

# Commemoration of the establishment of Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument in Glendora

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

On July 25, 2023, President Biden designated the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument, which protects three historic sites in Illinois and Mississippi in order to help tell a more complete story of our country's history.

Sites included Graball Landing, the area that is believed to be the site where Till's brutalized body was recovered from the Tallahatchie River; the Tallahatchie County Second District Courthouse in Sumner, Mississippi, where Till's murderers were tried and acquitted; and Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ in Chicago, Illinois, the site of Till's widely attended open casket visitation and funeral.

This national monument, established on what would have been Emmett Till's 82nd birthday, is the country's 425th site managed by the National Park Service and reflects the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to advancing civil rights and racial justice.

Monday, August 28, a commemoration of the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument was held in Glendora, MS at 10:30 a.m. at the Graball Landing where federal, state and local leaders were in attendance.

A welcome was extended by



Local, state and national representatives walking arm-in-arm

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(L-R) Pamela Junior, U.S. Congressman Bennie Thompson and Reena Evers-Everette

Mississippi State Senator David Jordan (D) with remarks from US Congressman Bennie Thompson (D), Shannon Estenoz, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks and Chairman Brenda Mallory, White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Pamela Junior, retired director of Two Mississippi Museums, attended the event. Junior told *The Mississippi Link*, "Mississippi has to face all the evils that have happened in the state and this is one of them." Admitting she was overwhelmed by it all she said

she asked herself, "Why are we here, why did this happen?"

She continued, "Though we did not get the apology from Carolyn Bryant Donham who accused Till of whistling at her, I think Ms. Mamie and Emmett are both resting in peace because this monument is how we got an apology from the state of Mississippi."

Renna Evers-Everette, daughter of the late civil rights leader, Medgar Evers and Myrlie Evers was asked by 'The Link' what was going through your mind as you viewed the area that is believed to be the site where Till's body was uncovered?

She quickly replied, "Turmoil – my stomach was turning as I was thinking about the torture

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# The 60th year anniversary of March on Washington depicts dreamers' memories, hopes and persistence



Andrea, Yolanda and MLK III King

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Sixty years ago, approximately 250,000 people rallied for jobs and freedom at the March on Washington. They came with hope and united with the most influential leader – the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – who poured out his dream. In that dream the Baptist minister reminded the audience about the historical racial injustice in America and called for them to hold America accountable to its founding promises of freedom, justice and equality.

In a CNN interview several 1963 marchers reflected. "We sat with each other; we sang with each other. I felt taken care of. I felt a brother and sisterhood. It was a melting pot like this country is supposed to be, and that was the best reflection of that possibility." That was Cortez Todd (77) who stated that though the country has not lived up to its promise, she learned, "I have to always speak up."

According to Eddie Lee-Payne (73), unlike today, that was a period when everybody was getting along. "We're not there because too many people still don't want to be. It's important for the next generation to know their history and be willing to fight to preserve that history and their rights."

On Saturday the Rev. Al Sharpton (civil rights leader and founding president of the National Action Network) and Martin Luther King III joined forces with labor lead-

ers in their 2023 March on Washington. They continued the legacy of King by reigniting the collaborative movements for racial and economic justice. A number of voices took the audience (composed of approximately 100,000) back to their recollections of Bayard Rustin and A. Philip Randolph who tirelessly orchestrated the 1963 march and united Americans.

A Yahoo news article noted that leaders were calling on America "to look to its past as it works to address rising racial tensions in the U.S. and political debates on issues ranging from black freedoms to the economy."

Sharpton commented that the clock would not be turned back on what the "Dreamers" had started. He emphasized that despite stumbling blocks in the path of voters, they were going to persist and "vote anyway." Despite efforts to prevent gays from coming out of the closet, "We're going to lock the closet." He further insisted that women will no longer be forced to work in the kitchen.

"The Dreamers are in Washington D.C. The schemers are being booked in Atlanta, GA in the Fulton County jail. The Dreamers will win. The Dreamers will rock. The Dreamers will stand up: Black, White, Jewish, LG-BTQ. We're the children of the dream. Let us march in the name of the Dreamers," Sharpton continued.

"The question is: 'What

# Chat & Chew with Congressman Thompson in Gloster

The Greater Greener Gloster Project hosts a community forum on impacts of pollution

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Addressing environmental and public health issues plaguing Gloster, Mississippi was the impetus for the KMartin Group, a 501(c)3 non-profit to form the Greater Greener Gloster Project (GGGP). Their goal is grassroots outreach and education in a rural underserved community where the residents are 80% black and 55% of residents live below the poverty line. Their effort has drawn numerous collaborative partners, including SouthernEcho, Inc, Natural Resources Defense Council, Jackson State University, NAACP, EEECHO, Tulane University, Dogwood Alliance, Advanced Environmental Consultants and others

Per their flyer for this event, held from 3-5 p.m. on August 23, 2023, GGGP's goal is to ensure the promise of clean air, clean water, and safe land for all, especially the local community residents. Their activities include Community Engagement, Community Outreach, Youth Education, Environmental Health Advocacy Support, Health Awareness and Environmental Justice.



L-R: Southern Soul Café, 151 Main St., Gloster, MS

A solid one hundred people gathered at the Southern Soul Café to hear numerous GGGP partners, community members and candidates for elected office.

Keynote speaker, Mississippi's 2nd District Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, on his third trip to Gloster in the eight months since the 2nd District was expanded by redistricting efforts of the Mississippi Legislature to now include Amite, Adams, Franklin, and Wilkinson counties, delivered as he always does.

Thompson was born in Bolton



2nd District Congressman Bennie G. Thompson  
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and educated first in Hinds County Public Schools, then Tougaloo College and Jackson State University. He started out as a school teacher in Madison, served as alderman and then mayor of Bolton before serving on the Hinds County Board of Supervisors.

He began his service as our congressman in 1993. Recently he served as chairman of the House January 6th Committee and ensured the public had full access by televising the hearings.

Anything but flashy, Congressman Thompson exudes compe-

tency, confidence and commitment to the 2nd District and far beyond. Comparing and contrasting the heights of his power chairing pivotal committees and the downhome Mississippi manner in which he delivers remarks reminds me of part of Kipling's famous poem – If, "If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, or walk with Kings – nor lose the common touch." He stressed that this country belongs to all of us, that he has learned a lot but nothing more important than the difference between right and wrong, and that community-focused results require people to come together and develop a plan. He encouraged utilizing the Planning District resources.

He reminded us of his new district office at 208 Lynda Lee Drive, Room 41, in Natchez, MS 39120, Phone: (800) 355-9003 – and invited contact. He fielded several questions and answered directly while informing attendees on steps that can bring about change.

Prior to the Congressman's remarks, Katherine T. Egland pro-

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Several leaders holding the "Continuing the Dream" banner

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# Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs officially presents \$1 million donation to Jackson State Football

The Mississippi Link newswire

Sean “Diddy” Combs, one of the most successful entrepreneurs and cultural icons of all-time, presented his check to Jackson State Football during Saturday’s Cricket MEAC-SWAC Challenge Kickoff in Atlanta.

Combs pledged \$1 million from the Sean Combs Foundation to JSU Football during his Lifetime Achievement Award acceptance speech at the 2022 BET Awards, with details finalized over the past year. Combs will invest in JSU football with installments over the next several years. Combs’ initial contribution

was given to Jackson State University Acting President Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony, and Vice President/Director of Athletics Ashley Robinson at the end of the first quarter of the game.

“As someone who went to Howard University and understands the invaluable experience of attending historically black colleges and universities, it’s important that we all do our part to protect and preserve their legacy,” said Combs. “This contribution to Jackson State isn’t just about making a financial donation, it’s



Center L-R: JSU Vice President/Director of Athletics Ashley Robinson, Jackson State Acting President Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony, and Sean “Diddy” Combs with JSU cheerleaders during \$1 Million check presentation. WILLIAM H. KELLY III/JSU

about giving back to a part of our culture that has changed countless lives and assuring HBCUs receive the support they deserve.”

Hayes-Anthony responded to Combs’ generosity.

“Investing in our students’ higher education experience is the key to transforming their lives, and this is why the generous philanthropy of Sean Combs is so important,” Dr. Anthony said. “These funds will significantly benefit our student-athletes and encourage them to strive for excellence in all walks of life. We

could not be more appreciative of his giving spirit.”

Robinson noted the value of Combs’ giving on and off the field.

“This contribution by one of the world’s greatest and most influential entertainers and businessmen is another historic moment in the legendary history of Jackson State University,” said Robinson. “Beyond the financial investment, it’s what it represents that is paramount – the belief in the value of our football student-athletes both on and off the field,

which provides an elite pathway to current and future successes.”

Former Jackson State football great and first-year head coach T. C. Taylor is extremely grateful for the contribution from Combs.

“We are extremely appreciative of the gift that Diddy has provided for Jackson State football,” Taylor said. “For someone of the global magnitude of Sean Combs to believe in Jackson State is legendary. His investment will help the continued elevation of JSU Football to the next level of greatness. For them to see up close and

personal on our sideline one of the world’s most successful entrepreneurs was significantly impactful for our program.”

Although this donation does not directly impact other schools, this pledge uplifts the entire HBCU community by bringing awareness to the ongoing commitment to professional development, career advancement and increased support for HBCU athletics and institutions.

Sean “Diddy” Combs, the epitome of a mogul, began his remarkable journey as the director of A&R at Uptown Records, where he played a crucial role in propelling the careers of iconic artists like Mary J. Blige and Jodeci. Later, he founded Bad Boy Records, a groundbreaking label that not only nurtured talent but also launched the successes of renowned artists such as The Notorious B.I.G., Faith Evans, 112, Mase, Total, Jonelle Monet, French Montana, MGK among others and became sort after producer of Mariah Carey, Method Man, Boyz II Men, Lil’ Kim and more.

In 1997, Combs embarked on his own solo music career with

the release of “Can’t Nobody Hold Me Down,” followed by a Grammy Award-winning debut album that achieved platinum status seven times over. This marked just the beginning of his illustrious career, adorned with countless hit songs, multiple Grammy Awards and prestigious honors.

Beyond his musical accomplishments, Combs has solidified his position as one of the most successful entrepreneurs and cultural icons of all time. As chairman and CEO of Combs Global, his diverse portfolio includes Bad Boy Worldwide Entertainment Group, Love Records, Sean John, Combs Spirits (Ciroc Vodka and DeLeon Tequila), AQUAhydrate, REVOLT MEDIA & TV, Capital Preparatory Charter Schools and the Sean Combs Foundation.

In July of this year, he introduced Empower Global, a global online marketplace empowering black entrepreneurs by offering curated, exclusive products to consumers.

Combs continues to channel his drive and entrepreneurial spirit into making a positive impact through his philanthropic work and advocacy efforts.



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Reena Evers-Everette and Pamela Junior overlooking the Tallahatchie River



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She said she was thinking about what we all have endured because of the color of our skin and simply trying to be human in all aspects of life. Evers-Everette said she had mixed emotions about being at the event but was happy to be there on behalf of her whole family; es-

She said her mom had told her about the pain Medgar Evers felt and how he cried over what he had witnessed, but she said, this was one of the events that propelled him to go further in the fight for justice.

Evers-Everett, who was one of the speakers at the 60th Anniversary of the March on Washington said she was very happy that the monument will be cared for by the National Park Service with integrity and in the right manner in order that generations to come will continue to see this part of Mississippi History.

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**Rev. Al Sharpton speaking**



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### Civil Rights activist Andrew Young

Former First Lady Michelle Obama said on Instagram that last Saturday was a day to remember the history. “We honor everyone who fought and struggled for progress. It’s up to all of us to continue their march.” She justified her comment by appealing to her viewers “to vote in every election for every office and ballot measure that comes up for a vote.” Community organizing, speaking to elected officials about issues are other essentials. “That’s how we honor the legacy of those who came before us – and how we do our part to change history for the better,” she concluded.

When fifteen-year-old Yolanda Renee King, the granddaughter of Dr. King, was asked by CNN Dana Bash her view of America since the 1963 March on Washington, she asserted: "We're not where we need to be. It seems that the past generations and current generation have failed us, and so now we have to take on the responsibility to make sure that we do not make the same mistake, to make sure that we fulfill the dream."

are we going to do?' Dad would probably say, 'Now is the time to preserve and protect and expand democracy.' We must ensure voting rights for all peoples. We must ensure that our women and children are treated fairly. We must end gun violence. The 60th year march is a continuation of [my parents and their fight for social justice and civil rights]," said Martin Luther King III.

Andrea Waters King stated, "We are not here

for commemoration. We are here for rededication to the fight for the future where as long as America's practice will be as good as its promise. Let me say to the women, we were unable to sneak in 1963 but we are here in 2023."

Among other speakers were Ambassador Andrew Young, a close adviser to Dr. King during the original march and a key figure in the civil rights movement and Bernice King, CEO of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent

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vided a summary of the issues facing Gloster. She was elected to the NAACP Executive Board in 1998 and has served as chair of the Board's Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Committee since the ECJ Program was established in 2010.

She began by stating that many feel that because jobs are created, it's okay to pollute. She indicated that DRAX is a United Kingdom company. DRAX converts trees into wood pellets that are then transported to the United Kingdom and burned for electrical energy. "I've travelled to London and spoken to members of their Parliament about this company that is cutting down the trees and poisoning my community. Over 700 scientists have signed letters to our Congress warning about the adverse impacts which are focused on the planet impact, but I am not going to stop talking about the health impacts and the disparities on people who look like me. I can show you that these facilities (like the one in Gloster) are deliberately being located in low-income communities of color."

She went on to say that “the company’s behavior violates communities’ human rights and the Clean Air Act. In February 2021 the company was fined \$2.5 million by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, which is equal to just one day of the company’s profits.” Per the final order from MDEQ, DRAX Amite has been exceeding volatile organic compound (VOC) limits for years. VOCs are precursors to ground level ozone and smog which can impair lung function, trigger asthma attacks and aggravate conditions of people with bronchitis and emphysema. Children, the elderly, and people with existing respiratory conditions are the most at risk from ozone pollution.

England stated, “This may have started out with good intentions and that’s fine, but now we know better, and where we know better, we do better.” She added that many of the members of Parliament that she spoke to asked, “Why are they allowing them to do this in your country because we would not allow it in ours?” She mentioned that under the Trump administration, EPA Director Scott Pruitt, who had resigned after numerous scandals, “changed a key classification that allowed this to continue.”

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On March 14, 2023, *The Magnolia Tribune* shared an article, titled, Foreign land holdings increase nationwide. Mississippi lawmakers consider restricting those purchases. Isn't it interesting that folks are suddenly concerned about other countries, like China, buying up land in Mississippi, yet it seems perfectly okay to let a British company pillage our land in Mississippi – land that mostly poor and mostly black people call home.

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# National Summit against Police Brutality and Injustice in Brandon

*Prominent figures join victims' mothers speaking against racial injustice*

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

Two hundred attendees gathered at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Brandon, MS Saturday, despite sweltering heat, for an event billed as a National Summit Against Police Brutality and Injustice, and the dozen-plus speakers surely brought the truth and a challenge to stand and continue to speak out, and to not give into fear. The Associated Press, local and state broadcast networks, and the Black Press were on hand to witness the event whose most prominent speaker was Dr. Cornell West, longtime scholar, philosopher, author of over twenty books and activist. In early June, West declared his candidacy for President, running in the People's Party.

Earlier this month history was made in Mississippi and surely in Rankin County when five white self-labeled "Good Squad members" of the Rankin County Sheriff's Office, joined by one white police officer from Richland, pleaded guilty to federal and state felony charges of torturing two black men in Rankin County on January 24, 2023. Never before have had white lawmen pleaded guilty to abusing black people in Mississippi.

Without any warrant they broke into a Rankin County home, after being alerted by a white neighbor, that two black men – Michael Corey Jenkins and Eddie Terrell Parker – we're behaving suspiciously. Per reporting from numerous national, state and local news sources, the five white sheriff's deputies and one white Richland police officer, delivered unimaginable terror upon these two men, including being handcuffed on the floor, stripped naked, tased over 37 times, waterboarded with several substances, subjected to continuous racial slurs, indignities with sex toys, before the two were forced to shower together in an effort to remove evidence of the horrors.

Attorney Trett Walker, a native of Rankin County, served as MC for the event that was hosted by the local organizing committee of the Rankin Coun-



Angela English, Rankin NAACP president



Attorney Malik Zulu Shabazz



Dr. Cornel West, Shabazz, English and Attorney Trent Walker



Priscilla Williams Till, cousin of Emmett Till



Dr. Cornell West, People's Party presidential candidate

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Mary Jenkins, mother of tortured Michael Jenkins



Monica Lee, mother of murdered Damien Cameron

ty NAACP, Blackrightsmatter.org, Emmett Till Justice for Families Foundation, and several others.

Referring to this most recent incident and many others, Walker stated, "It just goes to show how policing has been done in this community and it is time for it to stop. You can't protect and serve one part of the community that pleases you and brutalize and terrorize everybody else because they are not your kind of people. You can't tell me to go back to the other side of the river when I'm from this side of the river...I'm

going to say this, everybody in here has had a job, and you can't tell me that if a crisis occurs on your job and the first call you make isn't to your immediate supervisor. You can't tell me that Sheriff Bryan Bailey didn't get a call within five minutes of this happening. They have patches and challenge coins that say Goon Squad – you can't tell me that you didn't know what was going on."

Calls for Rankin County Sheriff Bryan Bailey to resign echoed from numerous speakers. In the words of Attorney Walker, "things that we might have been

willing to accept in the past are no longer acceptable...make no mistake, there are more than six members of the Good Squad."

Attorney Malik Shabazz themed his remarks from Galatians 6:7, saying, "God is not mocked, that whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Later he reported that "what happened here in Rankin County on January 24th will forever be marked as a turning point in the history of Rankin County, the State of Mississippi, and the history of the United States of America."

He introduced Damien Cameron's mother, Monica Lee, who-

se son was murdered by Goon Squad member Hunter Elward and another deputy Luke Stickman as was recently reported by three renowned pathologists – contrary to State Medical Examiner findings, who made brief remarks and later in the program Mary Jenkins, mother of Michael Corey Jenkins. Both mothers expressed gratitude to Shabazz and Walker and encouraged residents to stand up for equal justice.

Among many remarks, Shabazz feels strongly that justice is on the way for Damien Cameron's death two years ago this month, that the Department of Justice is still looking into the Rankin County Sheriff's Office, and that research is currently being done by his office to determine if class action lawsuits could be filed. He reminded that sentencing recommendation letters have been prepared and encouraged attendees to sign the forms prior to departure. There are also letters to be signed requesting the resignation of Sheriff Bailey. *Contact President English at ahenglish62@gmail.com or Rankin County Branch NAACP on Facebook.*

Shabazz introduced Priscilla Williams Till who will run against the junior U.S. Senator from Mississippi, Cindy "If he invited me to a public hanging, I'd be on the front row" Hyde-Smith.

Williams Till called for the arrest of Carolyn Bryant Donham in a federal lawsuit filed in LeFlore County in February of this year. Just two months later, the woman that set off the kidnapping and brutal torture and

murder of Emmett Till died in Louisiana.

In fiery remarks she demanded people stop being scared and stand up and fight for justice and basic rights in the poorest and blackest state in the country. "Right now is the time for change in Mississippi. Stop being afraid, put your faith in the Lord, get on your knees and pray, and ask the Lord for guidance and I guarantee He will be there."


Williams Till introduced Dr. Cornel West who spoke for fifteen minutes and who clearly touched the crowd with his commitment to Mississippi through time spent in Lexington, Jackson and Brandon over the weekend and in McComb in the coming week.

Dr. West dove right into the legacy of white supremacy in our country and the long line of courageous leaders who fought back, often giving their lives to do so.

Among others he reminded us of Rosa Parks and when she sat down she was standing up saying this ain't just about Montgomery, this ain't just about Rankin County, this ain't just about Mississippi, you got Goon Squads everywhere."

He encouraged attendees to "see yourselves as you are, with dignity and nobility – a people who have been hated for 400 years but you are dishing out love with each new generation; a people terrorized for 400 years but pushing on, Freedom Fighters in every new generation. What is it about these black people that when they are terrorized, they don't form black versions of the Ku Klux Klan? When they are crushed, they don't come out terrorizing everybody whether they are responsible or not the way these cowardly white supremacists do."

At the end of the summit *The Mississippi Link* newspaper asked, "The federal government has taken over water systems, sewer systems and school systems. Is there now enough evidence to lead to a federal takeover of the Rankin County Sheriff's Department?" Attorney Shabazz responded immediately, "absolutely."



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## Three black people murdered in Jacksonville at the hands of a white supremacist with an AK-47

By Lauren Victoria Burke  
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A white racist named Ryan Palmeter, 21, shot and killed three black people at a Dollar Store in Jacksonville, Florida August 26. The incident is the latest mass murder by a white supremacist in the U.S.

Police told the public at an August 26 press conference that Palmeter used a Glock and an AR-15. At least one of the weapons had swastikas on it and, like several other white racist murderers, Palmeter wrote several messages about his racist ideology and sent them to the authorities and his parents before the murders.

In May this year, the NAACP issued a travel advisory warning Black Americans about Florida under Governor Ron DeSantis. DeSantis, who has said Florida is “where woke goes to die,” has repeatedly branded himself to anti-black policies and has used the word “woke” as a substitute for black agenda policy. The modern use of the word “woke” became popular in the black community after the 2014 murder of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri by Police Officer Darren Wilson.

The NAACP advisory warned Black Americans that, “Florida is openly hostile toward African Americans... Before traveling to Florida, please understand that the state of Florida devalues and marginalizes the contributions of, and the challenges faced by African Americans and other communities of color.”

At a congressional hearing in March 2021, FBI Director Chris Wray confirmed that racist extremists are a steadily growing problem in the U.S., saying, “domestic violent extremism, domestic terrorism, that number is now – has grown steadily on my watch.”

The triple homicide at the Dollar Store is near Edward Waters University, a Historically Black College in Jacksonville. The school was founded in 1866 by the AME Church. Several news organizations report that the shooter visited Edward Waters University before the shooting and was asked to leave the campus.

“This shooting was racially motivated and he hated black people,” Jacksonville Sheriff T.K. Waters said during a press conference on the night of August 26. Palmeter shot himself before police could apprehend him. “The shooter offered several manifestos,” Sheriff Waters also stated.

Last year, in May 2022, a white racist 18-year-old named Pay-



ton Gendron murdered ten black people in a Tops Friendly supermarket in Buffalo, New York. Gendron wrote a manifesto that focused on the “great replacement” conspiracy theory that white people were being outnumbered by minorities. Gendron drove from Conklin, New York to Buffalo and live-streamed the murders live on Twitch. Palmeter drove from Oakleaf, Florida to Jacksonville and reportedly has a history of mental illness but was still able to purchase an AK-47.

“The rhetoric of hate by those in the public eye and on public platforms has consequences. At this point, escalating that rhetoric while loosening gun protections is a setup that targets our communities for violence,” wrote attorney Sherrilyn Iffill on August 26 hours after the shooting.

“Ron DeSantis has been leading a hate-motivated war against black people and all marginalized communities in Florida. It’s been vicious, racist and contemptible. So, no one should be surprised that violence and death follows in the wake of his state-sanctioned bigotry. The @gop has let the rabid dogs off the leash, with neither the ability nor desire to get it back on,” wrote journalist Dave Zirin on social media.

In 2015, a white 21-year-old racist named Dylan Roof entered a bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina and murdered nine African Americans including the church’s senior pastor, State Senator Clementa C. Pinckney. Roof also wrote a “manifesto” before the shooting.

In 2017, a white racist named James Alex Fields Jr. deliberately rammed a car into a group of people protesting thousands of racists who gathered in Charlottesville, Virginia as part of the Unite the Right rally. Fields murdered 32-year-old Charlottesville resident Heather Heyer.

In 2018, a white racist named Robert Gregory Bowers, 46, murdered 11 people at the Tree of Life synagogue during Shabbat morning services in Pittsburgh.

## Building democracy 60 years after the March on Washington

By Tamiaka Atkins  
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Sixty years ago, more than 200,000 people descended upon the National Mall for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, making a stand for freedom and equality. Black people, women and poor people had been treated like second-class citizens for too long, and it was time to demand justice.

The march led to unprecedented federal legislation addressing the systemic racism and economic injustices that had plagued black people through slavery and the Jim Crow era. Within a year, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed, followed by the National Voting Rights Act of 1965 a year later.

Sit-ins, protests and other demonstrations set the stage for change, but the March on Washington set a new standard for civic engagement and exemplified the impact that could be accomplished when we organize broad coalitions toward a common goal.

Those lessons will stand the test of time. The march remains a call to action for social justice advocates to continue the fight against discrimination, voter suppression, police brutality, and wage disparity. It is also a platform to elevate the greater narrative on racial injustice.

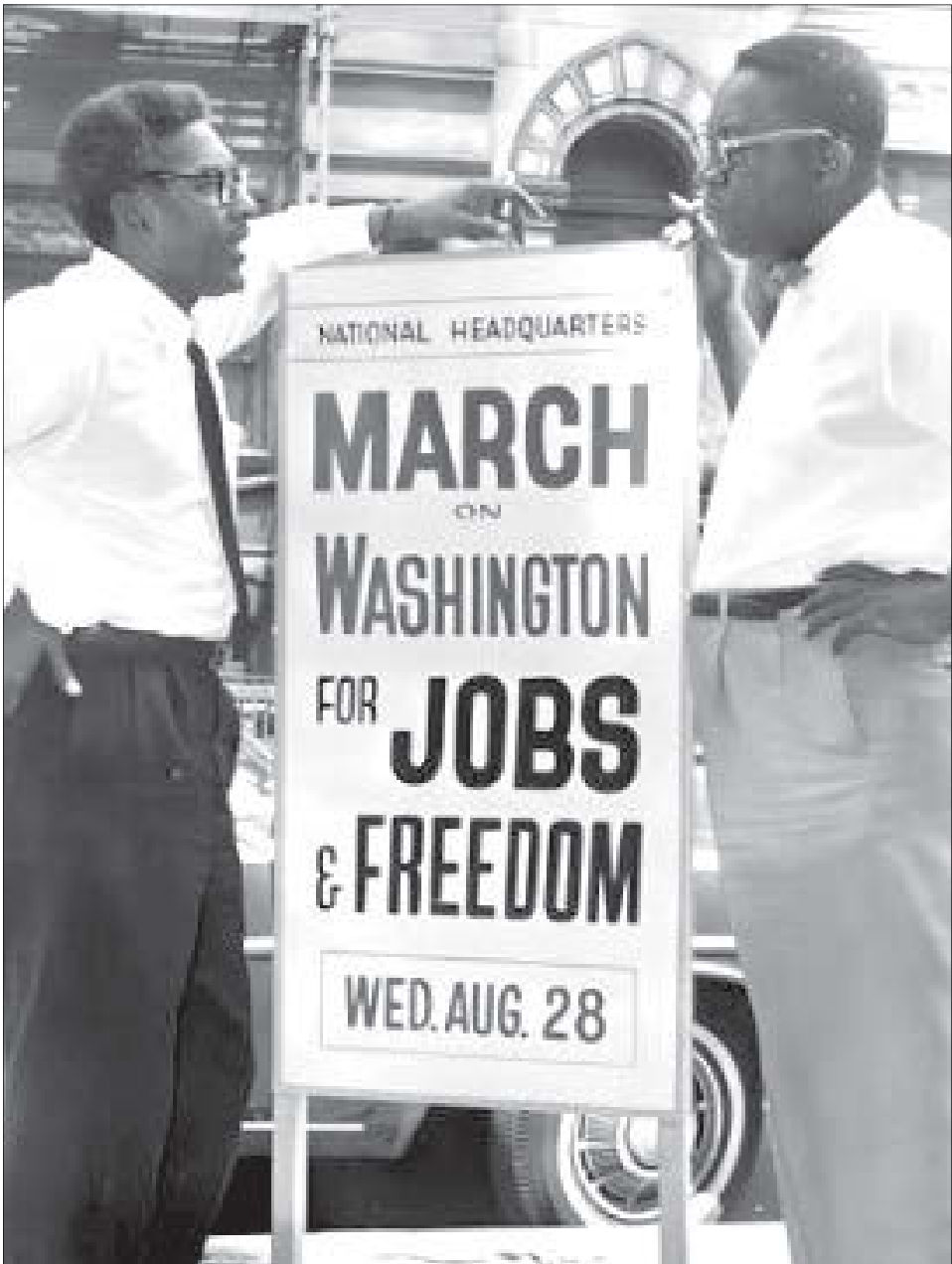
Now, as we commemorate August 28, 1963, we understand that while progress has been made, we have so much more work to do. Our democracy is fragile, and we face new threats each day.

In Georgia, threats against democracy linger around every corner. Over the past five years alone, potential voters have faced a new wave of voter purges, the elimination of polling places, reductions in early voting options, limitations on the use of mail-in/absentee ballots, efforts to undermine poll workers and legislation that would subject citizens to a criminal investigation by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for claimed suspicion of voting irregularity.

We’ve always been a hotbed for civil rights and social justice, but recent years have shown just how far some people will go to suppress the will of the people. The needs of real people too often take a backseat to partisan jockeying, rampant misand disinformation, and wholesale agendas reversing decades of legal precedent promoting equity. At this moment, we cannot afford to view the march as a thing of the past. The fight for our most basic civil rights never ended. We need urgent action and consistent civic engagement.

That’s why for more than a decade, ProGeorgia has worked to help uphold the legacy of community organizing, civic engagement, and viable policy change set forth by the trailblazers behind the March on Washington. Alongside our 61 partner organizations, we continue to employ smart, robust, and innovative strategies to rebuild democracy and magnify civic engagement. While we organize for equity in our state, we also try to provide a framework for creating people-centered, positive change nationwide.

What we’ve found most effective is cen-



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tering our work around three major premises: relational, rather than transactional engagement; elevating the values, views, voices and leadership of women of color; and embracing, amplifying and mobilizing young people.

“Change happens at the speed of trust,” said Stephen M.R. Covey, and the Rev. Jennifer Bailey added that “relationships are built at the speed of trust, and social change happens at the speed of relationships.” Thus, longstanding, systemic, and generational change is built over time by creating meaningful relationships. It’s not enough to rally folks for a single election or campaign. You must give people a real reason to believe that their voice and vote matters. Even more, you must show them how to engage in the democratic process regularly, beyond election cycles, and remind them that our systems are only as strong as the people who run them. We must hold those elected and appointed officials accountable to the will of the people.

Beyond non-transactional relationships, it’s important to center and elevate the voices, values and leadership of people guiding this work every day, many of whom are black women and women of color. The face of civic engagement must reflect the communities being served. We need more brown, black, queer and differ-

ently-abled people as activists, organizers, candidates, policymakers, judges, district attorneys and lawmakers.

Even as we strive toward greater inclusivity, we must also embrace and elevate the ideals and actions of young people. At the time of the March on Washington, Martin Luther King, Jr. was 34 years old, and Georgia’s own senior statesman, John Lewis, was just 23 and a fierce advocate for justice. Young people have always been at the heart of movements for civil rights and social justice, and real progress requires that we continue to amplify their efforts. Engaging them today means speaking their language and empowering them to engage on their own terms.

So, the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington represents a commemoration and a continuation of the work that’s already been done to make America live up to her promise. As Anna Hedgeman wrote in her memoir *The Trumpet Sounds: A Memoir of Negro Leadership*, “We will not rest until there is justice in our beloved country, and we know that as justice comes to all Americans, it will come in increasing measure to the rest of the world.”

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## Judge sets pre-Super Tuesday trial date for Trump’s election interference case

By Stacy M. Brown  
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In a decision that could significantly impact the 2024 race for the White House, U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan, overseeing the election interference case against former President Donald Trump, has scheduled the trial to commence on March 4, 2024. The date falls during the Republican presidential primaries and just one day before Super Tuesday.

Chutkan considered arguments presented by both Trump’s legal team and federal prosecutors regarding the optimal trial timing. Special Counsel Jack Smith proposed an earlier start in January, with jury selection beginning in December. Trump’s legal representatives countered by advocating for a postponement until April 2026,

following the 2024 presidential election.

Chutkan asserted on Monday, addressing the opposing proposals, “These proposals are obviously very far apart. Neither of them is acceptable.” Chutkan emphasized that the trial’s scheduling must prioritize the fair and prompt administration of justice. She noted that the trial schedule wouldn’t be altered based on the professional obligations of another defendant, even if that defendant happened to be a professional athlete.

Trump’s legal team argued that proceeding to trial in the upcoming year would infringe upon the former president’s rights, citing the extensive volume of discovery materials that federal prosecutors have submitted. The four-time indicted, twice impeached ex-president’s lawyer, John Lauro asserted that,

“This is a request for a show trial, not a speedy trial. Mr. Trump is not above the law, but he is not below the law.”

Following Chutkan’s ruling, Lauro insisted that Trump’s defense team would not be adequately prepared to represent their client given the set trial date. Earlier, Chutkan deemed the special counsel’s proposed timeline too immediate, but called Trump’s suggested timeline of 2026 unreasonable. “Discovery in 2023 is not sitting in a warehouse with boxes of paper looking at every single page,” Chutkan remarked.

Meanwhile, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee announced that the arraignment for Trump and his co-defendants in the Georgia election case is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on September 6. Trump faces charges of

felony racketeering and various conspiracy counts, part of a comprehensive investigation by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis into efforts to overturn the 2020 election results in the battleground state.

Trump and his co-defendants, including his former lawyer Rudy Giuliani, will be arraigned as part of this high-stakes legal proceeding. The sweeping indictment encompasses 41 counts and involves individuals such as Mark Meadows, former White House chief of staff, lawyers John Eastman, Sidney Powell, Kenneth Chesebro, Jenna Ellis, and former Department of Justice official Jeffrey Clark.

All defendants are charged with violating Georgia’s Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, among other alleged offenses.



U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan





## Democratic nominee for Mississippi secretary of state withdraws campaign amid health issues

*The Associated Press*

Shuwaski Young, the Democratic nominee for Mississippi secretary of state, will withdraw his candidacy ahead of the November general election as he battles health issues.

Weeks before Young's Sunday announcement, he had secured the Democratic nomination to take on Republican incumbent Michael Watson after running unopposed in the Aug. 8 primary election.

"Recently, I suffered a hyper-tensive crisis which placed an immediate and continuous challenge on my ability to campaign for the Office of Secretary of State," Young said in a news release. "My intent was to press forward knowing full-well the risk being placed on my health due to a rigorous campaign schedule. I can no longer take this risk."

Young worked in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

during Barack Obama's presidency and in the Secretary of State's Office under Democrat Eric Clark and Republican Delbert Hosemann. He launched his campaign for secretary of state after running unsuccessfully for Mississippi's 3rd District congressional seat in 2022.

The Neshoba County native had centered his campaign around reforms that he said would make voting easier, such as expanding early voting, mail-in ballots and online voter registration.

Watson, who is now running without a Democratic opponent, was elected secretary of state in 2019 after three terms in the state Senate. He says his office has worked to build confidence in Mississippi's election process by supporting a law to strengthen proof of citizenship requirements for voting and shoring up paper trails for voting machines.



Young

## MSU issues statement on weekend student death

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The Mississippi State University community continues to mourn the death of a sophomore student from Madison who died on campus over the weekend.

MSU officials and law enforcement agencies, including Oktibbeha County Coroner Michael Hunt, are investigating the death of a male student in a parked vehicle in an on-campus parking lot – but foul play is not suspected.

The deceased student was identified as Maxwell Curtis Pennebaker, 19, a sophomore building construction science major from Madison. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. MSU Police Chief Kenneth Rogers said MSU PD received a phone call reporting an unresponsive person in a parked vehicle at approximately 1:10 p.m. Sunday [Aug. 27]. Responding agencies included MSU PD, Starkville Fire Department and Med-Stat Ambulance. Oktibbeha County Coroner Michael Hunt pronounced the student dead at the scene.

President Mark E. Keenum and MSU



First Lady Rhonda Keenum shared their condolences with the family and friends of the student and met Sunday with the men of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity to express their sympathies, encourage and pray with them. While the university asks for respect for the privacy of the family and friends of this student at this sad and difficult time, counseling services and other support for any students or staff impacted by the incident are available through the Division of Student Affairs.

In a statement Monday [Aug. 28], MSU Vice President for Strategic Com-

munications Sid Salter said the university community is "deeply saddened" by the death. "At this time, our community's thoughts and prayers remain with the family and friends of the student who has died. The university is offering counseling and other appropriate services to those most closely impacted by this tragedy."

He said that the safety of students is "of fundamental importance" and that the university is working to "review this tragic event" and provide mental health and well-being support

## Court won't revive lawsuit that says Mississippi officials fueled lawyer's death during Senate race

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
*Associated Press*

A federal appeals court says it will not revive a lawsuit by the family of a Mississippi lawyer who took his own life after he was arrested and accused of providing information to people who snuck into a nursing home and photographed the ailing wife of a U.S. senator during a contentious election.

Images of Rose Cochran appeared briefly online during the 2014 Republican primary for U.S. Senate, in a video that accused now-deceased Sen. Thad Cochran of having an affair while his wife was bedridden with dementia — an accusation that Thad Cochran denied.

The primary exacerbated rifts between establishment Republicans who supported Cochran and tea party activists, including lawyer Mark Mayfield, who backed Cochran's GOP primary challenger, state lawmaker Chris McDaniel.

In 2017, Mayfield's survivors sued Madison Mayor Hawkins-Butler and others, saying the defendants were part of a network of Cochran supporters who pushed Mayfield to suicide in June 2014. Mayfield died by gunfire, and police said he left a suicide note, days after Cochran defeated McDaniel in a primary runoff and before the felony charge against Mayfield could be prosecuted.

U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves dismissed the lawsuit in 2021. He wrote that Mayfield's relatives did not prove the city of Madison improperly retaliated against Mayfield for constitutionally protected speech or political activity.

A panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed Reeves' ruling July 27. In a split decision Wednesday, the full appeals court said it would not reconsider the Mayfield family's appeal.

One of the appellate judges, James C. Ho, wrote that the family's lawsuit should have gone to trial, and that this ruling and others by the 5th Circuit could have a chilling effect on First Amendment rights.

"There's not much left to freedom of speech if you have to worry about being jailed for disagreeing with public officials," Ho wrote in Wednesday's ruling.

In 2021, Reeves wrote that de-

spite sworn statements from former Madison County Assistant District Attorney Dow Yoder that "this case was handled unlike any other case that ever came through the DA's office," there was "no evidence" that Mayfield was investigated or arrested because of constitutionally protected speech or political activity.

Mayfield's mother lived in the same nursing home as Rose Cochran in Madison, a Jackson suburb. Mayfield was charged with conspiracy to exploit a vulnerable adult, after Madison authorities accused him of giving information to other McDaniel supporters who entered the facility without permission and photographed the senator's wife. McDaniel condemned the operation and said it was not authorized by his campaign.

If Mayfield had been convicted of the felony, he would have faced up five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, and he could have lost his law license.

"Perhaps he shouldn't have provided the information he was asked," Ho wrote. "But did he deserve to be arrested, prosecuted, and imprisoned? Did he deserve to be humiliated, even driven to suicide — and his family destroyed? It's unfathomable that law enforcement officials would've devoted scarce police resources to pursuing Mayfield, but for one thing: The people in power disliked his political views."

Two other people who supported McDaniel in 2014, John Mary and Clayton Kelly, each pleaded guilty to conspiracy.

Cochran's campaign said in 2014 that he wasn't involved in an improper relationship. He was re-elected that November, and Rose Cochran died the following month. The senator married a longtime aide in May 2015.

Cochran served six years in the House before winning a Senate seat in 1978, and he rose to the chairmanship of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee. He retired in frail health in 2018 and died in 2019 at age 81.

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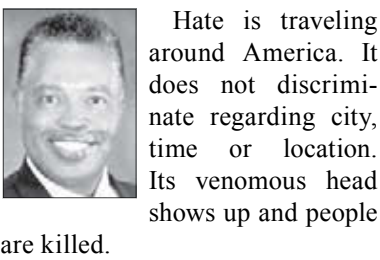
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## Hate And Racism Have Struck again...this time it was Jacksonville, Florida

By James B. Ewers Jr.  
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Hate is traveling around America. It does not discriminate regarding city, time or location. Its venomous head shows up and people are killed.

The tragedy is that citizens are assaulted simply because they are black. I am black and I know that when I am in some stores there are people who don't want me there. Not wanting me there because I am black but killing me there because I am black leaves me sick and sad.

On Saturday, August 26, a gunman killed three African Americans at a Dollar General store in Jacksonville, Florida. The gunman who was white made it clear through messages to his family that he was going to commit this horrific act. He did and now families are tragically torn apart.

The shooter, Ryan Palmeto, later took his own life which was a demented way of saying I did my job. He lived in nearby Clay County. We can only speculate as to where and how someone of another race learns to hate the other race.

Is racism boiling over in America these days? There is a strong case to be made to say that it is.

For example, Florida and its leadership have created barriers and roadblocks for its black citizens. Recently, the NAACP advised African Americans not to travel to the "Sunshine State." Leaders like Ron DeSantis, Governor of the state, have said that slavery had some intrinsic and meritorious value for black people.

The folks there in positions of power who I call DeSantis minions have lost their minds and won't acknowledge their history. It is also obvious that they don't want our children to know their history. They want to minimize it and sweep it under the rug of ignorance. These are my opinions.

The victims in this mind-numbing tragedy were taken from us without warning. The suddenness of it makes me weak. They were killed simply because they were living while black.

Angela Carr, Anolt Laguerre, Jr. and Jerrald De'Shaun Gallion will never see another sunrise or sunset. Church pews where they sat will be empty and family gathering places will have one less seat filled.

Jacksonville Sheriff TK Waters has called the shooting a racist act. He said, "His sickening ideology is not representative of the values of this Jacksonville community that we all love so much." He added, "We are not a community of hate."

The mayor of Jacksonville, Don-

na Deegan, said, "We have to talk about hate. Obviously, I am heartbroken over this incident. We need common-sense gun legislation."

Some years ago, I served in a senior leadership position at Edward Waters College, now University. I thoroughly enjoyed my tenure there as I had some wonderful and time-honored experiences with students, faculty and staff.

EWU, as it is affectionately called, is a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). It has strong academic and student life programs and services. It was founded in 1866 by members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church as a school to educate freedmen and their children.

Thankfully, the EWU police acted quickly to remove the shooter from the campus. If not, you can only imagine what could have happened.

How do you stop hate? How do you stop senseless acts of racial violence?

These are questions that have been on the minds of many for many years. I believe some solutions rest in the laws that we can make if we have the will to do so. One solution is to ban the sale of AR-15 style weapons.

Until that type of legislation happens, we will sit by and have vigils for lost lives who are gone too soon because of people who don't like the color of our skin.

## Hold on to what you got Vs. Ms. Wannabe

### TIPS for a 'Good Marriage'

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.  
TIPS for a Good Marriage



We live in a society where it is customary and normal to discard and replace things in a heartbeat. For instance, some of us replace vehicles after having them for a few years or several years; some replace furniture; some replace shoes after wearing them only a few times; especially young people, and we occasionally discard and replace things that has minor damages. Furthermore, many discard and replace things because we simply want something new and different even if what we have is sufficient and efficient. Similarly, many husbands are disposing or replacing their God given covenant wives for someone new. Husbands, you need to hold to what you got.

Gospel group, Doc McKenzie and the Hi-Lites recorded a powerful song several years ago, called, "Hold On," which was a plea to husbands to hold on to what they got because what done got old to them is brand new to someone else. The song served as a warning, an outcry, an encouragement for husbands to keep the marriage vows they made to their wives. Nonetheless, many husbands from all walks of life are making a huge mistake every day by not holding on to what they got but is instead cheating with Ms. Wannabe and/or leaving their wives for Ms. Wannabe. These husbands include pastors, bishops, apostles, ministers, deacons, local and national politicians, law enforcers, educators, community leaders, your colleagues, your neighbor, your brother, your brother-in-law, your nephew, etc.

Unfortunately, many husbands are abandoning their imperfect, yet God given wives, who are trying to be good wives for the main following reasons:

- Lust
- Want something new and different
- To deliberately sabotage their marriage
- To intentionally hurt their wife
- Lust

Husbands be aware of who Ms. Wannabe truly is. Contrary to what many of you think, perfect Ms. Wannabe is a fraud. Further, she is a fake. Men, think about this, if a woman is willing to cheat with you and encourage you to leave your wife and children for her – this should be a serious indication of who and what you are involved in. In other words, Ms. Wannabe can be dangerous.

Husbands, please be aware of how the following Proverb scriptures describe Ms.

Wannabe:

Proverbs 7:27 states: Her house is the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 2: 18-19 states: For her house leads down to death, and her paths to the dead; None (ZERO) who go to her return, nor do they regain the paths of life.

Proverbs 5: 3-6 states: For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death, her steps lay hold of hell. Lest you ponder her path of life – her ways are unstable; you do not know them.

Now, I promise, I had not planned to add my input but when I read this, I just couldn't help it. In other words, husbands, in the end, the real toxic Ms. Wannabe is going to come out. The same sweet lips, and smooth mouth that's whispering and moaning sweet stuff now in your ears and is talking to you so softly and delicately will be as bitter as wormwood in the end – did you know that wormwood is toxic and poisonous? Also, Ms. Wannabe's pedicured feet and perfect toes that crawls up and down your legs and other areas – these same toes are going to lead you in a place like divorce court, the 5 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m., and 10 p.m. local breaking news, divorced, jail/prison and premature death. If you don't make a U turn from her; you will witness how unstable she is, and you will never be able to figure out just how toxic she is.

In conclusion, Ms. Wannabe is trouble. Ms. Wannabe is not worth losing your peace, your churches, your businesses, your jobs, your positions, but most importantly your wife and your children – family. Husbands, you made a promise to God and your wife, whether that was three years ago, eighteen years ago, twenty-two, or forty years ago, that you would have and hold your wife from that day forward for better, for worse... until death do you part. Husbands, if you truly love your wife and she loves you, please hold on to what you got.

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## "My Truth" - Dear... R.M.

By Cheryl Smith  
Publisher of I Messenger Media  
Texas Metro News



I was talking with my god brother when your call came in. Even though he was in Ghana, I knew he was doing well and so I hurriedly rushed him off the phone, telling him that "I really need to take this call." After all, it was almost 11 p.m. and you know I'm not for play play. So I felt that if you called that time of night, it had to be something important, but hopefully not devastating.

When I said hello, you immediately apologized for calling so late and I assured you that all was fine and you could call anytime. As a student, you were always respectful, gave your all and always showed up and proudly represented your family, your fellow classmates, your school and God. When I reflect on my teaching days at Paul Quinn College, I have to admit that the majority of students were like you; even if they didn't begin that way.

This was an interesting revelation for me because as I reflected on my Paul Quinn College experience, I could be writing to so many of those who came before and after you. It

was your call that was the catalyst for this Dear... column.

Which brings me to my truth.

My spirits were low when I answered your call. While I was talking with my god brother, I never let him know that I was mentally tired, feeling drained and trying not to have a pity party. Richard and I talked about things that would cheer me up, like my grandchildren and Florida A&M University.

I was trying desperately not to tell him that I was a little down in the dumps because some of the very people I get up every day to help make their lives better were tap dancing on my last nerve. I know, they only do what I allow. So it's on me. At a young age I decided that I would do what I want to do without expecting praise, pay or even a kind word.

I would do what I believed was the right thing to do. By adopting this posture, I ensured that I wouldn't be hurt by folks who are takers, not givers; or those who are lacking basic common courtesies. R.M., I rested at night knowing I did the right thing regardless of out-comes. At a seasoned age, I have learned so many other lessons and I apply them more freely; like showing love and protecting my peace. Showing love

is what you did on that Sunday evening.

R.M., I appreciate you more than you will ever know. I often ask my students how they would feel if all their professors were like me. Actually at the same time, I was looking at the students and asking what if I had 20 RMs or 20 Shanes or Jennifers. Talk about joy and pain. Fortunately for me, I had more joys during those days at Paul Quinn.

R.M., I hope that I am not violating you too much by talking about how you made me feel that Sunday evening as you shared the impact I had on your life. I feel blessed to know you. I feel honored to have taught you. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to help shape your growth and development. I am so proud of you. You are a joy and I am so glad we spent time on this earth in the same space. Please never stop calling. Like on that Sunday, I will take your calls. Your words mean so much more because you have actions and deeds that back them up. Ron Murray, Jr., I love you too.

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## The sadness of the March on Washington August 2023

By Dr. John Warren  
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To appreciate how far we have come since the 1963 March on Washington, D.C. with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one should not look at any photos or news coverage showing the number of people participating in last week's remembrance of the 1963 march and some of the actual film footage of the 250,000 plus people who came out for the 1963 march. Yes, today we have C-SPAN television, live coverage and social media streaming the event, but none of that should be a substitute for real live feet on the ground for what we shall call the Continuation March of 2023.

These comments are directed toward the masses of African Americans, particularly those who were absent from the struggle in terms of their physical presence. At the same time, there should be nothing but praise for the very organizations who joined Rev. Al Sharpton in the observance of this event and the elements of the dream, yet to be fulfilled.

It was good to see some there who were with Dr. King 60 years ago on this very spot and it was even more rewarding to see two generations who were yet to be born stepping up and taking their place in the struggle. People like Dr. King's granddaughter standing with her mother and father speaking both of the yet-to-be-fulfilled elements of the dream while remembering the Dreamer.

Two days later, we had a visible and visual

reminder of the hate still based on the color of our skin as three black people were murdered at a Dollar General just because of the color of their skin, in Jacksonville, Florida.

It was good to see that, just as in the murder of George Floyd, blacks and whites responded in protest by showing up and being visible against the violence out of a sense of humanity. These are positive signs toward the America that Dr. King saw, but these participants are not the ones that are a part of the ongoing problem.

All over America, we see racists and bigots quoting Dr. King, out of context, as they seek to make deceptive associations with his remarks which were more about a check that America had given to black people promising equality and fairness; a check that Dr. King said had been returned marked "insufficient funds."

Yes, there were some great remarks made on the Mall, some of which spoke to our need for economic gains to close the gap between us and other Americans. But, let us not forget that we hold the keys to our economic and social liberation. The keys rest with the decisions we make over what we will accept collectively and how we choose to respond to the obstacles placed before us.

We can focus on how we use our collective dollar power, or we can continue to squander what we have on our desires rather than our needs and expect something different from the same old actions. August 28th has come and gone, we are still here with many of the same problems. The question is what will we do today that will change our tomorrows?

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# Putting together a home gym

By Vince Faust  
*Tips to Be Fit*

Putting together a home gym can be a great investment in your ability to get and stay in shape. A home gym will give you 24/7 access. Exercising at home could be the right option for you, giving you the opportunity to set your own workout schedule and avoid the excuse of not having time to stop at a gym or health club every day.

If you're investing in a home gym be sure to include equipment for a strength-training program for the muscles tendons ligaments and bones and an aerobic training program, which works your heart, lungs, circulatory system and burns that dreaded body fat.

The American College of Sports Medicine suggests you follow these guidelines:

Before you decide to buy home exercise equipment you should make sure it's safe and it works properly. Your equipment should be easy to get on and off. It should be sturdy not wobbly while in use and work smoothly. Make sure you can change the intensity or resistance safely and easily. Make sure it can be adjusted to fit your body securely and comfortably

When appropriate choose equipment with gauges such as a timer speedometer, odom-



Woman sitting in her living room stretching

eter, caloric expenditure and make sure they are easy to read. Make sure the instructions are easy to understand. If you're investing in free weights buy adjustable dumbbells and barbells. Also make sure it comes with a warranty, and can it be serviced locally.

Make sure you know exactly what you're getting into or onto before you make your purchase.

#### A few other steps:

Define your goals – What do you want from your home

gym? Do you want to build strength, improve your cardiovascular system or you want a combination of both?

Assess your available space – Evaluate your space and location for your home gym. You need to also consider your ceiling height and ventilation. Check the strength of your floor. Can you get the equipment into the room? You may need rubber mats to protect your floor and dampen noise.

Make sure you can arrange your equipment for ease of use

and safety.

Choose essential equipment – If you're going to focus on cardiovascular fitness consider options like a treadmill, stationary bike, rowing machine or an elliptical cross trainer. If your focus is to increase your strength you'll need dumbbells, resistance bands and weight benches. If you have a lot of space you might opt for a power rack, squat rack or a multi-gym system.

Research – Research and compare the different brands

and models of equipment. You can read reviews and watch videos. You want to compare price, features and warranties. Look for durable and well-reviewed options that fit your budget.

Set a budget – Determine how much you want to spend on your home gym equipment. Spend your budget based on your fitness goals.

Think about buying used equipment – Buying used equipment allows you to get more equipment. Used equipment can often be found on Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace or specialized fitness equipment resale websites. If you buy used equipment make sure it's in good working condition.

Know your contract – If you're buying new, buy from a reputable retailer or directly from the manufacture's website. Pay attention to shipping cost and delivery times. Know if the retailer will install your equipment. Ask about repair. Know the return policy and who pays for the return.

Safety – Make sure all equipment is properly assembled and secure. If you're using dumbbells you should invest in proper storage. If you install mirrors make sure there are installed correctly and in places they won't get broken.

Stay organized – Keep your

equipment stored when not in use. Don't clutter your gym with equipment you never use. Return all accessories to their storage space.

Maintenance and cleaning – You want to regularly inspect and maintain your equipment to ensure your gym is safe and prolong the life of your equipment.

Expanding your gym – You will out grow your gym. Plan ahead to ensure you continue to improve your fitness level. You may have to sell or store equipment you don't use in another room.

The most crucial aspect of a home gym is your commitment to workout. Plan your workout. Set the time and length of your workout. If you don't pick a time it won't happen.

Home gyms do have many advantages. There are disadvantages too. Heavy gym machines can harm hardwood floors, carpeted floors and even the structure of your floors.

Will I have to assemble or install the equipment?

Gym equipment can be heavy and delivery can be a problem. You should know the shipping arrangements. If you want the shipper to bring the boxes inside, upstairs or even unloading it from the back of the truck could be expensive.

# Black veterans and inaccessibility to mental health resources

By Sam Jody  
*The Dallas Weekly News*

Despite taking the same risk of death and costly sacrifice to their mental well-being, black veterans continue to suffer as mental health services are statistically less accessible for the demographic than their white counterparts.

Institutional racism continues to persist through channels of assistance for black veterans as the Department of Veterans Affairs has acknowledged that discrimination has likely played a major role in major discrepancies in assistance.

"We recognize that in the past there has been institutional discrimination that may have played a role in the adjudication of benefits," VA press secretary Terrence Hayes told Axios News last month following an announcement that the department has taken on an initiative to address disparities.

Documents released through an open records request filed earlier this year by Black Veterans Project in Baltimore showed proof of racial discrimination in the accessibility of mental health/disability benefits offered to Veterans.

Data retrieved from the fiscal year of 2023 showed that 15.52% of all black veterans who applied for physical or mental health benefits were denied assistance by the VA, compared to 10.6% of white veterans. This is consistent with reports from 2017, showing that black veterans seeking disability benefits for PTSD



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were denied 57% of the time, compared to a 43% rate of denial for white counterparts.

From 2017 to 2023, white veterans enjoyed a consistently higher grant rate than black veterans every year. Despite seeking and applying for services at a higher rate (43% compared to 31.7% for white veterans), black veterans have received significantly less assistance than whites.

Even among those receiving services, black veterans often have worse outcomes, according to a study featured in Psychiatric Services, Volume 73 in 2022.

Of the 2,870 Veterans treated nationally in VA Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs in fiscal year 2017, black veterans receiving services from the VA experienced a higher rate of depression symptom recurrence 4 months

after discharge compared to white Veterans. While services were proven to improve conditions across demographics, black veterans still experienced markedly poorer outcomes.

The effects of these institutional failures are apparent and run deep, contributing to the framework of larger social issues with devastating repercussions. According to a study by the National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans, black veterans are substantially prevalent in the homeless population compared to other Veterans, comprising 39% of the total homeless veteran population despite making up only 11% of the total veteran population.

Outcomes in PTSD and depression are typically worse, and likewise, black veterans are more likely to fall into alcoholism even with similar

levels of consumption to their white counterparts, according to the *American Journal of Psychiatry*.

Additionally, a study conducted by the nonprofit research group Rand Corp. showed there were 1.76 suicide attempts among black troops for each by a white service member. As services falter, so does the quality of life for black veterans compared to white former service members, resulting in higher documented rates of homelessness, alcohol use disorder and suicide.

Texas is home to over 1.6 million veterans, with one-fourth of all veterans statewide residing in the DFW area. Dallas previously made the news in 2016 when on July 7, black veteran Micah Xavier Johnson killed five officers and wounded seven others before being slain in a stand-off with police

downtown.

Reflecting disillusionment, pain, and a documented resentment of a deeply flawed system exacerbated by increasing violence against black Americans by law enforcement, the incident illustrated the result of the systemic failures of the Department of Veterans Affairs as much as it did the institutional racism present throughout American life.

As an Army Reserve Afghan War veteran, Johnson showed warning signs of potential violence prior to the calculated attack on white law enforcement. He was previously recommended for mental health counseling by a fellow soldier who accused him of sexual harassment. Stating that they were platonic friends of over four years, she recalled an event when Johnson punched out a car window during an outburst, severing an artery and requiring medical treatment.

Following an inspection, Johnson was deemed a threat to others and disarmed by his commanding officer. After a period of high stress and ostracization, Johnson was mistakenly honorably discharged according to the Army and never was provided counseling. This and other details were released following his death.

Other Veterans, such as Paul, 72, a former Army sergeant living in South Dallas that served in the Vietnam War, have suffered lifelong cases of PTSD while continuing to work and seek out ser-

vices from the VA.

"I still have nightmares from what we did," Paul says, explaining that insomnia brought on by PTSD has left him sleepless most nights.

"When I go in to get help, I have to stand in line behind a hundred other people. They expect you to smile and be polite. I fought for this country. I bled for this country," Paul says. "All of my guys came back. Nobody was dead, nobody with one leg or one arm, everybody came back. And all they did was whatever I told them to."

Suffering night terrors, high anxiety and depression, Paul recently secured compensation for false denials of repeated disability claims. "I sued their asses and won," Paul says. "And the money's great but look at how long it took. Forty years for me to get what I should've already got. I'm over 70 years old. They already robbed me."

Almost 80 years after the GI Bill was rendered largely inaccessible for black Veterans, the group continues to suffer due to institutional patterns of discrimination. As the demographic receives lesser treatment than white former service members, the figurative cracks in our society turn to fissures as they become more firmly integrated within our institutions.

Despite the VA's promise to right institutional wrongs, lasting effects have left the lives of black veterans at greater risk of debasement.



P R E S E R V E D

# Sleeping with the enemy

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



A number of years ago, the movie *Sleeping with the Enemy* told a frightening story of a woman being mentally, physically and verbally abused by her husband. Moviegoers connected with its theme that we are sometimes in relationships with people who present themselves as safe but in truth often seek to destroy rather than protect us. I think for many of us sleeping with the enemy is not an actual physical person but our own words, actions, attitudes and destructive patterns of behavior that keep us separated from or unwilling to accept the love of God.

Unresolved disappointments are the seed for a harvest of bitterness. They are rooted in the attitude that I have the right to be mad at God because he didn't give

me what I wanted. "My baby daddy left me," "I didn't get the job I wanted," "I prayed and my momma still died," "I prayed and the thing that I was praying against still happened" are just a few examples.

It's perfectly OK to allow yourself to feel the disappointment but it is important that we don't get enveloped in the entitlement of disappointment. It's so very easy for us to allow that attitude to become our companion after we remain in a season of unanswered prayers.

God wants us to bring our disappointments to him. However, some of us bring the arrogance that comes from the bitterness of unanswered prayers which we believe gives us the right to remain mad and distant from God.

I know what it feels like to be angry at God because my prayers weren't answered. I even remember telling God while in prayer that I didn't see the need for prayer be-

cause it didn't lead to anything. I remember thinking what's the point in praying when you still don't get what you want? I could have spent my time watching TV and eating what I wanted as opposed to wasting time in prayer and fasting.

I then read a devotional soon after my tirade that addressed my complaint and immediately brought me to tears of repentance: prayer is not about getting an answer that we like but it's about building a stronger relationship with God. I felt like I'd insulted God as I selfishly focused on getting things rather than on developing a relationship with him. Though I felt I'd lost so many things as a result of unanswered prayer, I now had to admit that I had a more intimate relationship with God.

The disappointment from unanswered prayer is the enemy because it fools you into believing that God is not listening and doesn't love you. John 10:10 says "The thief

does not come except to steal kill and destroy. I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." God, like any loving father, just wants us to talk to him in prayer.

If we want to increase our intimacy with God, we have to increase our communication with him. In other words, pray. Once we start to spend more time with God in prayer it doesn't matter whether we get the thing we want; all that matters is that we now have a stronger relationship with God.

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## Salvation changes everything about you

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



We have to endure if we are going to make it to Heaven. Jesus said in Matthew 5:38-39: "Ye have heard that it had been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: (In other words, 'You kill my dog, so I am going to kill your cat.' An eye for an eye principle is found in Deuteronomy 19:21.) But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." You must endure that slap on the side of the face. Then you are to turn to him the other cheek. Do not get upset; do not get mad; do not fight.

This is the Word of God. You ought to turn the other cheek. God will give you the grace to endure it. Thanks be to God.

When God saves you, your whole life changes. Your outlook on life changes, and everything about you changes. Your thinking changes, the way you talk changes, and the way you dress changes. I was a sinner, but the Lord saved me and changed me.


In Matthew 5:40-42 Jesus said:

"And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain (double up on it and show him the love of God). Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away (Do not turn him away if he wants to borrow something; loan him something)." Jesus stated in verses 43-44: "Ye have heard that it hath been said, thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Just go and knock on their door and do something good for them - cut their grass; help take their groceries to the house. Allow the love of Christ to shine through you. God bless.

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

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

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ELECTRONIC GATE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR  
CITY PROJECT NO. RFP#2023-08

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Christine Welch, Deputy Director Office of Transportation

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Electronic RFP proposals for the above RFP will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), September 14, 2023 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any RFP if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date RFPs/ are opened.

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

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

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

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

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 219 South President Street, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, September 5, 2023, for disposal of non-hazardous liquid waster material for Transit Services located at 1785 Highway 80W, Jackson, MS 39204 (as specified) necessary for REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-07.

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

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Christine Welch, Deputy Director Office of Transportation

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
LOUIS COOPER, DECEASED  
LOUIS M. CLARK, PETITIONER                      CAUSE NO--P2023-37

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of ;rn:amentar . on the Estate of LOUIS COOPER, deceased, having been granted to me on this 25 day of August 2023 by the Chancery Court Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi, as Executor of the Estat' of LOUIS COOPER, deceased, Notice hereby given that all persons having claim(s) against said Estate to present such claim(s) to the Clerk for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days of the First Publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louis M. Clark

Chester Ray Jones, Esq., MS B# 3141  
Attorney for the Estate of LOUIS COOPER deceased  
Counselor and Attorney-At-Law  
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
City of Jackson  
Jackson, Mississippi

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

RFP No. 07100-091923- 2023 Police Pursuit Vehicle  
BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV 1 WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

New Business

A. CASE NO. HPNC-23-8

LOCATION: 1702 DEVINE ST (PARCEL 9-208)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN                      APPLICANT: Robbie Penick  
REQUEST: REVIEW OF THE DECK ADDITION TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE.

B. CASE NO. HPNC-23-7

LOCATION: 784 PINEHURST ST (PARCEL 13-50)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN                      APPLICANT: Brittany Ballenger  
REQUEST: TO REPLACE SHINLES WITH SIMILAR MAX DEF RED OAK SHINGLES.

C. CASE NO. HPNC-23-6

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

D. CASE NO. HPNC-23-13

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

E. CASE NO. HPLD-23-1

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

F. CASE NO. HPLD-23-2

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

II. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
ADJOURNMENT

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

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

96863-091923- Twelve Month Supply Pothole/Utility Cut

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

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

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

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

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The City of Jackson ("City") is seeking to push our community forward so all may benefit from the revitalization and economic development homeowners bring to a community. This RFP is for qualified Mortgage and Lending organizations to support the City's Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Program. The selected firm will be able to demonstrate its capacity to provide a range of services related to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded DPA, as well as provide a value to the City and the participating homebuyers.

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

Responses will be received by the City of Jackson, Office of the City Clerk at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205 until 3:30p.m., Central Standard Time October 17, 2023. Each prosper must submit a signed original six (6) printed copies and an electronic copy (thumb drive w/ pdf) of its proposal. Official proposal documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com electronic responses can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com For any questions relating to the electronic response process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

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

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

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF**  
**JOSEPHINE H. KING, DECEASED**  
**CAUSE NUMBER: 1:15-pr-00409**

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

vs.

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

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

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

You have been made respondents in the suit filed in this Court by Carlos King, as Administrator of the Estate of Josephine H. King, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition for Determination of Heirship and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed against you in this action at 1:30 p.m. on the 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023, at the HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURTHOUSE, 316 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

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

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 14th day of August, 2023.

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**Advertisement For Bids**  
**JTRAN TRANSIT SYSTEM: TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES**  
**CITY PROJECT NO. RFP#2023-03**

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 219 South President Street, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, September 26, 2023, for Operations and Maintenance Services for the public transportation system in the City of Jackson (as specified) necessary for REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-03.

The term of the contract will be for four (4) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year periods by consent of both parties.

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

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

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

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

Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal forms to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid for OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-03."

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

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

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

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

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

Christine Welch, Deputy Director  
Office of Transportation

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The City of Jackson ("City") is seeking to develop a safe place for those currently living in encampments and unstable housing structures in The City of Jackson. This RFP is for the development of a 30-unit public facility that will provide heat and air conditioning within a supportive and resource rich space.

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

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

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**ORDINANCE GRANTING MICHAEL KINARD OF ROOT DOWN 4, LLC A REZONING FROM C-1 (RESTRICTED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 (LIMITED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE PREDOMINATE C-2 (LIMITED) COMMERCIAL ZONING IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE PROPERTY AND FOR A COMPATIBLE DIVERSITY OF LAND USES TO INCLUDE A MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON 4775 OLD CANTON RD. (PARCEL #511-538-1), CASE NO. 4211.**

WHEREAS, Michael Kinard of Root Down 4, LLC has filed a petition to re-zone property located on 4775 Old Canton Rd. (Parcel #5 11-538-1 ), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi , from C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to allow for consistency with the zoning in the immediate vicinity of the property and for a compatible diversity of land uses to include a medical cannabis dispensary; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended the approval of the rezoning of the property located on 4775 Old Canton Rd. (Parcel #511-538-1) from C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to allow for consistency with the zoning in the immediate vicinity of the property and for a compatible diversity of land uses to include a medical cannabis dispensary; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to proper owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, July 17, 2023 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on June 8, 2023, and June 22, 2023 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on June 28, 2023, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board had recommended approval of the rezoning of the property located on 4775 Old Canton Rd. (Parcel #511-538-1) from C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District; and

WHEREAS, the Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with said application since any previous City Council action.

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

SECTION 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particular described as follows:

Being a parcel of land off the East side of Lot 2 of LeFleur's Square, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and as recorded in Plat Cabinet "C", Slot 154 and Plat Book 28, Page 22, within the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a "PK" Nail set for the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of the above referenced LeFleur's Square Subdivision, and also being the Northeast corner and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described parcel ;

THENCE run South 01 O 52' 01 " West, along the East line of Lot 2 and the West right-of-way line of Old Canton Road, a distance of 130.74 feet (deed - 13 1.00') to a point being the Southeast corner of the herein described parcel, witnessed by a 1/2" rebar found, bearing South 87° 31' 59" East for a distance of 0.60' along the Easterly prolongation of the Southerly line of the herein described parcel;

THENCE departing the West right-of-way line of said Old Canton Road, turn an interior angle to the left of 89 ° 24' 00" and run along the North line of a tract of land conveyed to Hollingsworth Real Estate Trust as described in Deed Book 7137, Page 8561 , for a distance of 115.64 feet to a 1/2" rebar found, marking the Southwest corner of the herein described parcel;

THENCE turn an interior angle to the left of 92° 51' 00" and run along the East line of a tract of land conveyed to J W, LLC and Waggoner Farms, Inc., as described in Deed Book 5246, Page 2 15, for a distance of 124.89 feet (deed - 125.15') to a found hole drilled in concrete marking the Northeast corner of the herein described parcel, and being on the North line of the above referenced Lot 2, same being the South right-of-way line of LeFleur's Square;

THENCE turn an interior angle to the left of 90 ° 00' 00" and run along the North line of Lot 2, same being the South right-of-way line of LeFleur's Square, for a distance of 120.64 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and containing 0.346 acres, (15 ,092 square feet), more or less.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 4775 Old Canton Rd. (Parcel #511-538-1) from C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to allow for consistency with the predominate zoning classification of C-2 in the immediate area and for a medical cannabis dispensary. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas - Foote, Grizzell, Lee and Lindsay.  
Nays - Stokes  
Absent - Banks and Hartley.

ATTEST: Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Council Meeting July 17, 2023 and recorded in Minute Book "6X, Pgs. 523-524".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 23rd day of August 2023.

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RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, TO ISSUE EITHER GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY IN ONE OR MORE TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT SERIES, AND/OR ISSUE A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF THE CITY FOR SALE TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK IN ONE OR MORE TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT SERIES, AND/OR ENTER INTO A TAXABLE AND/OR A TAX-EXEMPT LOAN WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK, ALL IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED NINE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,500,000) TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF (A) REPAIRING, IMPROVING, ADORNING AND EQUIPPING THE ARTS CENTER OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE RUSSELL C. DAVIS PLANETARIUM AND FOR OTHER AUTHORIZED PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH SAME INCLUDING CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING AND PAVING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, PARKWAYS, WALKWAYS AND PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES (COLLECTIVELY, THE "CONSTRUCTION PROJECT"), ALL PURASANT TO SECTIONS 21-33-301 ET SEQ., MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME AND SECTIONS 31-25-1 ET SEQ., MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME; (B) PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT IN FULL OR IN PART OF THE OUTSTANDING \$7,500,000 (ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT) CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI TAX-EXEMPT GENERAL OBLIGATION PLANETARIUM BOND, SERIES 2022, DATED DECEMBER 22, 2022 AND THE CORRESPONDING \$7,500,000 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2022 (JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI TAX-EXEMPT GENERAL OBLIGATION PLANETARIUM BOND PROJECT) DATED DECEMBER 22, 2022; (C) PURSUING AN ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY AND/OR FINANCING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BY PARTICPATING AND UTILIZING FEDERAL NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS PURASANT TO SECTION 45D OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AND/OR SECTION 57-105-1 ET SEQ., MISSISSIPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME (THE "NMTC FINANCING"); (D) AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A PUBLIC ENTITY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE NMTC FINANCING; (E) ENTERING INTO OR APPROVING VARIOUS LEASES, LOANS AND OTHER FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE NMTC TRANSACTION, (F) PROVIDING FOR CAPITALIZED INTEREST, IF NECESSARY, AND (G) PAYING THE COSTS OF BORROWING ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, THE LOAN AND/OR THE NMTC FINANCING, DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the "Governing Body"), acting for and on behalf of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the "City"), is authorized by Sections 21-33-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "City Bond Act"), to issue general obligation bonds in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series for the purposes set forth therein, including, but not limited (a) repairing, improving, adorning and equipping the Arts Center of Mississippi and the Russell C. Davis Planetarium and for other authorized purposes in connection with same including constructing, improving and paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways and public parking facilities (the "Construction Project") and for other authorized purposes under the City Bond Act and Sections 31-25-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Bank Act" and together with the City Bond Act, the "Act"); (b) providing for the payment in full or in part of the outstanding \$7,500,000 (original principal amount) Mississippi Development Bank Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2022 (City of Jackson, Mississippi General Obligation Planetarium Improvement Bond Project), dated December 22, 2022 (the "2022 Bank Bonds") and the corresponding \$7,500,000 (original principal amount) General Obligation Bond (Planetarium Improvement Project), Series 2022, dated December 22, 2022 (the "2022 City Bond" and together with the 2022 Bank Bonds, the "Series 2022 Bonds"); (c) pursuing an additional subsidy for the Construction Project by participating and utilizing federal New Markets Tax Credits pursuant to Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and/or Mississippi Equity Investment Tax Credits pursuant to Sections 57-105-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and/or supplemented from time to time (the "MS NMTC Act") (collectively, the "NMTC Financing") to finance the Construction Project, (d) authorizing the use of a Public Entity (the "Public Entity"), including but not limited to the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (the "JRA") to be utilized as defined specifically pursuant to § 57-105-1 (7)(b)(iii) of the MS NMTC Act; (e) entering into or approving various leases, loans and other financing arrangements with the Public Entity for the purpose of utilizing NMTC Financing as may be approved by further action of the Governing Body; (f) providing for capitalized interest, if necessary, for the Bonds (defined herein), and (g) paying the costs of borrowing associated with the issuance of the Bonds, the Loan and/or the NMTC Financing (collectively, (a) through (g), the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is in accordance with and in furtherance of the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, is authorized pursuant to the Act to provide funding for the costs of the Project through the issuance of either (a) general obligation bonds of the City, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series in a total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,500,000) (the "Bonds"), (b) a general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Mississippi Development Bank (the "Bank"), in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, in a total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,500,000) (the "City Bond"), and/or (c) by entering into a taxable or tax-exempt loan(s) with the Bank to borrow money from the Bank in a total principal amount not to exceed Nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,500,000) (the "Loan"); and

WHEREAS, as of July 1, 2023, the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, according to the last completed assessment for taxation, was \$1,286,103,862, and the City had outstanding bonded and floating indebtedness as subject to the fifteen percent (15%) debt limit prescribed by Section 21-33-303 of the City Bond Act, as amended, in the amount of \$99,270,000, and outstanding bonded and floating indebtedness as subject to the twenty percent (20%) debt limit prescribed by Section 2133-303 of the City Bond Act, in the amount of \$99,270,000; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds, the City Bond and/or the Loan, when added to the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the City, including any indebtedness of the City issued subsequent to the adoption of this resolution but prior to the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or entering into the Loan, will not result in bonded indebtedness, exclusive of indebtedness not subject to the aforesaid fifteen percent (15%) debt limit, of more than fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, will not result in indebtedness, both bonded and floating, exclusive of indebtedness not subject to the aforesaid twenty percent (20%) debt limit prescribed by Section 21-33-303 of the City Bond Act, in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, and will not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation upon indebtedness which may be incurred by the City; and

WHEREAS, there has been no increase in said bonded and floating general obligation indebtedness of the City since July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City for the Governing Body to provide funding for the Project by borrowing money through the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond and/or by entering into the Loan; all in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is authorized and empowered by the City Bond Act and/or the Bank Act employ Butler Snow LLP to serve as Bond Counsel to the City in connection with the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or in connection with entering into the above-described Loan for the purposes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is authorized and empowered by the Act to issue the Bonds or the City Bond or to enter into the Loan for the purposes herein set forth and there are no other available funds on hand or available from regular sources of income for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, hereby declares its intention to (a) issue and sell the Bonds, and/or the City Bond to the Bank, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, in the total principal amount not to exceed Nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,500,000), and/or (b) enter into the Loan with the Bank to borrow money from the Bank, all in total principal amount not to exceed Nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,500,000).

SECTION 2. The Bonds and/or the City Bond will be issued and/or the Loan will be entered into to raise money for the purpose of financing the Project, as authorized by the Act.

SECTION 3. The Bonds or the City Bond may be issued in one or more series and, if issued, will be general obligations of the City payable as to principal and interest out of and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate or amount upon all the taxable property within the geographical limits of the City. The Loan will be payable from legally available revenues of the City and will not constitute an indebtedness of the City within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory restrictions, limitations, or provisions, and the taxing power

of the City will not be pledged to the payment of the Loan.

SECTION 4. The Governing Body proposes to direct the issuance of all or any portion of the Bonds or the City Bond or to authorize the Loan in the amount and for the purposes and secured as aforesaid at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at its usual meeting place located at the City Hall in the City, located at 219 S. President, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. on September 26, 2023, or at some meeting or meetings subsequent thereto; provided, however, that if ten percent (10%) or Fifteen Hundred (1500), whichever is less, of the qualified electors of the City shall file a written protest with the City Clerk of the City (the "City Clerk") against the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or the authorization of the Loan on or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on September 26, 2023, then the Bonds or the City Bond shall not be issued or the Loan shall not be entered into unless approved at an election on the question thereof called and held as is provided by law; provided, further that if no protest is filed, then the Bonds or the City Bond may be issued and sold in one or more series or the City may enter into the Loan without an election on the question of the issuance thereof at any time within a period of two (2) years after September 26, 2023.

SECTION 5. In full compliance with the City Bond Act, the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of this resolution once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in The Mississippi Link and/or The Clarion Ledger, both newspapers published in and having a general circulation in the City and qualified under the provisions of Section 13331, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, with the first publication being not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date set forth in Section 4 of this resolution, and the last publication being made not more than seven (7) days prior to such date.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk of the Governing Body shall be and is hereby directed to procure from the publisher of the aforesaid newspaper the customary proof of the publication of this resolution and the required notice and have the same before the Governing Body on the date and hour specified in Section 4 hereof.

SECTION 7. The Governing Body does now find, determine and adjudicate that all conditions, acts and things required by the Act, the MS NMTC Act and the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi to have existed and have been performed precedent to and in connection with the adoption of this Intent Resolution have been performed in regular and due time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 8. Butler Snow LLP is hereby engaged to serve as Bond Counsel to the City in connection with the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or in connection with entering into the above-described Loan for the purposes set forth herein.

SECTION 9. If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution, but this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been contained herein.

[Remainder Left Intentionally Blank]

Councilperson Lindsay made the motion and Councilperson Banks seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Yaes: Virgi Lindsay, Aaron Banks, Vernon Hartley and Ashby Foote  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Angelique C. Lee, Brian C. Grizzell and Kenneth Stokes

The President of the Council then declared the resolution passes and adopted this the 22nd day of August 2023.

APPROVED BY:  
/s/ Aaron Banks

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
/s/ Chokwe Antar Lumumba  
MAYOR

ATTEST:  
/s/ Angela Harris  
CITY CLERK

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LEGAL

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY  
(parcel 71-27)

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, September 19th, 2023, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: parcel 71-27, located on East Fortification Street (0.21 acre lot in 100 block) in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at \$500.00. The City will retain all mineral rights it owns, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same from said property. For additional information or for a "bid form", contact Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail [vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us](mailto: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, September 19th, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
T S Y A C M J K X H U Z G R D B P L Q O E V W F I N

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O C Z Z G C T R A X M D L J C O O C T Y K  
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ORDINANCE GRANTING SELIKA SWEET A REZONING FROM C-3 (GENERAL) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO CMU-1 (COMMUNITY) MIXED- USE DISTRICT, PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION & OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL CENTER FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON PARCEL #140-3 ON PASCAGOULA ST., CASE NO. 4208.

WHEREAS, Selika Sweet has filed a petition to rezone property located on Parcel #140- 3 on Pascagoula St., in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from C-3 (General) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented with a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the construction of a community recreational center; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended the approval of the rezoning of the property located on Parcel #140-3 on Pascagoula St. from C-3 (General) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented with a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the construction of a community recreational center; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, July 17, 2023 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on June 8, 2023 and June 22, 2023 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on June 28, 2023, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board had recommended the rezoning of the property located at Parcel #140-3 on Pascagoula St. from C-3 (General) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented with a Conditional Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with said application since any previous City Council action; and

WHEREAS, the Council, after having considered the matter, is also of the opinion that the proposed use would not be detrimental to the continued use, value or development of properties in the vicinity; is in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan and that a Conditional Use Permit be granted to allow for the construction of a community recreational center within a CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented of the City of Jackson.

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

SECTION 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particular described as follows:

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

(Book 904 Page 22)

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

TOGETHER WITH:

(Book 904 Page 23)

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

TOGETHER WITH:

(Book 988 Page 435)

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

Beginning at a point on the North line of Pascagoula Street, which point is 222.64 feet measured Easterly along the North line of Pascagoula Street from the East line of Clifton Street as both Streets are now laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, said point being the Southeast corner of the Salvation Army Property as described in Deed Book 904 at Page 22 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, turn thence to the left through an angle of 90°29' and run Northerly along the East line of the Salvation Army Property for a distance of 74.6 feet to the Northeast corner thereof, and said corner being the Point of Beginning of the land herein described; continue thence Northerly along an extension of the

last mentioned course for a distance of 88.65 feet to an old fence line; turn thence to the left through an angle of 88 degrees 23' and run Westerly along said old fence line 72.25 feet to a fence corner; thence Southerly along an old fence line and the projection thereof, for a distance of 90.14 feet to a point in the North line of the presently owned Salvation Army Property, which point is 73.55 feet measured Westerly along the North line from the Northeast corner of said Salvation Army Property; thence Easterly along the North line of said Salvation Army Property for a distance of 73.55 feet to the Point of Beginning. In aid of and as a part of this description reference is hereby made to plat for the Salvation Army Property prepared by W. A. Akin, civil engineer, dated July 26, 1956, which plat is attached hereto and which is to be considered a part hereof as if copied fully herein.

TOGETHER WITH:

(Book 988 Page 453)

All that part of Lots 25 and 26 of West Jackson, which lies South of the fence on the South side of that real property conveyed to the grantee herein by Warranty Deed dated August 15, 1956 and executed by Robert P. Roepcke and Mrs. Jacqueline Sullivan Roepcke, husband and wife, and said deed appearing of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which deed is hereby made in aid of this description.

TOGETHER WITH

(Book 1468 Page 209-210)

A certain lot or parcel of land fronting 50 feet on the East line of Clifton Street and extending back Easterly between parallel lines for a distance of 148 feet, being a part of Lot 56, West Jackson, according to the map of Jackson by Henry C. Daniels, 1875, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a point on East line of Clifton Street 185.0 feet Southerly from the intersection of the East line of Clifton Street with the South line of Pearl Street, as both streets are now (August 1963) laid out and Improved City of Jackson in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, said Point of Beginning also being 196.2 feet Northerly from the intersection of the East line Clifton Street with the North line of Pascagoula Street, as both streets are now (August 1963) laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, said Point of Beginning also being the Southwest corner of the lot formerly belonging to the A. M. E. Church; run, thence Southerly along the East line of Clifton Street for a distance of 50 feet to an iron stake; thence turn to the left through a deflection angle 90° 00' and run Easterly and parallel with the North line of Pascagoula Street for a distance of 148 feet to an iron stake; thence turn to the left through a deflection angle of 90° 00' and run Northerly and parallel with the East line of Clifton Street for a distance of 50 feet to an iron stake; thence turn to the left through a deflection angle of 90° 00' and run Westerly and with the North line of Pascagoula Street for a distance of 148 feet to the Point of Beginning; LESS AND EXCEPT a certain triangular shaped parcel of land lying in the Northwest corner of the above described property, heretofore conveyed to the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a point on the East line of Clifton Street at the Northwest corner of the above; described lot or parcel of land and run thence Easterly and parallel with the North line of Pascagoula Street for a distance of 17.42 feet to an iron stake. on the North line of the above described lot or parcel of land; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 136° 02' and run Southwesterly for a distance of 24.2 feet to an iron stake on the East line of Clifton Street, said point being 16.8 feet Southerly from the Point of Beginning; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 133° 58' and run Northerly along the East line of Clifton Street for a distance of 16.8 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH:

(Book 2220 Page 635)

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

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at Parcel #140-3 on Pascagoula St. from C-3 (General) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented with a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the construction of a community recreational center. The conditions of the Use Permit are that it shall be granted on an annual basis; be granted to Selika Sweet, the owner/operator of the community recreational center; and that subsequent owners or operators of a community recreational center at this location must apply for and receive a new Use Permit. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

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

ATTEST:  
Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Council Meeting July 17, 2023 and recorded in Minute Book "6X, Pgs. 529-533".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 23rd day of August 2023.

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## MVSU set to hold the 9th Annual B.B. King Day Symposium

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

Each year, Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) takes a musical trip that connects the past to the present during its B.B. King Day Symposium at MVSU in honor of the legendary blues musician.

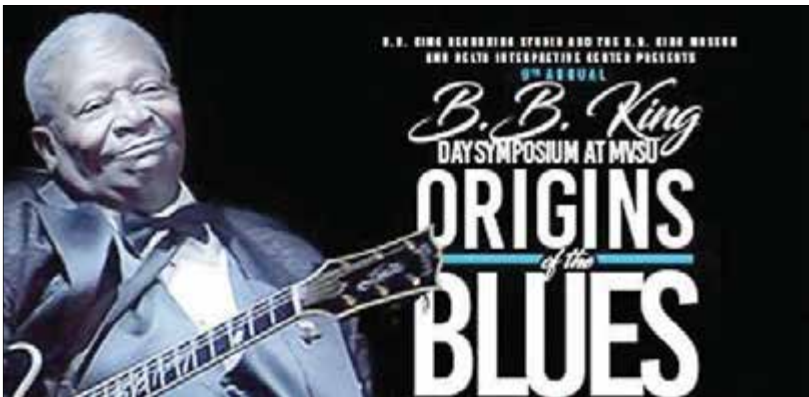
On Thursday, September 7, 2023, the symposium will celebrate its ninth year and highlight the “Origins of the Blues” in the Carver A. Randle Auditorium in the W.A. Butts Social Science Building. The B.B. King Recording Studio, The B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center sponsor the symposium.

“We are excited to host this amazing event,” said Margaret Clark, event coordinator. This symposium gets bigger and better each year. We are looking forward to all the presentations, discussions, art exhibit and the fellowship that makes the event stand out,” she added.

The topics set to be presented during the symposium will be a synopsis of the regional origins of the blues. Mississippi is known as the birthplace of the blues, but blues music was a developing art form throughout the South.

Dr. Alphonso Sanders, Symposium founder, explained that the blues is a music of the Black American culture and how its lyrics describe pain, heartache, joy and sorrow, and the good times and bad times.

“The Story of the Blues tells the woes of love and happiness between a man and a woman, the connection between a mother and a child, the loneliness of a fatherless home, and the hardship of the



workday from sunup to sundown. Its sound evokes a deep feeling within the soul and a spiritual awakening of the mind,” Dr. Sanders explained.

“Some say they like the blues, but I think they just like the fame ‘cause every time I try to give away my blues, nobody wants to share my pain,” added Dr. Sanders.

The symposium will take a journey through the South, making stops along the way and giving the audience a glimpse into the development of blues from the point of view of various influential areas.

The program moderator will be Art Turk Burton, who has been a conga and bongo drum jazz artist for over 40 years and who also received a full scholarship for jazz percussion to attend Governors State University and played in the GSU Jazz Band under Dr. Warwick Carter, where he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in African American Studies.

Burton, a Chicago-based Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (A.A.C.M.) member since 1973, has shared musical experiences with Dizzy Gillespie and many other musical

greats.

Burton will lead a discussion that begins with the Origins of Louisiana Blues featuring Rayful Neal, Jr.; the Origins of Arkansas Blues with Christopher Parker; the Origins of Georgia Blues with Frankie Robinson, Jr.; the Origins of Alabama Blues with Jock Webb, followed by a blues performance by Terry “Harmonica” Bean.

Bean is a lifelong resident of Pontotoc, MS, and first heard downhome blues at home. His father, Eddie Bean, a native of Bruce, MS, sang and played blues guitar.

Bean got serious about the blues in 1988 after visiting the Delta Blues Festival in Greenville. Every weekend for three years, Bean traveled to Greenville to play harmonica with James “T-Model” Ford and Asie Payton at various juke joints. He also played across the Delta with artists, including Lonnie Pitchford.

The afternoon session will begin with a discussion on the Origins of Tennessee Blues with Clark White and Henry Perry, Jr.; the final discussion will be on the Origins of Mississippi Blues with Diane Williams.

## Davis selected for WH Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities Scholars Program

Mississippi Link Newswire

An Alcorn graduate was selected for this year’s White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity HBCU Scholars.

Ronnie Davis, 23, a Collins, Miss. native, is a member of the 9th cohort of 102 HBCU Scholars from 29 states and countries.

“I feel honored and amazed,” said Davis. “Hard work really pays off. It will be a great experience for me.”

Currently enrolled at 70 of our nation’s HBCUs, this group of HBCU Scholars was selected from a competitive pool of over 300 applicants. Over the course of an academic school year, HBCU Scholars will serve as ambassadors of the White House Initiative on HBCUs, the U.S. Department of Education and their respective HBCU.

“Our 2023 HBCU Scholars are talented students who embody the culture of excellence and inclusion championed by our nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. “On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education and everyone across the Biden-Harris Administration, I congratulate each of our 2023 HBCU scholars on this prestigious recognition and thank them for their commitment to serving their communities. I’m thrilled to see the HBCU Scholars program continue to expand its reach and provide such exciting professional development, networking and educational opportunities to some of our nation’s brightest and most promising young leaders.”

A critical component of the HBCU Scholar Program is a partnership with NASA to foster innovation and opportunity for the cohorts. This partnership with NASA makes the Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) Innovation Tech Transfer Idea Competition (MITTIC), “Mini MITTIC” part of the HBCU Scholar Program.

Through the Mini MITTIC program, HBCU Scholars will partner with one another to develop ideas to commercialize technology derived from NASA intellectual property that can improve their campus and surrounding communities. HBCU Scholars will have the opportunity to present their IP ideas in-person at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland during the National HBCU Week Conference in September.

“NASA’s MUREP is thrilled, once again, to engage with the White House Initiative on HBCUs to enhance the learning experience for this year’s cohort



Davis

of White House Scholars,” said MUREP manager Torry Johnson. “We are looking forward to the new ideas that the scholars develop at the MITTIC Hack-a-thon using NASA’s technology portfolio and our continued overall support of the HBCU community.”

HBCU Scholars will also be invited to the 2023 HBCU Week National Annual Conference, which will be held September 24-28, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, Virginia. This year’s conference themes are, “Raising the Bar: Forging Excellence Through Innovation & Leadership.”

During the conference, HBCU Scholars will participate in conference sessions designed to engage a spirit of innovation, leadership and personal and professional development. Most importantly, HBCU Scholars will have opportunities to engage with one another, initiative staff and partners all to further showcase their individual and collective talent.

Following the conference HBCU Scholars will be invited to participate in programs, event and monthly master classes that are designed to enhance HBCU Scholars professional development and create greater access to post-graduation opportunities within non-profit, business and federal agency partners to ensure that as a nation we remain globally competitive.

More information about the 102 HBCU Scholars’ activities will be provided in the coming months as they serve as ambassadors of the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

## Jarett Benson named interim principal of Pecan Park Elementary School

The JPS Newswire

Jarett Benson is proud to serve as the interim principal of Pecan Park Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year. Benson brings 7 years of educational experience to this new leadership position.

He began his educational career as an assistant teacher while studying at Jackson State University. He received a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Jackson State University.

After graduation, Benson joined Jackson Public Schools as an elementary math and science teacher at George Elementary School and later at Walton Elementary School. He also worked as an after-school interventionist for Operation Shoestring,



Benson

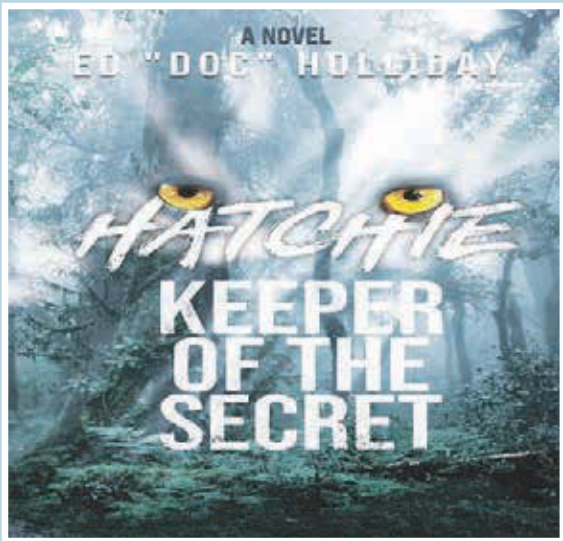
an education partner for JPS.

As a classroom teacher, Benson was recognized by Ask for More Arts as an Outstanding Educator in 2020.

Benson earned a Master of Science in educational leadership from Mississippi College. He began his career in leadership as the lead teacher and coach at Galloway Elementary School. Also, his role in leadership extends to serving as after-school program coordinator, A3 Summer Camp coordinator and A3 Summer Camp principal.

A product of Jackson Public Schools, Benson is a graduate of Lanier High School. He is a devoted educator with a heart and passion for his community. He believes that investing in a child’s education is the key to transforming lives and communities. He is proud to serve in the same district that laid the foundation for him as a young scholar.





# BOOK REVIEW: COLLEGE STUDENT'S SUMMER JOB LEADS TO REMARKABLE DISCOVERY IN HATCHIE: KEEPER OF THE SECRET

By Ed “Doc” Holliday  
*Mississippi Link Newswire*

Some college students flip burgers during summer breaks; some have internships; and occasionally, one is plunged into an overwhelming flood of historical revelations with biblical implications.

In Hatchie: Keeper of the Secret, author Ed “Doc” Holliday tells the story of Patrick, a college student home for the summer helping his grandfather harvest

pulpwood in the Hatchie Hills of North Mississippi. Patrick’s plan is to earn a little money to help with college expenses – not to uncover an ancient Native American secret with ties all the way back to King Solomon’s temple in Jerusalem.

As Patrick’s discovery is revealed, his world begins to unravel, and an evil force is unleashed that neither Patrick nor his grandfather is prepared to confront. Written to appeal to audiences

who enjoy the Indiana Jones and National Treasure films, Hatchie: Keeper of the Secret draws inspiration from true stories of early explorers to North America, like Hernando DeSoto, to build a gripping tale that propels readers to places they never knew existed and introduces them to characters they never could have imagined.

Full of mystery and intrigue, Hatchie: Keeper of the Secret is an action-filled adventure that culminates in a surprising end-

ing. The book is the first of a planned seven-part series.

“The series revolves around an ancient Chickasaw secret that is tied to Solomon’s temple,” Holliday explained. “That is a large span of time, but the tale is wrapped around the pursuit of world peace and some battles that are almost forgotten to history.”


#### About the Author

Ed “Doc” Holliday is an author and dentist living in Tupelo,


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Holliday has written a Point Counterpoint column in the *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal* for the past 15 years with a friend. He has worked for years in a racial reconciliation group called Mission Mississippi, and he has been active in local and international dental missionary efforts.

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# Callaway reopens Hughes Field with impressive win over Provine

By Timothy Ward  
*Sports Writer*

Historic JPS Field Hughes Field hosted its first football game in a couple of years. New turf, new parking lot and other improvements could be instantly noticed. Expect more exciting things on the horizon for the Hughes Field area this year.

Due to the heat, the Misshsaa allowed games to start at 7:30 and 8:00 last Friday. Jackson Public Schools announced last Wednesday that due to an “anticipated heat warning throughout Central Mississippi” that game times for Friday will be pushed back from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The games in Jackson that were affected were McComb vs. Jim Hill at South Jackson Field; Callaway vs. Provine at Hughes Field; Port Gibson vs. Murrah at North Jackson Field. Forest Hill vs. Florence and Wingfield vs. Crystal Springs both started at 8 p.m on the road. Lanier at Newton was the lone Jackson Public Schools game that began at 7:30 p.m.

Callaway jumped out to a 6-0 first quarter lead and added 6 more in the 2nd quarter for a 12-0 halftime lead. In the second half, Callaway erupted for 20 points, putting the game away for good. Callaway 32, Provine 0.

Callaway would amass 438 yards of offense – 333 yards on the ground and 105 yards through the air. Junior running back Marvin Moore rushed for 245 yards on 13 carries with 2 touchdowns. Sophomore running back Chrishawn Woodcox rushed for 51 yards on 7 carries with 1 touchdown. Senior quarterback Kantrell Thomas Jr completed 7 of 11 passes for 70 yards for the Chargers.

Callaway’s defense played lights out, however there were some opportunities that the Rams would love to have back. Two touchdown passes were



Provine Rams in red; Callaway Chargers in orange



PHOTOS BY TIM WARD



Callaway Chargers coach Dameon Brown



Callaway Charger



Provine Ram

dropped. If Provine had been able to capitalize on those chances, the game could’ve swung for either team. First game of the season always has jeters and blown chances. No team in the state is as good as they’re going to be a month from now. Best thing about the first game, it officially means Friday Night Lights is back!

Next up for Callaway is their

biggest historic rival, Murrah High School. The game will also be played at Hughes Field. Both teams enter the game undefeated with Murrah defeating Port Gibson 39 to 12.

Provine will host Lanier this week at the South Jackson Field.

Lanier comes in with a 1-0 record, defeating Newton 52-32.



## Jackson State opens up TC Taylor era with a bang

By Timothy Ward  
*Sports Writer*

FINALLY! Months after Deion “Coach Prime” Sanders took a new job, months after a large number of the team entered the transfer portal, months after TC Taylor was named head coach, months after the spring game, JSU’s season finally began.

Ironically, Taylor’s head coaching debut was in the same city where coach Deion Sanders’ finale ended, Atlanta. Not for the national championship, but for the MEAC/SWAC Challenge against the team that beat Jackson State two years ago for the national championship, South Carolina State. South Carolina State would win 31-10. Two years later, Jackson State wins 37-7 under Taylor.

Tiger Nation travels well, so, JSU was well represented in the “A.” Social Media was buzzing as the Tigers came out hot.

Anything you wondered about, was answered. Question, Who’s replacing Shedeur Sanders at QB? Answer, Jason Brown. Who’s Jason Brown? Jason Brown is a graduate student who played at Virginia Tech last season. He was a backup



JSU QB Jason Brown

quarterback who appeared in 3 games for VT. 6’2,” 230 pounds, pocket passing quarterback. How did he play? Fantastic! Jason Brown completed 26 of 30 passes for 356 yards with three touchdowns. Brown completed 22 straight passes: short passes, medium passes, long passes. Brown slung the football around the gridiron with precision and ease.

Brown’s performance would land him MVP.

Duke Miller lead the receiving corps with 9 catches, while Rico Powers lead in receiving yards with 95. SWAC preseason

selection, tight end, DJ Stevens had two catches for 26 yards with a touchdown.

The running game was another question mark for some, but not to Jackson State. The Tigers gained 173 yards on the ground. Irv Mulligan rushed for 111 yards on 14 carries with 1 touchdown. Mulligan broke loose for a 46 yard touchdown run on JSU’s opening drive. J.D. Martin carried the ball 11 times for 46 yards. The offensive line was pretty dominant most of the game, opening up running lanes for the backs, and passing lanes for quarterback Jason Brown.

Jackson State racked up 494 yards of offense against South Carolina State. What about the Darkside Defense? It’s still dark! South Carolina could not do anything offensively, especially in the first half. Quarterback, Corey Fields Jr only completed 7 of 20 passes for 60 yards. Pressured heavily, Fields, never had a chance to get comfortable. He threw an interception to JSU’s Tim Stewart in the second half and in the final seconds of the game, with JSU playing reserves, Fields connected with wide receiver Keshawn

Toney for a 18 yard touchdown. By far, his longest completion of the game. Fields was able to get 32 rushing yards on 6 carries. Most of that was him scrambling and running for his life. The darkside held South Carolina State to 201 yards of offense, 153 of that came on the ground.

Jawarn Howell rushed for 41 yards on 13 carries for the Bulldogs. Isaac Peppers registered the lone sack for Jackson State, and was second on the team with 5 tackles, however, two of those resulted in loss yards. Peppers seems to be stepping in for Audrey Miller.

Special teams had a good game. New kicker, junior, Gerardo Baeza, made all 4 extra point attempts and connected on 3 of 4 field goals. Baeza’s longest field goal of the game was 38 yards.

“We still got a long way to go,” coach Taylor said. “This is just the beginning for this football team. I’m very excited about where this football team is headed, though.”

On Monday, quarterback Jason Brown was named Boxto-row HBCU National Player of the Week.

## Alcorn looking to start season with a win against Southern Miss

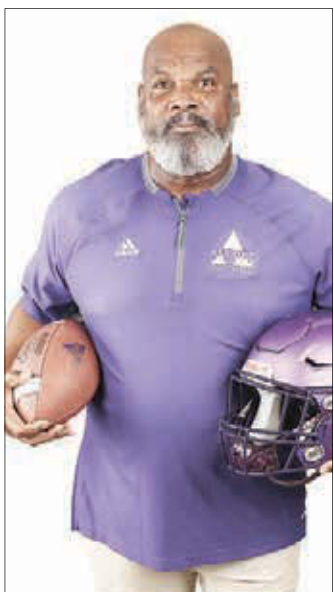
By Timothy Ward  
*Sports Writer*

“I told the guys yesterday after practice about the 0-3 start against Southern Miss. We haven’t won a game in three contests,” McNair said in an opening statement Monday. “It’ll be a good opportunity to go down and compete against a good FBS team.”

“It’s gonna be a very competitive ball game,” McNair added. “We’re going down there to win a ball game. We’re not going down there to show up and collect a check. We’re going down there to win a ball game. It’s not just a game.”

Jarveon Howard and defensive lineman Malachi Bailey, who were named to the pre-season All-SWAC first-team, look to lead the way as the Braves battle the Golden Eagles. Game time is 6:00 pm.

Alcorn is picked to finish second in the SWAC Western Division behind Southern. Many Braves’ fans feel this game is winnable and not just



Coach Fred McNair

a money game.

Braves nation travels well and is expected to make the drive to Hattiesburg. With both teams wanting to get off to a good start, it should be an intense game.

Frank Gore Jr is the offensive workhorse for Southern Miss.



# Hinds County School District Weekly Update

## ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

### HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL CONVOCATION

Hinds County School District held their Annual Convocation and it was filled with energy and excitement. The Mistress of Ceremonies were Lashurn Williams/ HCSD Administrator of the Year and Principal of BEEMS, and Julie Caballero HCSD Teacher of the Year. Greetings were given by HC School Board President Dr. Linda Laws. We had a ‘Welcome Back’ from the students by Demarcus Thomas, 12th Grade Terry High and Khaiya Wiley, 12th Grade Raymond High. Dr. Robert Sanders gave his Superintendent’s Address which fired everyone up! General Information/Operations was given by Michelle Ray, Assistant Superintendent. General Information/Academics was given by Dr. Antionette Woodall, Assistant Superintendent. Technology Updates & Information was given by Dr. Cynthia Wallace, Director of Technology. School Safety Training & CRASE was presented by Homeland Security Brown. Hinds County Special Guests were Senator Hillman Frazier and his wife who came to show support for Hinds County Schools. To end the day, the Raymond High School Band and Terry Cheerleaders fired up the crowd and everyone left ready for an exciting year!







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