020 but remain lower than it was in the 1990s. The two crimes most people think about is murder and gun violence, which is less

than 1% of over all crime.

Gun violence should be considered a public health epidemic and should be treated as such. Mass shootings are horrific and capture your attention, they are only part of the gun-violence picture. More than half of all suicides are firearm-related. Firearms are used in more than 50% of female homicides. Firearms are the third leading cause of death in children. The U.S. accounts for more than 90% of all firearm deaths among children in developed high-income nations.

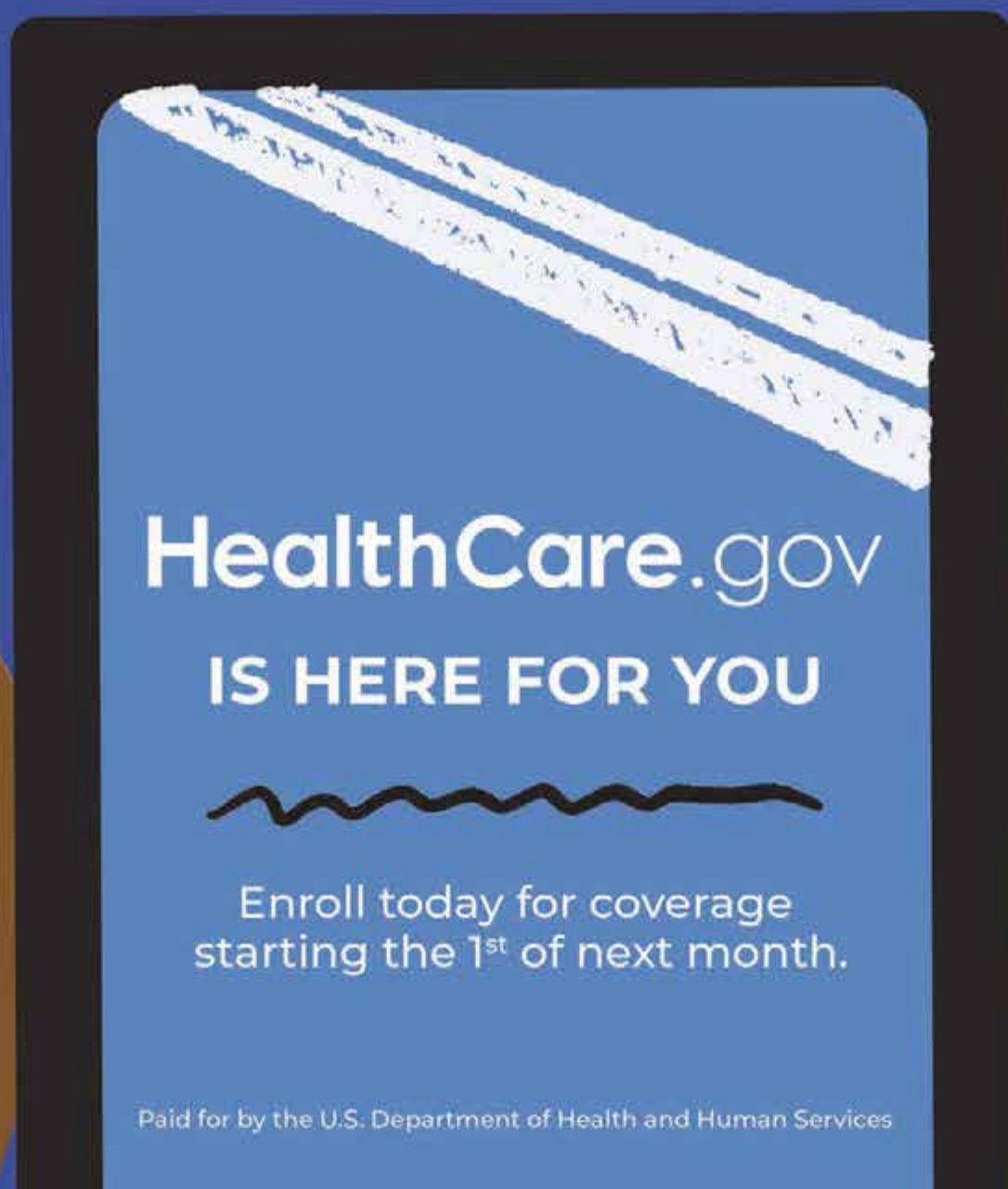
Prevention is the key to reducing gun related issues. Here are a few things we should think about:

- Don't buy a gun.
- If you do buy a gun get training. Every adult that is in your household should have the training.
- Don't let your children handle your firearms. Guns are not toys.
- Monitor the mental health of the members of your family.
- Monitor your gun. Use an alarm box that will alert you if the box is opened.
- Learn de-escalation strategies. Practice them with your family.
- Encourage further research on gun violence and it's impact on society.
- Encourage more talks about gun safety.
- Pray for divine intervention.

Striking a balance between protecting individual rights and ensuring public safety remains crucial in addressing the complex relationship between guns in homes and in home shootings. If we embrace evidence-based policies and foster an open dialogue we can move closer to a safer society while respecting individual liberties.

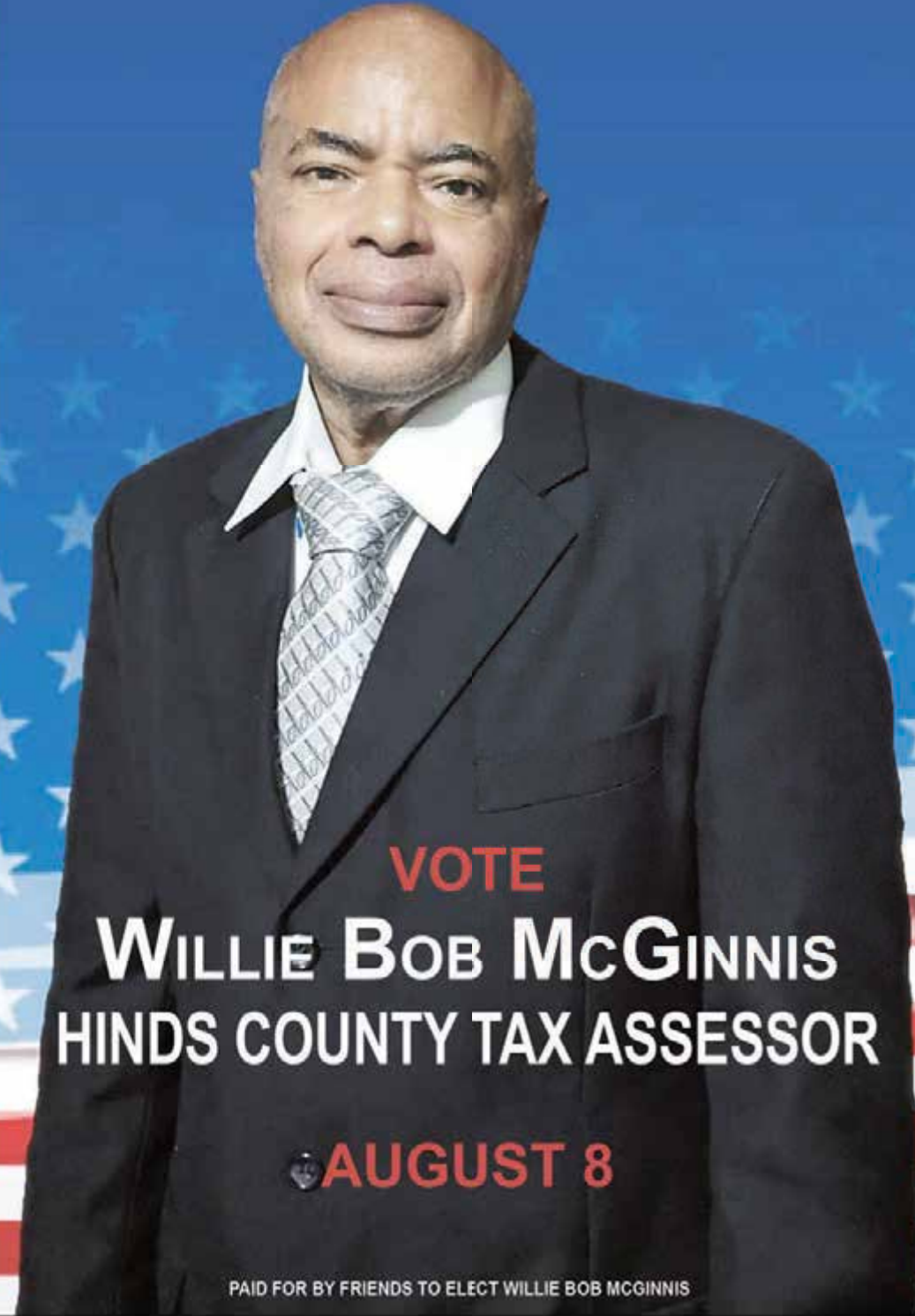
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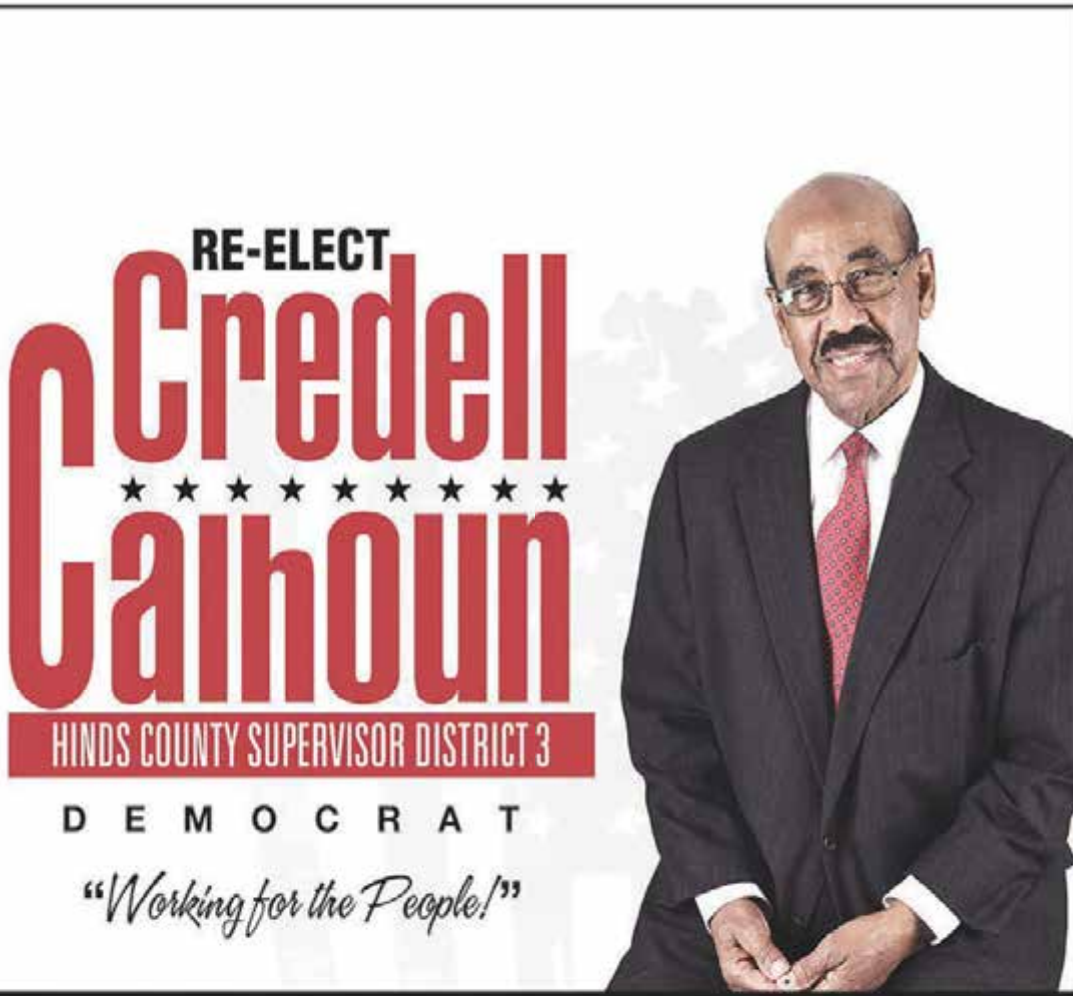
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Fulton County DA Fani Willis reveals racist threats amid Trump election investigation



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Fani Willis, the district attorney for Fulton County, Georgia, investigating Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election results in the state, has disclosed a series of racist threats she's received as her office prepared to make charging decisions in the ongoing probe.

In an email forwarded to Fulton County commissioners, Willis shared one of several threatening messages she had received.

The latest email urged the commissioners to remain vigilant and safe as potential indictments loomed this month.

The email, which *The Atlanta-Journal Constitution* initially reported, contained a copy of a profane message Willis received the previous Friday.

The offensive message included racial slurs and derogatory language, referring to her as the n-word and a "Jim Crow Democrat whore."

Despite the shocking nature of the message, Willis stated that such threats have become somewhat routine for her. She revealed that equally ignorant voicemails were left at her office and county customer service. She said she anticipated more threats in the coming days.

Emphasizing her office's readiness to announce charging decisions by September 1, Willis confirmed that she empaneled two grand juries in Fulton County to determine whether Trump and his allies would face charges related to election interference.

"Some people may not be happy with the decisions that I'm making," Willis wrote in her email to county commissioners, according to NBC News.

"And sometimes, when people are unhappy, they act in a way that could create harm. I have every intention of doing my job. Please make decisions that keep your staff safe."

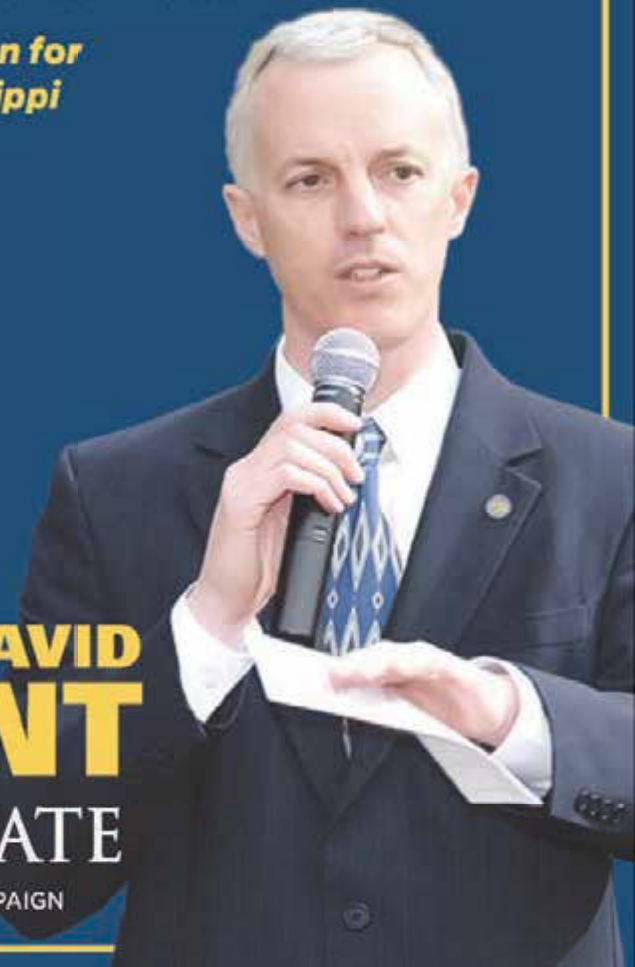
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Timothy Louis Moncure was born on December 28, 1960 to late Lee E. Moncure and Lois William Moncure in Jackson, MS. At an early age, he confessed Christ as his savior and was baptized at College Hill Church in Jackson MS. In 1983, Timothy was united in holy matrimony to Essie Sherman; to this union two sons were born – Justin Lee Moncure and Jeremy Stclair Moncure. Timothy graduated from Provine High School. He worked for Cook Funeral Home and P. V. Garcaso Limousine Services.

He retired from UPS in November 2013 where he was employed for 36 years. On Tuesday, July 18, 2023, God sent his angel to claim his own and relinquished Timothy from sickness and pain to join his father, mother and brother. Precious memories will linger in the hearts of his loving wife Essie Moncure; two sons: Justin (Brianna) of Pearl MS and Jeremy Moncure of Jackson, MS; one brother, Dale (Rosanne) Moncure of Jackson, MS; two sisters: Delois Moncure of Charlotte, NC and Dr. Barbara (Ewin) Washington of Denver CO; two aunts: Flossie Ball of Frisco, TX and Amber Jean Gatewood of Birmingham, AL; three grandchildren: Jayron, Madelyn and Iyanna Moncure; and numerous sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and other relative and friends. Homegoing services were held at College Hill M. B. Church located at 1600 Florence Ave., Jackson, MS, Saturday, July 20, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Chauncy Jordan, Sr. is pastor at College Hill. Services were provided by Peoples Funeral Home, 886 N. Farish Street, Jackson, MS.



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Columnist

If at first, you don’t succeed... The old saying recommends trying three times, but that can be nothing but frustration: if it ain’t working, what says it might work later? Try, try again is fruitless but then... there are those days when a third attempt, or a fourth or a fifth is all it takes to get things done. As in the new book, “Trinity” by Zelda Lockhart, the third time’s indeed the charm.

Bennie Lee was somewhere around ten or eleven years old

when his mother, Lottie, left Bennie and his toddler brother, Lenard, in the care of their father, Big Deddy. That care, though, was given through fists and slaps and overwork and denial.

Lottie always said she wanted to go to St. Louis and she’d take her boys with her but Bennie knew she was at a bar a few miles away, selling her body to men. He tried to bring her home, but she acted like she didn’t know him. When she came back to their Mississippi farm on her own, he shot her dead, chasing

away the girl-spirit that waited in Lottie’s womb.

And then Bennie bolted. He left Mississippi, joined the Marines in Korea and when he came home, wounded, he brought alcoholism with him. Still, he stayed sober enough to meet Rebecca, who dreamed of marrying a Marine and she and Bennie conceived a child, so she got her wish.

They named that baby Bennie Jr., and they called him BJ. He would have had a sister but when Rebecca Lee was four

months pregnant with their second child, Bennie shot her and then himself, and the girl-spirit was chased away again.

Lenard Lee was glad to take his nephew in after the murder-suicide of the boy’s parents. Six-year-old BJ grew up with every opportunity America in the 1950s could offer and when he was old enough, he fought in Vietnam like many young men his age.


Also, like many young men his age, he fell in love with the girl next door when he came home.

When she told BJ that he was going to be a father, the girl-spirit rejoiced...


Despite the wince-worthy violence inside this story and a few pages of surprising explicitness, “Trinity” is really a very pretty book. The imagery inside is dusty and lush, and it’s helped along with gorgeous turns of phrase and occasional sly sarcasm, both of which poke the imagination: you can almost feel the Mississippi heat, the suck of mud on a creek bank, and kudzu choking your ankles.

Beginning each chapter and appearing elsewhere when needed, its spirituality feels like a bucket of cool water on a hot day; the ancestor love that author Zelda Lockhart allows for her characters fits perfectly into the rest of what happens.

Because of its flowing language and metaphors, this book may take some patience to embrace and its spirituality isn’t for everyone. Still, if this doesn’t sound like your kind of book, pick up “Trinity” anyhow, and try, try again.



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Preserving a mother and son’s story

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



At the heart of the story that President Biden preserved last week by creating our newest national monument are a mother and son, Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till. That’s especially moving for me because so much of my understanding of what the Tills endured and why their story remains essential today comes from my own mom’s experiences.

Like Emmett, she was in her early teens in 1955 and growing up in West Baltimore. The ritual he was taking part in by traveling from Chicago to Mississippi that summer was a universal one for black kids living in destinations of the Great Migration, one that still happens today.

Despite the indignities of Jim Crow, everyone seemed safe when they went back to grandma’s. Emmett’s torture and lynching by two white men incensed that he whistled at a white woman exposed the vulnerability of blacks anywhere in South. But rather than cower in response to the brutal murder, my mom and many other young black people dove deeper into a lifelong struggle for civil rights.

Mamie Till’s courage to leave open her son’s casket so tens of thousands of mourners in Chicago and the entire world could see his bloated, disfigured corpse galvanized that growing civil rights movement.

I went to Mississippi in my early 20s to organize opposition to the governor’s plan to close three historically black colleges and turn their campuses into prisons. Nearly 40 years later, I could still see the deep trauma in the souls of black Mississippians who were Emmett’s age when he died.

One night, my dad called to ask me to leave the state, if only for a short time. “Your mom keeps having the same nightmare. She hasn’t slept for days,” he told me. “She keeps seeing your face on Emmett Till’s beaten body.”

The deep concern apparent in those dreams wasn’t irrational. The rhetorical violence of Jim Crow always accompanied the physical violence of lynchings. That culture persisted. The Jackson newspaper where I later worked got shot up in drive-bys several times in much the same way a plaque at the place where Emmett’s body was pulled from the Tallahatchie River has been repeatedly vandalized (with that site now part of the national monument, those crimes will be a federal offense).

At a time when we see racist rhetoric and dog whistles find renewed popularity, the Tills’ story is a reminder to all of us that there’s a well-worn path from hateful language to violence to the murder of a 14-year-old boy. As it’s been since colonial times, that rhetoric exists to divide poor and working-class people of all races so that they can’t unify around the political and economic interests they all share.

There are signs of hope, even in Mississippi. In November, the state could elect a populist Democrat as its governor, unseating the Republican heir of the governor I opposed 30 years ago who revived racist rhetoric from that high office.

We create national parks and national monuments to preserve places, people and ideas that define who we are as a country. Emmett Till should be alive and relatively anonymous in his 80s, not dead from an infamous attack. His mother should be remembered for anything other than making Americans look at just how cruel they can be.

Being able to visit where Emmett’s body was recovered, where he was eulogized, and where an all-white jury acquitted his killers gives us the chance to measure how far we’ve come and accept how far we’ve left to go.

Ben Jealous is executive director of the Sierra Club, the nation’s largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. He is a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania and author of “Never Forget Our People Were Always Free,” published in January.

New study proposes wealth-building solutions for black retirees

By Hazel Trice Edney
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African-American families have known for generations that retirement at the age of 65 is often a mirage. We hope and pray it will happen, but it’s a dream that generally never gets fulfilled. In fact reports have shown that the typical white family – even at retirement age – has eight times the wealth of the typical black family, with a typical Latino family faring only slightly better. These historic inequities will not change by themselves. Community leaders, policymakers and industry experts must come together to identify and promote new solutions to this retirement wealth gap.

Opportunely, a new research study by the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), a Washington, DC based think-tank and investment manager, BlackRock offer ideas and solutions that provide a holistic approach to retiring, presenting a framework that any person – across all races, genders and socioeconomic statuses – can utilize to extend and expand their retirement savings.

Americans are generally living longer than they were in previous decades, while the official retirement age is largely unchanged. Today, 58 percent of U.S. adults are worried they will outlive their retirement savings. And they’re right to be concerned; most Americans are not saving enough for their retirement.

African-Americans are at greater risk for instability during retirement years. The AARP has shown the gaps in retirement savings already. The association representing millions of retirees across the country has pointed out that black and Hispanic workers lag in access



to workplace savings plans. On average, black retirees in the United States have less saved for retirement than their white counterparts.

Racial disparities in homeownership and generational wealth also contribute to discrepancies in retirement savings. And, for all, the prospect of retirement is stressful and overwhelming. The opportunities to learn common sense retirement savings techniques are lacking.

However, there are solutions. There are simple actions that both individuals and policymakers can take to bridge this gap.

The BPC and BlackRock research paper outlines several key findings which would allow for the typical American to save for retirement with a “spending floor” or the hard-dollar levels under which they cannot spend each year as a retiree ages into their 90s and beyond.

Essentially, the study found that savers should consider a three-step framework to help chart their path to retirement spending: determine retirement objectives, consider key

risk factors and formulate a holistic strategy. One additional tip they provide is that pulling a few levers within the framework – such as increasing Social Security benefits by claiming this benefit later and adding guaranteed income – can significantly boost long-term spending power.

The simple building of wealth, such as retirement savings, can help buffer racial minority families and provide critical support for families during economic downturns. For example, black families with mortgages were three-times more likely to get behind on mortgage payments than white families. The economic legacy of COVID-19 has been devastating for black people and other racial minorities, further increasing the racial wealth divide, and aggravating historic issues that have made it more difficult for black Americans to thrive.

The study addresses disparities among race and other historical demographic issues that pervade many of these financial challenges. For example, black Americans gen-

erally have shorter life expectancies and more health issues than white Americans. On average, black workers earn less putting them at significant disadvantage from when their careers start, making it more challenging to save. Far fewer black families have retirement accounts – or investments generally – than white households. Meanwhile, current “tax subsidies for asset building disproportionately benefit the highest-income households,” the report says.

The BPC and BlackRock study concludes that policymakers must play a key role in equalizing retirement across races.

Our nation’s lawmakers should collaborate with the private sector in creation and passing policies, such as, “minimizing early withdrawals from retirement accounts, known as plan leakage; expanding guaranteed lifetime income products and home equity tools to support consumption; and promoting optimal times to start collecting Social Security benefits.” This will advance much-needed expansive and equitable financial stability in retirement.

Every American deserves to retire comfortably at an age that one can still enjoy it. That requires saving in advance, in the most lucrative but safe way possible. It’s time to bridge the gap on retirement age and savings among the races within the United States.

Savers across all races should have straightforward retirement knowledge and savings options.

The Bipartisan Policy Center-BlackRock research paper offers tactful solutions that individuals should implement and policies that legislators should consider.

Was a missing mudflap the reason a black man was bitten by a K-9 police dog in Ohio?

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



Waking up in the morning starts an uncertain and even perilous day for black men in America. Depending upon our actions and decision-making unexpected outcomes can occur.

I have learned that we can never drop our guard. We must stay tuned in to our environment and to our surroundings.

There is an expression that we know quite well and that is “giving you the benefit of the doubt.” Do African-American men get the benefit of the doubt? I don’t think that we do. This is my opinion.

We know too well the many cases where African-American men were shot and killed. We also know of cases involving us being convicted and later released because of insuffi-

cient evidence. These turns of injustice have made us fearful of the police and the criminal justice system.

When we see, while driving, the police behind us, we cringe because we aren’t sure what will happen. In plain language, we panic. This fear overtook an African-American man recently in Ohio.

Thankfully, this black man was not shot by law enforcement. On July 4, Jadarrius Rose, 23 years old, was driving a semi-truck and according to reports, the truck was missing a mudflap. Rose did not stop when initially confronted by the police, and a chase ensued.

He was stopped and held his hands up. Video footage heard a state trooper saying, “Do not release the dog.” The state trooper made this statement more than one time.

Circleville, Ohio police officer, Ryan Speakman, released the K-9 and Rose was bitten and was taken to the hospital. Reports said that he

was bleeding heavily.

Reports said that Rose told 911 dispatchers in two calls that he didn’t know why he was being pulled over. He said, “Right now I’m being chased by like 20 police officers and they all got their guns pointed directly at my truck.” Rose added, “And it’s not even my truck. I’m just driving to my delivery point.”

There are a few questions regarding what happened at the scene. Rose was afraid and that is why he didn’t stop originally. Rose did what a lot of black men would have done. At the moment of decision, as black men, we are wondering, am I going to be killed?

Did the police officer hear the state trooper say don’t release the dog? Didn’t the police officer see Rose with his hands held up? We can only speculate about the answers to those questions. The full report will be released in the coming days.

Rose was held in jail for three

days because he led the police on a chase. Yet why did he have to remain in jail for three days? Remember the benefit of the doubt expression.

The Circleville Mayor stated that nothing like this should have ever happened to anybody and that it’s just a very unfortunate situation.

Looking back on this unfortunate incident, I wonder why do these things happen to us? If the driver had been white and 23 years old would this have happened to him? First and foremost, he would have stopped and been issued a warning or a ticket for not having a mudflap. There would have been no need for additional police officers or K-9 units. Spending time in jail would have never happened.

What transpired in this case is just another example of what happens to black men in the United States of America. We don’t get the benefit of the doubt. Will that change? What do you think?

What is your wife craving?

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
TIPS for a GOOD MARRIAGE



According to Webster’s dictionary, craving is described as, to ask earnestly, beg, demand, to want greatly, need and to yearn for. Furthermore, craving is when you have a strong, intense desire for something.

We all as humans crave something from time to time. Some of us crave chocolate, some crave ice cream, some crave salt, some crave adventure, some crave a new hair style, and so much more. Moreover, in most circumstances, individuals tend to crave some-

thing that they are familiar with or have experienced at some point in their lives while others crave something they have never or seldom experienced. A craving can be desired in many facets of our lives like on a job, school, family, friends, church, businesses, relationships and marriages. Have you ever thought about what your spouses could be craving in your marriage?

According to experts, women crave more than men do in their marriages. Unfortunately, there are many wives suffering in pain from loneliness, and even boredom because they are not getting what they need and desire from their husbands. Is it fair or reason-

able to expect your wife to go day after day, month after month and year after year not getting their needs and desires met by you?

According to Focus on the Family, wives crave the following from their husbands:

- Unconditional love and acceptance: Unconditional love means that your love for your wife should not be based on any measurements of meeting your 101 expectations and your love will cover her good attributes as well as her imperfections, errors and mistakes. Acceptance is accepting her for who she is, accepting her body, accepting her past, accepting her emotions, etc.
- Emotional intimacy and com-

munication: Wife needs affection, attention, affirmation, empathy, listening ear, non-judgmental ear and a communicator.

- Spiritual Intimacy: Support in her relationship with seeking God.
- Encouragement and Affirmation: uplift and esteem your wife daily – point out what you appreciate about her, compliment her, express why and what you love about her – she NEEDS this.
- Companionship: friendship, heart to heart fellowship, creating new memories, planning together, and working together to grow as one with one another.

Benefits of helping meet your wife cravings in marriage:

- Wife is happy
- Wife reciprocates love for husband
- Builds trust
- Builds security
- Improves intimacy
- Bonding increases
- Makes for a better sex life.

Husbands do you realize that you are pushing your wives away when you refuse to fulfill their craving for attention, affection, affirmation, intimacy, sexually (yes, wives desire more romance, wooing, not the same ole – but let me get back on track)?

Husbands, if you have no idea what your wife craves from you, have a conversation today and ask her. Please do not put off this

conversation any longer because it can be the difference between her indulging in an emotional and/or physical affair. Often, wives opt to find what they are missing from their husbands especially emotionally in another man – leading to emotional affairs which can become physical affairs. Also, when a wife’s needs are unmet in marriage, separation and divorce are also unfortunate and inevitable solutions.

Yes, I know some of you men are thinking, well we have cravings too; of course you do. Stay tuned for next week’s article. But, right now, it is imperative that you ask your wife what is she craving from you in marriage?

P R E S E R V E D

Wisdom vs convenience

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A few years ago, I jumped into my car early one morning looking forward to another busy day but when I tried to start my car, I didn't hear the usual sound of my car starting. Instead, what I heard was the eerie silence that only comes from a nearly dead battery. Unlike the past when I would have let something like that completely frustrate me, I simply said "Not today devil. I got things to do." I prayed and a few seconds later I turned the ignition key again. This time the car started right up. As I was driving, I was glad that the car started but I knew I had a choice to make: take my chances and walk in great faith that God would

watch over me and my car or just be wise and take my car to the mechanic. For most, the logical answer would be to take my car to the garage so they could fix it. Honestly, I was distracted by my desire to save time and money. However, what brought me back to reality was the vision of me being stranded somewhere with the broken-down car late at night. Wisdom won out and two hours and nearly 300 dollars later my car was running like new. On the one hand, I was disappointed because that was well above what I thought I could afford. However, as I wrote the check, I was happy that I had the money but quite disappointed that I had to give it to a mechanic and not pay off a bill that I had planned. Even more so, I was confident that I'd been wise to invest in my car. Ephesians 5:15-16 reminds us to

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." I left the mechanic thinking about how I was going to get the money back when a strategy that someone once shared with me about unplanned expenses came to mind. I quickly prayed that the entire amount plus interest would be returned to me in seven days. Three days later, I had a check in my hand that returned the original amount back into my account plus a little extra. It's funny that I went to the mechanic expecting only to have the battery replaced but ended up getting a much-needed oil and filter change and tune up. My visit to the mechanic reminded me of how we sometimes go to God asking for one thing when it's really another thing that he wants to

bless us with. We go to him asking for healing from an illness when he really wants to heal us from the sickness of unforgiveness. Much like I dreaded paying the cost of the repairs, we dread having to do the work of getting our lives in Godly order but we realize in the end that in order for God to take us further into our destiny we must make the necessary repairs (repent) and keep up maintenance (stay in fellowship with him). Shewanda Riley (Aunt Wanda), PhD, is a Fort Worth-based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or Twitter @shewanda. You can also listen to her podcast at www.chocolateantiepodcast.com.

Don't allow evil to conquer

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



No matter how spiritually mature you become you will never outgrow temptation. When you conquer it on one front, it attacks you on another. And the closer you get to God the more Satan will try to tempt you. The Apostle Paul explains it this way: "The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the spirit wants. These two forces are constantly fighting each other" (Galatian 5:17 NLT). So, what's the answer? Here are two ways you can overcome temptation: (1) Be honest about it. Ask yourself, "When am I tempted most?" Usually, we are most vulnerable when we are under stress: When we are hurt, angry, worried, alone, bored, tired, or after a big success or spiritual high. Learn to identify

your patterns: "God's people protect themselves by watching where they go" (Proverbs 16:17). (2) Reach for God's help. "Call on me in times of trouble. I will rescue you" (Psalms 50:15). So, why don't we call on God more often? Because sometimes we just want to do what we want to do, right? Or we are embarrassed because we keep giving in to the same temptations. Don't be discouraged; God won't give up on you. His Word says, "Let us come before God's throne where we will receive grace to help us when we need it," (Hebrews 4:16). If you have to cry out for God's help every hour of the day, He will be there for you! Just as the roots of a tree deepen when storms come, each time you stand up to temptation you become stronger. Simeon R. Green, III, pastor, First Church of God, 6517 Walmsley Blvd., Richmond, Virginia 23224.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is considering Amendment Number 1 to its 2021 One-Year Action Plan and Amendment Number 1 to the 2022 One-Year Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan by:

Including CDBG-Limited Repair as a standalone program in the 2021 Action Plan and the 2022 Action Plan. This will be accomplished by extracting a total of \$750,000 of unused Limited Repair funds from the 2019 Action Plan (\$450,000) and 2020 Action Plan (\$300,000). This change will add \$375,000 in Limited Repair Program funds to the 2021 and 2022 Action Plans, each. The Housing Rehabilitation project will be completely defunded in the 2019 and 2020 Action Plans.

Modifying the location description of the CDBG Funded Affordable Housing Project within the 2022 Action Plan. This change will replace the Deer Park Street location with low to moderate income areas.

These amendments are necessary to ensure that funding is expended in a timely manner and provide funding for service delivery of housing rehabilitation programs for owner-occupied housing and related housing services and activities, and provide infrastructure improvements for the development of new houses in low to moderate-income areas in the City of Jackson.

If anyone would like to ask questions or make comments on these proposed amendments, they should email them to rjefferson@jacksonms.gov. The City is required to provide a 30-day comment period on all proposed amendments to our one-year action plans, therefore, the comment period will begin on Friday August 4, 2023 and comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Sunday September 3, 2023.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, unless there are objections from the general public, this Amendment will be considered adopted, however, if there are any objections from the public, these objections will be presented to the City Council for consideration prior to the adoption of the Amendment.

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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.

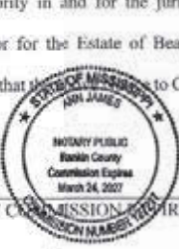
This the 28th day of July, 2023.

Rosie Buckhalter
Rosie Buckhalter, Administrator

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hinds

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Rosie Buckhalter, 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



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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE LEE BURT, DECEASED **CAUSE #: P2023-27 T/1**

PETITIONER: BENETA BURT

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANNIE LEE BURT, DECEASED


You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Beneta Burt Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Annie Lee Burt, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 1:30 o'clock p.m., on the 7th day of September 2023, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County before Honorable Dewayne Thomas, Chancellor. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 19th day of July, 2023.

CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY
Mississippi
EDDIE JEAN CARR, CHANCERY CLERK



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4218

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Lemuel & Archie Tripp has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit within a C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for the operation of a community recreational facility for the property located at 3181 J R Lynch St (Parcel 697-520-4), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Part of Lot 5, Jackson College Commercial Farms, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at intersection of the South right of way line of Lynch Street and the East right-of-way line of Craft Street, as both streets are now laid out and in use (February, 1967) and run thence easterly along said South right of way of Lynch Street a distance of 160.0 feet to a point; thence leaving South right of way turn right through an angle of 90 degrees 30 minutes and run southerly a distance of 124.85 feet to a point; thence turn right through an angle, of 89 degrees 30 minutes and run westerly a distance of 160.0 feet to a point on aforementioned East right-of-way of Craft Street; thence run northerly along said East right of way of Craft Street a distance of 124.85 feet to the point of beginning. Said property containing 19,976 square feet or .46 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 28th day of July 2023.

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

8/3/2023, 8/17/2023

LEGAL

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 22nd, 2023, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: Parcel 824-548 (Metro Center Dillard's Building and Parking Lot), located at 3645 Highway 80 West in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 cents (\$350,000.00). 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), or submitted through Central Bidding <https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/main.php>. If submitted to the City Clerk, 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 22nd, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

If there are multiple equivalent high bidders a re-bid process utilizing the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) between those bidders will be held 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.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

ZONING CASE NO. 4219

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Kinya Godbolt has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for a catering service from the residence of the owner/operator within a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District from the property located at 34 Elaine Ct. (Parcel: 212-354) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT THIRTY-FOUR (34) ROLLING PINES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 29 AT PAGE 30, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 28th day of July 2023.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
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8/3/2023, 8/17/2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4220

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Jishnu Gosain has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit within a C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for the operation of a liquor store within a neighborhood shopping center for the property located at 4840 Hwy. 18 W. (Parcel 831-100-2), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and is described as follows:

Tax Parcel Identification Numbers: 831-100-2 and 830-81

A parcel of land containing 1.3571 acres, more or less, lying and being situated in part of Lots 1, 2, and 1 8 of Saunders Farm, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Play) Book 2 at Page 107, and also in the Northeast 14 of the Southwest 14 and in the Northwest 14 of the Southeast 14 of Section 11, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast ¼ of Section 11, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi, marked by a found railroad spike; thence North 90 degrees 00minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 331.48 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00seconds East for a distance of 175.45 feet to a right of way monument marking the Easterly right of way of Mississippi Highway 18, as it is now laid out and exists, August 20, 1996; thence South 42 degrees.30 minutes 35 seconds West along said East right of way of Mississippi Highway 18 for a distance of 637.00 feet to a set ½ inch iron pin; thence South 36 degrees 47 minutes 57 seconds West along said East right of way of Mississippi Highway 18 for a distance of 31.35 feet to a set ½ inch iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the following described parcel; thence South 47 degrees 12 minutes 03 seconds East for a distance of 66.82 feet to a set 4 inch iron. pin; thence South 68 degrees 36 minutes 01 seconds East for a distance of 64.65 feet to a set ½ inch iron pin; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 94.52 feet to a set ½ inch iron pin; thence North 42 degrees 31 minutes 43 seconds East for a distance of 231.55 feet to a found ½ inch pin marking the Southeast (being the most Southerly) corner of the

Waffle House property; thence North 47 degrees 29 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 200.00 feet to the Southeasterly, right of way of said Highway 18; thence South 42 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds West for a distance of 287.17 feet to a point; thence ran South 36 degrees 47 minutes 57 seconds West for a distance of 31.35 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH a non-exclusive easement ten (10) feet in width for a sanitary sewer line appurtenant to the conveyed property, as reserved in warranty deed from Brelon E. Grantham, Jr., et al, to Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., dated January 13, 1997, and recorded in Book 4724 at Page 596.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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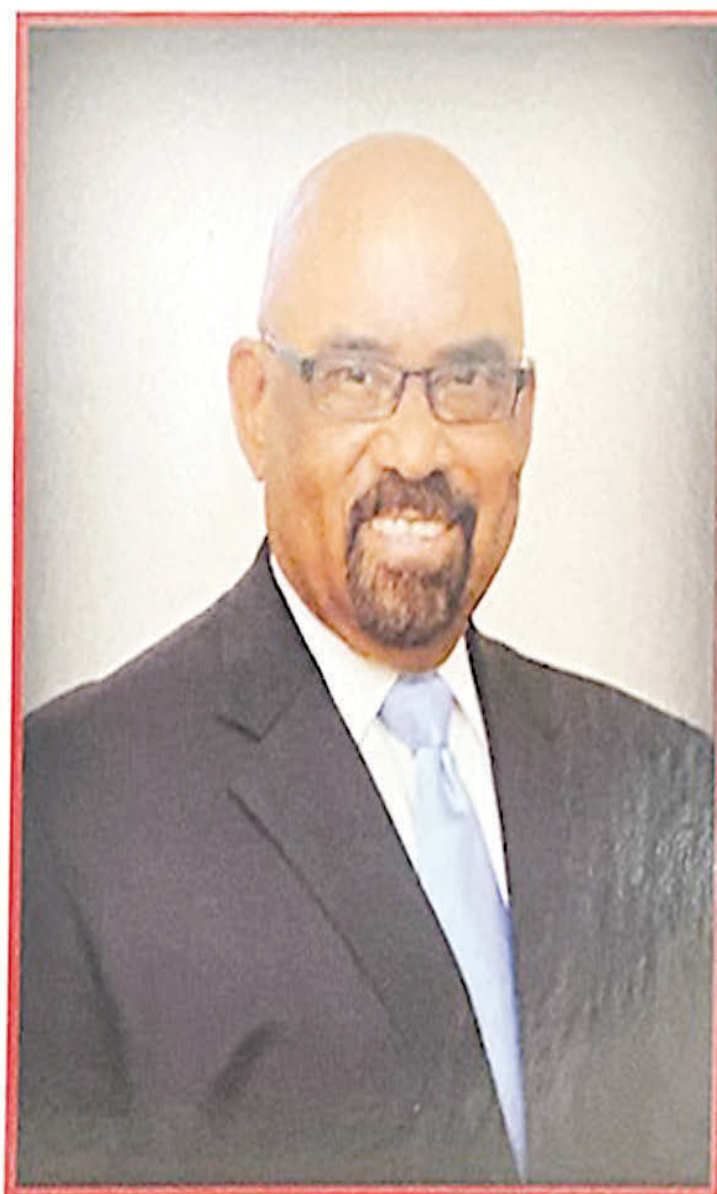
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