

Black youths suffer the most from gun violence in America



Homicide victim Sierra Jenkins Homicide victim Devon Harris Chief Emergency Room Physician Valda Crowder, MD Sociologist Zina T. McGee Psychiatrist Rahn Kennedy Bailey, MD

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Sierra Jenkins, a former news assistant for CNN and reporter with the Virginian Pilot newspaper, was headed for the peak of her career. Her colleagues praised her for her journalistic acumen and her respect for reporting excellence.

But when her editor tried to call her to assign her to cover a shooting in Downtown Norfolk, Va. on March 19 last year, he could get no answer. Way out of character for this young journalist, known for her professionalism and accountability, there would be a reason for her non-response that would shock the world. Sierra Jenkins, 25, was one of the victims of the very shooting that her editor sought her to cover.

As her phone rang, she lay dead outside a popular pizza restaurant, felled by a bullet shot during an argument over a spilled drink. She was not involved in the dispute and the bullet was never intended for her. Nor was it intended for 25-year-old former high school



Homicide victims Shawn Jackson and Renzo Smith

honor student and football line-backer Devon Harris, also killed in the gunfire that night. The news devastated the community, their co-workers, family and friends.

Fifteen months later, on June 6 this year, only about 90 miles away, 18-year-old Shawn Jackson was also a promising young African American. Having just graduated from Huguenot High School 30 minutes earlier, he lay dead outside Richmond's Altria

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the leading cause of death [cdc.gov] among America's black children and young adults ages 1-44 is homicide by firearms.

Amidst this crisis, sociologists, black mental health experts and medical workers say one thing is certain: The travesty has taken its toll on black mental health – largely through fear, stress and grief – while the gun industry is reaping billions of dollars.

"The volumes of guns are now so high that many people just use a gun to solve conflict when even that person might have tried something different in the past," says psychiatrist Rahn Kennedy Bailey – chairman of the department of psychiatry at Louisiana State University in New Orleans. "Our streets have been flooded with guns, a lot of guns. Where people have always had conflicts and had to resolve it in different ways, now they might grab you and shoot you...The sheer vol-

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Biden-Harris Administration announces more than 4 million student loan borrowers are enrolled in the New SAVE Plan: MS has 45,300 borrowers enrolled

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Since the beginning of the Biden-Harris Administration, President Biden has concentrated on reduction of the student loan debt, a burden on families. A White House Regional Press Call on Student Loans was held and conducted by Under Secretary James Kvaal (Department of Education) and Bharat Ramamurti (Deputy Director of the National Economic Council) Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. An update was given to media participants on the administration's Saving on A Valuable Education (SAVE) plan.

New state-by-state data reflect that borrowers have already enrolled in the SAVE plan, the most affordable repayment plan ever created. Consequently, they are benefitting from President Biden's stance to make college more affordable and loan payments more manageable.

U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona commented that he was thrilled to see that millions of borrowers are enrolled and to see submissions of applications from so many Americans.

"Enrollment is quick and easy, and we are working relentlessly



James Kvaal, Under Secy. Dept. of Education

to get the word out to borrowers about how millions can reduce their monthly student loan bills and save over a thousand dollars a year by enrolling in SAVE," said Cardona.

Richard Cordray, Federal Student Aid Chief Operating Officer, added that the application only takes a maximum of ten minutes to complete. "Borrowers can get their monthly payment calculated in real time, and they can choose to have their IDR application recertified automatically each year," he further stated.

Under the SAVE Plan, a single borrower who makes less than \$15 an hour will not have to make any payments, and borrowers earning above that



Bharat Ramamurti, Deputy Director, Nat'l Economic Council

amount would save more than \$1,000 a year on their payments compared to other income-driven repayment (IDR) plans. With the SAVE Plan borrowers are ensured never to see their balance grow due to unpaid interest, as long as they keep up with their payments. Further, borrowers are allowed, with the new IDR application, to have their income accessed securely from the Internal Revenue Service, so they do not need to re-certify their income or re-apply for IDR plans every year.

Borrowers applying for the SAVE plan or other IDR plans will see their new payment amount before submitting their applications, and they will be displayed on their servicers' website when their first bill is sent. Most borrowers who apply for the SAVE Plan can expect their next payment to reflect their SAVE amount. After borrowers apply, they can check the status of their applications by visiting their account dashboard on StudentAid.gov. They can also use Loan Simulator to calculate student loan payments across other repayment plans and choose a loan repayment option that best meets their needs and goals.

Kvaal mentioned that there is no income cap. The monthly payment is based instead on income. Any borrower can enroll in the SAVE Plan.

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SBA/NPHC Conference, SBA's 70th Anniversary at Two Museums during Black Business Month



SBA/NPHC Conference: District Director Janita R. Stewart, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba and Dr. Latonia Lewis

By Jackie Hampton
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For over twenty years August has been designated as Black Business Month and it was during Black Business Month, when the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) held a training conference at Two Mississippi Museums located on North Street in Jackson, MS. It was held Friday, August 18, 2023, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

It was a co-branded event in which SBA MS District Director Janita R. Stewart and Deputy District Director Ashlei Donerson reached out and collaborated in the planning, marketing and rollout with the Mississippi NPHC leadership, Dr. Latonia Lewis and Kevin Anderson.

NPHC is comprised of nine historically black fraternities and sororities, often referred to as the "Divine Nine."

Stewart, along with Dr. Lewis, kicked off the event followed by a welcome from Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, who is also a member of one of the fraternities.

The training included an Entrepreneurial Development Panel facilitated by Deputy Director Donerson, Access to Capital Panel – Show Me the Money \$, led by Rhonda Fisher, Supervisory Lender Relations specialist and a Lenders Roundtable with representa-

tives from BankPlus, Peoples Bank and Renaissance Community Loan Fund.

In recognition of August as Black Business Month, a showcase of SBA Success stories/testimonials was held during lunch where four business owners summarized their stories and shared how instrumental SBA has been in the development, growth and success they have achieved. Speakers included Vera Hall of Innovative Performance Construction Company, LLC; Derek Starling, Sr. Principal, SOL Engineering Services, LLC; Nicholas Wallace of Nick Wallace Culinary, LLC; and Sharon Bobbett, Anointed Hands Services, LLC.

When asked by *The Mississippi Link* what she hoped the end-result of the conference provided to business owners and others, Stewart responded, "I certainly hope that those in attendance of our training conference who are business owners or want to own a business, will take the information provided and put it to use for their own benefit and/or share the information with others."

Stewart continued, "Throughout the course of many years, our office has worked with various chapters of Black Greek organizations and shared information on SBA's programs and services at financial literacy and entrepreneurship workshops, seminars and meetings."



SBA 70th Year Anniversary Celebration
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New Maternal Health Resource and Food Pantry opens in Mid-town Jackson



Various team builders await to speak to the expectant mothers regarding their well-being. PHOTOS BY JANICE-NEAL-VINCENT



Dr. Jennifer Hopping advises listeners to contact 911 when emergencies arise



Dr. Helen Beady educates expectant mothers about the necessity of proper health care.

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Dr. Helen Beady – Senior Community Impact director, American Heart Association – brought together several professionals who shared their knowledge and expertise on The Maternal Wellness Rx initiative. They met at the Magnolia Medical Foundation, a new facility (256 East Fortification Street in Jackson) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Friday.

Beady made it clear that compared to the rest of the nation, “Miss. has the highest rate of infant mortality and still births.” Additionally, inequities among

black women in reproductive health continue.

Expectant mothers, despite race and age, were advised to take proper care of themselves and to be cognizant of any warning signs that would interfere with their mental, physical and nutritional well-being.

Maximum care was the essential focus for the gathering.

According to Dr. Erica Thompson (CEO, Magnolia Medical Foundation), maximum care “requires the collective collaboration of various stakeholders to improve the health and well-being of mothers and their children.” Dr. Thompson main-

tained that while women need access to insurance, food, diapers, utilities paid, medical care, etc., health workers need a work force to grow their particular fields.

Executive Director, American Heart Association, Jennifer Hopping remarked that it is the job of the American Heart Association to raise funds and to change Mississippi. She demonstrated how to perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Hopping also emphasized the significance of calling 911 for emergencies.

Atmos Energy’s Vice President of Public Affairs, Bobby Morgan, noted that he was proud of the working relationship that

the company has with the American Heart Association. He asserted that theirs was a historical one. Morgan complimented the American Heart Association for their “innovative efforts” in working with expectant mothers.

Several members of the Magnolia Medical Foundation Care Team spoke of their roles with assisting expectant mothers.

Child birth educator and doula for eight years – Kashuna Watts – makes sure that mothers have access to an OBGYN or a midwife. The doula encouraged mothers to keep a journal and spot “red flags” that might occur. The red flags would allow the mothers to

ask their providers questions for clarity.

Jasmine Martin of Six Dimension (a public health research development company) spoke of the need for advocacy. “Advocacy is key because there are many moments throughout the pregnancy process. It determines the outcome. Knowing your rights are important,” she claimed.

The American Heart Association distributed a blood pressure monitor, healthy food boxes to encourage healthy eating, maternal wellness pickles and pop-sicles to the expectant mothers. It purports to advance cardiovascular health for all by 2024.

The Mississippi Department of Health has stipulated that 36 out of every 100,000 mothers will lose their lives either during or shortly after giving birth. At any rate, each maternal death is a loss affecting that mother’s family, her community and state.

The Mississippi Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) identifies opportunities for improvement and makes recommendations to prevent future deaths.

The event was locally sponsored by Atmos Energy.

Magnolia Medical Foundation is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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ume of guns are so high, a lot more violence happens.”

According to a report by the Center for American Progress, between 1986 and 2008, an average of 3.8 million firearms were manufactured in the United States. The report titled, “The Gun Industry in America: The Overlooked Player in a National Crisis [static1.squarespace.com],” then illustrates the rapid annual growth of the gun proliferation. The 3.8 million between 1986 and 2008 “doubled to an annual average of 8.4 million firearms per year from 2009 to 2018,” the most accurate recent count by the ATF.

In the year 2022 alone 4.2 million people in America became new gun owners, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation [nssf.org] (NSSF), the firearm industry’s trade association. In a report [nssf.org], the NSSF estimates “in 2022 the firearm and ammunition industry was responsible for as much as \$80.73 billion in total economic activity” in America. This does not count the thousands of so-called “ghost guns,” weapons not traceable because they are purchased secretly online or even made at home.

The compilations of resulting deaths have come from multiple directions. An NBC News analysis of data [cdc.gov]from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [cdc.gov] says, “More Americans have died from gunshots in the last 50 years” than in all of the wars in American history. “Since 1968, more than 1.5 million Americans have died in gun-related incidents. By comparison, approximately 1.2 million service members have been killed in every war in U.S. history, according to estimates from the Department of Veterans Affairs [va.gov] and iCasualties.org [icasualties.org].”

Everytown.org, a gun violence prevention organization, reports that black people “experience 12 times the gun homicides, 18 times the gun assault injuries, and nearly 3 times the fatal shootings by police of white Americans.”

But, the disparate impact on the black community is not new. It has been long known by experts that African Americans – just as in the cases of most other tragic social statistics – bears the brunt of the pain of gun violence physically, mentally and emotionally; even indicating that gun violence dramatically affects educational outcomes such as test scores.

A study led 20 years ago by Hampton University Endowed Professor Zina T. Mcgee, concluded that “Studies based on children raised in communities in which violence occurs have shown that direct encounters with violence (either as a victim or witness) increase the likelihood of experiencing anxieties, depression, social withdrawal, and difficulties in concentrating.” Based on information collected from African-American youth “residing in areas plagued with violence and crime,” Mcgee’s 2003 study [academia.edu] states that “With regard to

social class, research indicates that low socio-economic status serves as one of the many environmental factors that can contribute to the use of violence to resolve conflicts.”

Despite credible conclusions that most gun-related homicides occur in low-income black communities [penntoday.upenn.edu], it is clear that without the proliferation of guns the shootings would not be possible.

Dr. Valda Crowder, director of Emergency Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania witnesses the carnage up close on a regular basis. And it’s gotten so bad that while treating victims; she and other medical professionals must also protect themselves.

“Many emergency departments now have armed guards because there have been threats against emergency medicine physicians, nurses and hospitals. There have been actual shootings where emergency medical physicians were killed,” Crowder said in an interview. “So many now have armed guards as a result of the increased threats. Many also have machines that you have to go through just like the airport and metal detectors. Patients are sometimes wanded. Those things used to never occur 20 or 25 years ago. I think people should realize that any person or entity that anyone could get mad at is a potential victim.”

Crowder is among those struggling to end the carnage. Among a list of unique initiatives to end gun violence include the following:

- Crowder recalls how the historic photo of the mutilated body of Emmett Till, published in JET magazine, stunned the world and has been credited with sparking the modern day civil rights movement. Crowder believes that same kind of stunning moment could work again by placing on display bodies that have been mutilated by gun violence. “In 1955, the open-casket funeral of Emmett Till [r20.rs6.net]drew international attention to the savagery of Jim Crow segregation, spurring a national civil rights movement,” Crowder wrote in an op-ed early this year. “Now almost 68 years later, we must ‘do something’ to stop the gun violence. Opening the casket of someone who was shot by an assault rifle in a mass shooting may be the shock the nation needs. It may be the photograph that launches a bigger, broader movement overwhelming the clout of gun manufacturers and other entrenched influences.”

- U. S. Rep. Bobby Scott, who held a “Gun Violence Prevention Roundtable,” in 2019 following an incident in which 13 people were killed in a mass shooting, listed a string of Virginia killings and gun injuries near the area where Sierra Jenkins and Devon Harris were killed. “We have evidence available to show that affective policies can reduce these shootings,” Scott says. “When they are implemented, background checks work. Every day, back-

ground checks stop nearly 250 dangerous individuals from being handed a firearm. However, these same people can go to a gun show and purchase a firearm without any background check. Virginia laws are among the worst in the country,” he said, describing the commonwealth as the “gun-running capital of the world.”

- Scott says an assault weapons ban must be instituted because “the only thing that assault weapons are good for is killing many people quickly.” He said there is also need for sizeable gun magazine limitations. There are actually limitations on the size of a gun magazine to protect ducks but no limits on the size of gun magazines to protect people, he said.

- After a rash of mass shootings, including the racist killings of 10 people at a Buffalo, New York grocery store by a 19-year-old white man, the U. S. House and Senate finally passed a historic bi-partisan gun bill that was signed into law by President Joe Biden on July 11 last year. The first significant gun legislation in more than 30 years, it includes enhanced restrictions on gun ownership by people convicted of certain violent crimes; including domestic abuse. But it still fails to include restrictions on large bullet magazines. In fact, a similar racist killing of three black people in Jacksonville, Florida recently on August 26 was by a 21-year-old white man who reportedly bought the AR-15-style rifle legally. Biden said he didn’t get all that he wanted in the new law, but he vowed to keep trying.

Still, good old fashioned home training that instills non-violent morals and values is the best way to deter violence, says Bailey.

“The respect for life, how your parents raised you matter. If you believe human beings are valuable you wouldn’t shoot someone at all let alone shoot them for a non-violent offense,” Bailey said. “But in many shootings now that are not self defense or life or death, people are said to have a beef over something that’s non-violent and the person escalates it to violence by grabbing a gun and shooting someone.”

Parents, teachers and school officials could be in on this training in conflict resolution, Bailey says.

“Children are on the playground bumping into each other all the time. How teachers and counselors handle it goes a long way in teaching a little kid that it’s normative to jump around and bump into each other. But it’s not normative to bump into each other and knock them down and not try to help them or try to offer them assistance. Those are the kinds of things that start the process. The other thing is you can also do roll play of arguments so that young people can recognize what you should and should not say in the middle of a really big argument. Young men are often 18, 19, 20 years old; so they can drive and move around. They just may not know how to handle conflict. We should be very involved in this process.”

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The Department of Education has also begun a nationwide outreach campaign called “SAVE on Student Debt: in collaboration with leading grassroots organizations. “SAVE on Student Debt” is leveraging strategic partnerships across public, private, and nonprofit sectors to make sure borrowers know the supports available to them as they return to repayment and can take full advantage of the SAVE Plan and other available benefits and debt forgiveness programs.

More than \$117 billion in targeted relief for 3.4 million student loan borrowers has already been approved by the Biden-Harris Administration. This includes:

- \$39 billion for 804,000 borrowers through fixing historical inaccuracies in the IDR payment count system for borrowers who earned forgiveness;
- \$45.7 billion for 662,000 public servants through improvements to Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF);
- \$10.5 billion for 491,000 borrowers who have a total and permanent disability; and
- \$22 billion for nearly 1.3 million borrowers who were cheated by their schools, saw their schools precipitously close, or are covered by related court settlements.

Kvaal and Ramamurti maintain that the Biden-Harris Administration remains committed to making college more affordable and ensuring student debt is not a roadblock to attaining a college degree or credential, of planning for the future.

The largest increase to Pell Grants in a decade has come from this Administration. Further, the Administration has charted a course to double the maximum Pell Grant and make community colleges free to enhance college affordability and reduce unnecessary student debt.

Under this Administration, institutions are being held accountable for unaffordable debts and recently proposed regulations that would set standards for earnings and debt outcomes for career programs while enhancing transparency for all programs to give students the information they need to make informed choices.

Thus far, Mississippi has 45,300 borrowers enrolled in SAVE.

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“As one of the means by which SBA is reaching out to underserved markets, this recently executed national co-sponsorship agreement between the SBA and the NPHC provides the opportunity for SBA and local NPHC leadership to collaborate on behalf of all black fraternities and sororities,” she said.

Shortly after the SBA/NPHC Training Conference, SBA recognized its 70th Year Anniversary, also held at the Two Mississippi Museums. Derek Eady, SBA MS District Office Economic Specialist welcomed the attendees, provided opening comments regarding the occasion and recognized veterans, members of the military, National Guard and Reserves that were present. Also attending the event were some retired SBA Mississippi team members.

Stewart highlighted SBA’s work and showcased top SBA leadership. Mayor Lumumba also attended this event and provided a proclamation denoting SBA’s 70-year milestone. Donerson highlighted various other proclamations which were provided by Congressman Trent Kelly,

Congressman Bennie Thompson, Congressman Michael Guest and Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves. In addition, letters of honor to SBA were submitted by Senator Roger Wicker and Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith.

A special surprise presentation was made to SBA Mississippi team member Derek Eady, noting his twenty years of federal government service.

Of this event Stewart told *The Mississippi Link*, “Seventy years doing anything that helps and benefits others is a milestone some organizations never reach. Over the past 70 years, SBA has touched, influenced and elevated the lives of countless individuals, businesses and families.

“Many here in our state have been and are on the receiving end of this assistance. Working in partnership with our entrepreneurial development, lending, federal government contracting partners and others, the SBA team, past and present, has most certainly made a tremendous impact on communities throughout our state.”



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Lenders Panel - Rhonda Fisher, Vickie Watters, Jeremy Martin, Debra McGee and John Blanton



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Mississippi candidate for attorney general says the state isn't doing enough to protect worker

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

In Mississippi, one of the poorest states in the U.S. and where a 16-year-old worker recently died after becoming entangled in a factory conveyor belt, a candidate for attorney general said Thursday that elected officials must play a more aggressive role in protecting labor rights.

At a news conference ahead of Labor Day weekend, Greta Kemp Martin, the Democratic nominee for attorney general, rolled out a plan to create a fair labor division within her office if elected. The division would investigate and litigate cases involving child labor, wage violations and unsafe working conditions, Kemp Martin said.

"Labor has been a dirty word in Mississippi for generations. Some might ask why, because to some people, making money is more important than taking care of the people who make that possible," Kemp Martin said. "Not every employer fits this mold, but it certainly seems to be the case for our governor, attorney general and the majority of our lawmakers."

The push to strengthen the enforcement of labor laws comes on the heels of a push by lawmakers in some states to loosen child labor regulations amid high demand for workers. In the past two years, at least 10 states have introduced or passed laws that ease workplace protections for minors, according to a March report published by the Economic Policy Institute. Mississippi was not among those states.

But in July, Duvan Perez, a 16-year-old from Guatemala, became the third teenager nationwide to die in an industrial accident this summer. Perez was working on a sanitation crew at Mar-Jac Poultry in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on July 14 when he became entangled in a conveyor belt he was cleaning, according to records obtained by The Associated Press.

Mar-Jac Poultry blamed an unnamed staffing company for hiring Perez to work at the plant and said Perez's paperwork appeared to misrepresent his age. The episode was an



Greta Kemp Martin is the Democratic nominee for MS Attorney General. She is running to unseat Lynn Fitch.

example of the myriad ways in which Mississippi fails to adequately police its labor market, said Kemp Martin, who is the litigation director for Disability Rights Mississippi.

Mississippi is one of few states to have not adopted a minimum wage above the federal standard of \$7.25 per hour. Poverty statistics for 1982 through 2021, reviewed by The Associated Press, show Mississippi was the poorest state for 19 of those 40 years. In 2021, the U.S. poverty rate was 11.6%, and Mississippi's was the highest in the nation, 17.4%.

In 2022, Mississippi became the final state with a law, one that incumbent Republican Attorney General Lynn Fitch supported, requiring equal pay for equal work by women and men. A 1963 federal law required equal pay for equal work, but Mississippi had been the only state without its own law.

Michelle Williams, a campaign spokesperson for Fitch, said the incumbent helped pass the equal pay law and led Mississippi's shift from having an unemployment office to a Department of Employment Security. Fitch does not support the creation of a fair labor division.

"The people of Mississippi don't need a new government division to work with Biden regulators to sue Mississippi businesses," Williams said, touting the campaign's endorsement from the Na-

tional Federation of Independent Business. "General Fitch knows that the way to help Mississippi workers is to support businesses, job growth, and workforce development."

Kemp Martin said the 2022 equal pay legislation is weaker than federal law, and the state's paid family leave policies aren't generous enough for women and families.

On the campaign trail, Fitch, who was first elected attorney general in 2019 after two terms as state treasurer, has mentioned her support of policies like the expansion of a full year of Medicaid coverage for women after they give birth. Mississippi enacted the expansion after Fitch helped lead the push to overturn abortion rights nationwide.

Kemp Martin expects the Republican-controlled Legislature to balk at funding her fair labor initiative, but she said the Attorney General's Office has the discretion to create and dissolve divisions.

Robert Shaffer, president of the Mississippi AFL-CIO labor union, said the state is an outlier and needs to adopt more pro-worker policies.

"We are the only state in the United States that doesn't have any form of a voice for workers in government at all," Schaffer said. "And if you try to do anything about it, you get put down."

The general election is Nov. 7.

Mississippi governor's brother suggested that auditor praise Brett Favre

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

As Brett Favre became ensnared in media attention for his connection to Mississippi's sprawling welfare scandal, Gov. Tate Reeves' brother suggested the state official investigating the case praise the retired NFL quarterback.

Screen shots of text messages released Thursday by Reeves' re-election campaign show the governor's brother, Todd Reeves, passing along a request from Favre to Mississippi State Auditor Shad White for a favorable statement about the retired star athlete.

Todd Reeves texted White on May 6, 2020, months after the auditor announced in February that criminal charges were brought against six people accused of diverting welfare money intended for some of the poorest people in the nation to the rich and powerful.

Favre has not been charged with a crime. But he has said the media "unjustly smeared" him in coverage of the scandal, including about payments he received to help fund his pet project — a volleyball arena at the university he attended and where his daughter was playing the sport.

"If possible, Brett would like you to say something along the lines of 'the investigation (shows to this point) Brett has done nothing wrong and the monies he is paying back for commercials and Psa's is from his own good will,'" Todd Reeves texted White.

Another text from Todd Reeves said reporters were "hounding" Favre.

The campaign for Gov. Reeves, a Republican running for reelection, released the text messages to preempt a story by news outlet *Mississippi Today* about Reeves' brother.

On the same day Todd Reeves texted White, the auditor released a statement applauding Favre for repaying \$500,000 in money from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

"I want to applaud Mr. Favre for his good faith effort to make this right and make the

taxpayers and TANF families whole," White said in the 2020 statement. "To date, we have seen no records indicating Mr. Favre knew that TANF was the program that served as the source of the money he was paid."

In a statement Friday, Fletcher Freeman, a spokesperson for White, said everything the auditor said in that statement was true at the time.

"Later, when more evidence was uncovered that showed Mr. Favre knew the money was intended for people in 'shelters' and that Mr. Favre sought to hide this from the media, Auditor White openly highlighted this for the public," Freeman said, referring to the misuse of funds intended for anti-poverty initiatives like state-funded shelters. "Auditor White has been brutally honest about Mr. Favre's involvement here each time new evidence comes out, which is why Mr. Favre has repeatedly attacked him."

In February, Favre sued White and two national sportscasters for defamation.

In its Thursday news release, Reeves' campaign also shared a statement from Todd Reeves. The governor's brother said he connected Favre and White to facilitate the repayment of mis-spent TANF money.

"I've been friendly with Brett for years, and always heard great things about Shad. I didn't learn anything about this TANF mess or Brett's dealings with the state until it was front page news, "Todd Reeves said in the statement. "When Brett was considering repaying the funds, he asked me if I could help him get in touch with the auditor to coordinate that — so that's what I did."

To date, Favre has repaid \$1.1 million he received from a nonprofit that improperly spent TANF funds with approval from the state Department of Human Services. He still owes \$228,000 in interest, according to White.

In response to a list of questions emailed by The Associated Press, a Reeves spokesperson said the campaign released every text between

Todd Reeves and White.

The welfare scandal has become a flashpoint in Mississippi's gubernatorial race. Reeves has said he had nothing to do with the scandal, while his Democratic opponent, Brandon Presley, has said Reeves didn't do enough to stop it when he was lieutenant governor.

"The Reeves administration has launched lawsuits against everyone who the state believes owes money back, and the only thing that might harm that effort is Democrats lying to make the scandal a campaign issue," the spokesperson said. "Their claims require belief in time travel. As Todd said in his statement, Brett believed he had done nothing wrong and he was helping to convince him to return the money anyway."

As recently as Wednesday, the auditor's office had been fighting *Mississippi Today* in court to avoid handing over the text messages in response to public records requests. One day later, the governor's campaign released texts the auditor hadn't wanted to disclose amid an ongoing investigation. There is no indication the governor's campaign gave the auditor any advance notice about its decision to release the messages, and the campaign did not respond to a question asking if they did.

The auditor's office had argued that releasing the messages could damage its ongoing investigation into the welfare scandal and compromise efforts to recover stolen funds.

"The Auditor's office has not and will not release any text messages regarding any case because they are part of an investigative file," Freeman said. "Our job is to investigate stolen or mis-spent taxpayer funds and then hand the case to prosecutors to do their job."

The Mississippi Department of Human Services, with a new director, filed a civil lawsuit last year against Favre, along with more than three dozen other people and businesses, to try to recover more than \$20 million of the mis-spent welfare money.

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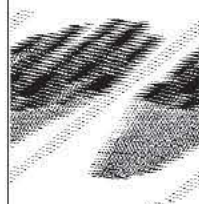
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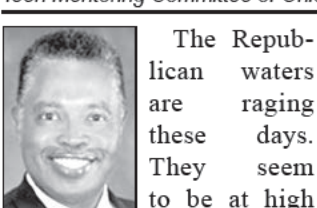
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Will the former president's co-defendants need to start GoFundMe accounts for their trials?

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The Republican waters are raging these days. They seem to be at high tide depending upon your perspective. It appears Trump supporters don't have life jackets. Their power, once found, is now lost.

Eighteen co-defendants plus Donald Trump have now been formally charged in Fulton County, Georgia. Their mug shots were taken and are in the public square for all to see.

As this unfolds, if you are a Republican, what are you thinking? The leading candidate for your party's nomination is facing both federal and state charges. How can you defend him? Your words and rationale are empty. They have no standing. Are you embarrassed yet?

Like me, you know what is at stake. Mr. Trump may have some in the GOP believing him however I believe silently many are beginning to leave him.

Let's zero in on Trump and the other 18 who are charged with numerous counts and what the future holds for them.

Like most Americans, they know that the rule of

law applies to them, too. The District Attorney of Fulton County, Fani Willis, gave them a deadline in order to come in and be formally booked. They complied. While Mr. Trump boarded his private airplane with his usual bravado, he followed the rules and was in Atlanta prior to the deadline.

All had to post bonds in order not to go to jail. One defendant, Harrison William Prescott Floyd, is African American and is a part of the group Black Voices for Trump. He spent some days in jail before being released last week after posting a bond which was \$100,000.00.

He is also accused of assaulting an FBI agent in Maryland some months ago. That case is also related to his support of Donald Trump.

The dates for these trials will be coming up during the coming months.

The trial for Kenneth Chesebro will begin on October 23, as he wanted a speedy trial. He is charged with seven felony counts. I believe Chesebro thought that the prosecution would not be ready. He was wrong.

Another reason for him wanting a speedy trial was to disassociate himself with Donald Trump. He realizes, maybe too late now, that being connected to Trump is

simply bad business. These are my opinions.

As these cases unfold, I wouldn't be too surprised to see some co-defendants provide damaging evidence against Trump. Why? At the end of the day, nobody wants to go to jail. Just ask Ethan Nordean and Dominic Pezzola, both members of the Proud Boys.

Nordean was sentenced to 18 years in prison and Pezzola was sentenced to 10 years in prison. More of these Trump supporters will be sending some time behind bars soon.

Trump cares nothing about them or anyone connected to his nefarious and questionable ways. Now, it is every man and every woman for themselves. They will get no special favors from him.

Defendants will need lots of money for their defense. Is Trump going to give them any of his money? We know the answer to that question. It is a resounding 'no.'

If you are a Trump ally or foot soldier in any way, get ready to start a Go Fund Me effort: Go Fund Me for the political destruction and torment that I find myself in these days. Go Fund Me for the poor decision-making that has affected my family and me. Finally, Go Fund Me because I thought Trump was going to fund me.

Love will make you do right

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



Does love make you do right? Does love make you do wrong? Does love play a major role in the decisions we make every day? Does love outweigh and exceed selfish ambitions? Does love cause you to pursue something or someone that isn't yours? Does love make you do wrong or right when it comes to your spouse – the one you made a vow to whether it was several weeks ago, four years ago, twenty-one years ago, thirty-seven years ago, etc.?

I know that the famous, hot boiling grits, soul singer, Pastor Al Green expressed decades ago that love will make you either do right or wrong. In other words, love will cause one to make either good or bad choices to pursue love and happiness with the one they truly love rather it is their spouse or not. However, I do wonder as it relates to the lyrics of this song – is it love, lust or infatuation that is causing one to be out all night long?

Love, especially real genuine love, should cause spouses to do right by one another. What is love? I believe that First Corinthians 13 provides the best description of what love truly is. According to First Corinthians 13, love doesn't provoke, love does not behave rudely, love is kind, love keeps no record of wrongdoing. It just seems that having this love for your spouse will make you want to do right in your marriage.

What does love will make you do right in marriage look like? It looks like the following:

- Going out your way to keep your marriage vows – keep your promise.
- Being faithful to your spouse physically and in thoughts – yes, you can be unfaithful to your spouse by your thoughts alone...

Matthew: 5:28 states: But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart – applies to both males and females – in other words, the thoughts are equal to the actual act according to God. I'm so sorry to burst your bubbles husbands and wives, however, the actual act has far more consequences but they both causes boo-hurt for many reasons...

- Respecting each other – this can be difficult – is it easy to give respect when you don't receive respect? Hmmmm...we may need to visit this topic in more details
- Not engaging in verbal abuse – no gas lighting – name calling, derogatory and demeaning comments and language
- Not abusing one another – no one ever has a right to put their hands on you in a violent and aggressive way; man or woman.
- Not engaging in mental abuse
- Not engaging in spiritual abuse
- Not engaging in emotional abuse
- Not engaging in economic abuse – yes, this is real, the husband is not willing to provide financial support for the family's welfare and/or is controlling the finances in a way that does not financially support the family. And then there are many wives who are forced to be the breadwinners with working and non-working husbands living within the household
- Forgiving one another
- Love will not allow disagreements, arguments, heated low-down arguments to pull you apart – instead, love will pull you together – okay, maybe not immediately but eventually.
- Accepting your spouse for who they are – only if it's helping build your marriage and not destroy your marriage
- Supporting one another's ambitions and aspirations

- Being a good communicator – giving eye contact– I mean using full sentences, and not uh-huh, hmmm, yep, nope or falling asleep.
- Being a good listener – it's nothing like having the reassurance that your boo is listening to you
- Willingness to have tough conversations – like about finances, children, etc.
- Empathizing with one another – understanding one's feelings, desires, even their moods
- Not intentionally depriving one another from intercourse
- Being patient when one is ill
- Helping with household chores
- Being available
- Spending quality time with one another
- Creating new memories with one another.

To conclude, love will make you pray for your spouse non-stop. Further, love will make you fight for your marriage. Love will seek counsel for your marriage. Love will cause you to make a U-turn from wanting to do wrong and/or doing wrong against your spouse.

Please don't get me wrong – I love Pastor's Green's, song, "Love and Happiness." His song will make a deaf man dance. However, I truly believe that love, genuine love for your spouse, soulmate, the one with whom you happily made vows will cause you to do right and not wrong.

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The sensible, the mad and the missing

Forward Times Staff

The 2024 presidential race is taking shape. It looks like a choice between the sensible, the mad and the missing. Joe Biden seems intent on running on his record, a sensible route for the incumbent. His major challenger, the inescapable Donald Trump, is replaying his madcap candidacy – his program a mixture of resentment, racism, bluster and victimization. What's missing are the big challenges that America can't avoid and can't seem to face.

In this first term, Biden has surely exceeded expectations. He has broken with the conservative era's trickle-down economics, and passed major initiatives to rebuild America's decrepit infrastructure, to revive manufacturing and move away from our disastrous trade policies, and to launch an industrial policy focused on renewable energy and energy efficiency.

He's enjoyed record low unemployment even as inflation has plummeted, and real wages have started to go up. He's voiced his support for unions and equal justice under the law, even if his initiatives in those areas have been blocked by Republicans and a couple renegade Democrats in the Senate. He will run as a competent leader who got things done.

Trump, who dominates the Republican field even as in-



dictments rain down upon him, doesn't really have an agenda – or rather his agenda is himself – "I alone can fix it." He promises, for example, to end the Ukraine war in 24 hours, because he says he can. What he offers is grievance and theater. He rails against an America that is a wasteland, three short years after he made it great again. For substance, he offers postures – send troops to the border, get tougher on the Chinese, double down on oil and coal and rollback climate and environmental legislation.

What's missing in this face-

off is the necessary; the set of challenges that we can't avoid but refuse to face. For example, America's healthcare system fails us. It costs nearly twice as much per capita as the health systems of other advanced countries while providing worse care and far worse medical outcomes.

Our life expectancy is declining, a stunning measure of its failure. Millions remain without health insurance. Many millions more struggle to afford the care that they need. Private equity barons are merging hospitals, purging

nurses and slashing services. Medicare is rapidly being privatized, even as costs soar and coverage declines.

Bernie Sanders called for a national healthcare plan – Medicare for all – when he ran for president in 2016 and 2020.

Congressional progressives led by Rep. Pramila Jayapal have introduced legislation and held hearings on a sensible plan that would save money while covering more people and lowering costs to patients.

This issue isn't in the debate – but healthcare costs and the crisis of care are escalating

rapidly, and it simply cannot be avoided.

Or consider the continuing scourge of children in poverty. The expanded Child Tax Credit that Joe Biden succeeded in passing as part of his American Rescue Plan reached more than 61 million children in 36 million households. Experts estimated that it reduced childhood poverty by 30 percent. Surely it makes more sense and costs less to invest in Head Start, childcare and day care at the front side of life than welfare and jail care on the backside. Yet, the expanded

tax credit was ended after one year – and childhood poverty in America is worse than any other industrial country.

This list can go on. Inequality is at obscene extremes, but passing fair taxes that would enable us to strengthen Social Security and invest in public education faces a Republican Party that is universally opposed to lifting any taxes on the wealthy. College debt is higher than credit card debt and makes it harder for the young to afford marriage or a home. Efforts to reduce it have been blocked.

Our military budget is at record heights, even as the Pentagon remains the greatest source of waste, fraud and abuse in the federal government. Yet our commitment to police the world – to maintain dominance in every region, on land, sea and space – demands even more. We have guided missiles but misguided leaders. The result is endless wars, constant conflict, and ever greater demands to spend ever more.

The sensible, the mad and the missing. Faced with the choice, Americans will no doubt vote for Joe Biden over Donald Trump, the sensible over the mad and maddening. But it is the missing issues that will have the greatest impact on the daily lives of voters.

The country desperately needs citizen movements and strong leaders who will expand the debate.

Never stop working out - It's never too late to start working out

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

“My husband use to workout almost every day for most of his life. Now, he does nothing. He tells me he has done enough working out to last him the rest of his life. Does he still have to workout to stay healthy?”

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Lois, he still has to workout. He's only as good as his last workout. The Framingham Heart Study, which was conducted in Massachusetts, compared people who'd only recently started exercising with those who used to exercise regularly but stopped. They found that cardiovascular mortality rate was 40% lower among the current exercisers.

The benefits of exercise wear off quickly. But, the benefits of exercise will show up quickly. The study also shows that sedentary patients still have a chance to get into shape.

Aerobic exercise primarily works the heart, lungs and circulatory system. Aerobic workouts will also help you burn body fat if you do 30 minutes or more of continuous movement. It takes your body 20 minutes to switch to the fat burning stage during a workout. Try to get in at least 30 to 45 minutes of aerobic exercise 3 to 4 times a week. Try to keep your aerobic workout under 60 minutes. This way



you won't overdo it and you'll decrease your risk of injury due to repetitive stress. Thirty to 45 minutes is ideal, but you may have to start below 5 minutes and increase your workout time gradually.

Some examples of aerobic exercise include 30 minutes or more of brisk walking, jogging, bicycling, swimming, walking in a pool, aerobic dance and jumping rope. If you're trying to lose weight, an aerobic workouts with good

eating habits will help you see results within a few weeks.

To get started with a walking or jogging program, start with 5 minutes. Add 2 minutes each week until you reach 30 to 45 minutes.

Riding your bike is a great form of aerobic exercise. But, you should follow some safety tips. Millions of people under the age of 18 receive bicycles for gifts each year. Each day one child dies from a bicycle injury. Most of these injuries

can be avoided. Bikers get some sort of hit on the head in three out of every four-bike accidents. And a head injury is more likely to kill you.

Bright colored helmets make it easier for you to be seen. You can tape any information in your helmet that your doctor might need. Be sure the helmet and strap fit correctly. The helmet won't do you any good if it flies off your head.

Most important, be sure you buy a helmet that has a Snell Memorial Foundation Standard or ANSI label. That's how you know the helmet will give you the best protection.

Being seen is important while riding. During the day a bike flag will help drivers notice you. A whistle will help to warn drivers if you need to get their attention. At night, you'll need reflectors, white or yellow for the front and red for the back. You can also put them on your pedals. Most state laws call for lights on the front and back if you're riding during the night.

You should wear brightly colored clothes that are different from the landscape. Yellow is good because it never blends in. Red is great and day-Glo orange will definitely be seen.

Never take traffic for granted and always be aware of the cars around you. Biking is great for exercise and fun if your ride is safe.

When you ride a bicycle for

fun or exercise, remember to start with short distances at a steady pace. Build on your distance, speed and time. To get the most out of your cycling, you should adjust your seat so that your legs are almost fully extended when the pedal is at the bottom of your bike. At the top, the toes should be tilted back and the heel slightly down. You should always pedal with the ball of the foot and not your toes.

You also need to do some toning and strength building exercises for a totally fit body. Calisthenics, resistance training with weights or machines will strengthen and tone your body. Weight training for teens is a good way to help strengthen and shape their bodies, but there are some exercises you should avoid.

If you're under 18, you should never do heavy weight bearing exercises such as deadlifts, behind the neck presses, bent lateral raises, clean and jerk, standing toe raises and squats with weights on the back. These exercises place too much stress on the spine and joint areas because your bones are still growing and not completely fused. Your bones are not completely fused until about age 18.

If you've never exercised before, find a beginner exercise group. A professional can help you get started. If you want to give it a try on your own, start

a walking program. Walk every other day. Do calisthenic exercises on the day you don't walk. Do at least one exercise for each body part. Start your program slowly and be consistent. Keep a diary to keep track of your progress. After a few months, you may want to get into weight training.

A good diet will get you off to a great start in your quest for a fit body. Just after waking, have a glass of 100% fruit juice. After a shower, have a whole grain cereal such as oatmeal or corn grits with whole grain toast. For lunch, pack a protein like tuna, chicken or turkey with a salad. These three meals will go a long way in fueling your body with an abundance of vitamins, minerals and energy to keep you going. You should avoid high sodium and high fat foods.

You should consume between 12 to 15 calories per pound of body weight daily. Eating 4 to 6 small meals a day stimulates your metabolism to burn calories instead of shutting down to store fat. You should have 2 servings of protein, 3 servings of fruit, 4 servings of grains, 4 to 6 servings of vegetables and 2 servings of dairy products.

If you have never worked out or you're out of shape, see your doctor to get his approval to start a program. Before starting your fitness program, consult your physician.

New COVID-19 variant, “pirola,” raises concerns amidst ongoing crises

By Stacy M. Brown
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Amidst a news cycle that now routinely features wildfires, former president indictments and extreme weather events, the world is grappling with the resurgence of COVID-19 as a new and concerning variant, BA.2.86, emerges. This variant, informally dubbed “pirola,” has ignited alarm among public health experts due to its substantial spike protein mutations.

Dr. Scott Roberts, an infectious diseases specialist at Yale Medicine, warned that pirola exhibits over 30 spike protein mutations compared to the previously dominant XBB.1.5 variant in the United States. The spike protein is critical for the virus's entry into human cells, and such a high number of mutations raises red flags.

In an online Yale Medicine article, Dr. Roberts compared the mutation count to the shift from the Delta to the Omicron variant in 2021, which caused a significant surge in cases due to its immune evasion capabilities. What's particularly concerning is that pirola has been detected in at least six countries, and these cases appear unrelated. Experts are suggesting that undetected community transmission and international spread, is sparking concerns of a potential resurgence.

According to medical experts, BA.2.86 is a designated variant of omicron, a variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus responsible for COVID-19. BA.2.86 stems from BA.2, a previously circulating omicron subvariant. The variant was first identified in Denmark in late July and made its way to the United States in August.

Knowing that cases aren't linked indicates broader circulation, significantly as



COVID-19 surveillance has declined, medical experts asserted.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that current COVID-19 tests and medications, such as Paxlovid, Veklury, and Lagevrio, seem effective against pirola. However, pirola may be more adept at infecting individuals who have had COVID-19 or have been vaccinated. There isn't any current evidence that it causes more severe illness.

The increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations in the U.S. is attributed to XBB lineage viruses rather than pirola. The multitude of mutations in pirola raises concerns about its potential to bypass immunity from natural infection or vaccination.

Dr. Roberts emphasized that ongoing studies would reveal the true nature of pirola's threat. The unprecedented number of mutations in pirola is reminiscent of significant shifts seen in other respiratory viruses, such as the 2009 swine flu. However, he noted that these variants sometimes fade away without causing a significant impact.

The critical question now is whether pirola will follow the explosive growth pattern of omicron or fade away, as everyone hopes.

As of August 30, the CDC has identified pirola in at least four U.S. states through samples

from individuals or wastewater.

Some regions have reinstated mask mandates in response to the spike in COVID-19 cases. Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York, is among the institutions requiring masks in clinical areas to protect patients and staff. The CDC reports a nearly 19% increase in weekly new COVID-19 hospitalizations in the U.S., marking the sixth consecutive week of rising admissions.

The arrival of new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax in mid-September is expected to offer robust protection against variants. Until then, experts stress that masking remains a crucial tool for safeguarding against COVID-19, even for individuals with normal risk levels, depending on their location and contacts.

Dr. Stephen Thomas of the Upstate Medical University in Syracuse told NPR that the facility has reverted to mandating masks. “We wanted to, No. 1, protect our patients, and, No. 2, protect the men and women who work in our facility, and take care of them,” Thomas told NPR. “So, we implemented universal masking for staff, visitors, and patients only in clinical areas. We're a university. We're large. We have a lot of non-clinical regions. Universal masking is not being mandated in non-clinical areas.”

Why advocates say we must do more to prevent legionnaires' disease

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When people go to the hospital, they don't expect to become sick because of their visit. Yet this has been happening for decades in hospitals across the country partly due to a dangerous bacteria known as legionella. These bacteria are known to cause a serious and potentially fatal form of pneumonia called legionnaires' disease, and the rates are increasing.

In the past 10 years, the number of reported cases of legionnaires' disease has risen by 200%. While rarely a threat in nature, legionella bacteria grow and thrive in man-made settings where water is warm, including water from showers, faucets, fountains and equipment. In fact, legionella bacteria is found in up to 50% of hospitals, as well as in hot tubs, decorative fountains and other buildings. Legionnaires' disease is caused by breathing in small droplets of water containing the bacteria, usually from water used for showering or from cooling towers associated with air conditioning systems in large buildings.

Deaths from community infections of legionnaires' disease occur in 10-15% of cases, but that rate increases to 25-30% if infected in a hospital or healthcare facility. The symptoms of legionnaires' disease are no different from other forms of pneumonia. These include high fever, coughing and shortness of breath. Often the diagnosis is missed, and most cases go undetected until it is too late. In fact, most patients who die from Legionnaires' disease never have the cause of their illness brought to light.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports about 1,000 cases per year, but admits that the true number is likely much higher. This is why early detection is imperative in saving lives, as typical treatments for pneumonia do not work. The most effective antibiotics for treating legionnaires' disease are levofloxacin and azithromycin.

What's worse, typically only 50% of hospitals test for legionella, leaving many patients and health care providers unaware of the danger. There are no federal regulations for legionella testing and only a handful of states have adopted requirements for testing. Even with the preventative measures available to these facilities, systemic neglect continues.

“A trip to the hospital should not be a death sentence. More needs to be done,” said Dr. Ja-



net Stout, executive vice president and founder of Special Pathogens Laboratory at Pace Analytical, a provider of regulatory testing and analytical laboratory services. “Water management programs and testing are proven to prevent legionella infections.”

The average test costs \$100 and depending on the size of the facility, it can take an average of 10-20 tests to detect the presence of legionella. It's highly recommended that every building that is not a small-to-mid-sized house with hot water recirculation, is multi-story and has water-cooled air-conditioning systems (cooling towers) test quarterly. This includes hospitals, long-term care facilities, casinos, cruise ships and data centers.

Many hospitals believe they can do the testing themselves, but are not aware of the specialized methods that are required. It is highly recommended to have experienced professionals provide testing to ensure it's done right.

While private homes are rarely a source of exposure for legionella bacteria, people who are severely immunocompromised should discuss precautions with their physician.

“It's time for action. We need to do more to prevent legionnaires' disease and the accompanying loss of life,” says Stout. “Test to protect!”

P R E S E R V E D

Right thing in a wrong situation

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A number of years ago, I was intrigued by the question of whether you can do the right thing in the wrong situation and still be blessed. One response kept coming up: Because God looks at our heart, he will always bless us according to what our motivation is even if we are in a wrong or less than desirable situation. It doesn't matter how we got into the situation. What matters is how we handled the situation and in what ways we let it affect our hearts. Most importantly, in these situations do we turn to or turn away from God?

Even as I thought about this question, I remember feeling like I was being tested by God on whether I could choose the right thing even though the situation was one of the most

uncomfortable that I'd been in.

The choice to do the right thing was easier than I thought it would be. The hard part was sticking to my decision. I felt that my heart was right and seeking the right things, but my own fears kept moving me closer and closer to the point that I was about to change my mind.

What kept me focused on trying to do right were the many real-world examples I had of friends and family members who appeared to have been doing the right thing in the wrong situation but we're still catching hell years later.

Over the years, what I've learned in trying to figure out the answer to that question of being blessed in wrong situations is that we have to be open to God's grace in addition to God's favor. So many of us pray for God's favor but we have a hard time accepting God's grace. We have to

make the choice to trust God as it says in Proverbs 3:5 to trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

We also have to make the choice to not wallow in sin but quickly repent and restore fellowship with God. One scripture that reminds us of the importance of this is Psalm 66:18 which states, "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."

In fact, there are many instances in the Bible of people being blessed even though they did wrong (Moses, Abraham, David, Rahab) because their intentions (their hearts) were also honorable even if their actions sometimes were not. It seems like in today's society, we might try to do the right thing but only if we have some guarantee that it's going to work out the way we want. Or we may somehow get away with something for a season and believe that God's

silence is also his agreement with that wrongdoing.

However, we will rarely have peace of mind. Proverbs 14:10 and 30 says, "Each heart knows its own bitterness and no one else can share its joy. A heart at peace gives life to the body but envy rots the bones." There's not enough solos you can sing in the choir or hours you can usher to earn peace of mind. That only comes when we have removed guilt, anger and disappointment and replaced it with godly intentions.

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Be strong in the Lord

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



In Psalm 2:1, the Psalmist asked the question, "Why do the heathen rage and the people plot in vain?" The people rage against Christ. They directed their envy and hatred at Him, but He used the Apostles to sound forth the Word of God. They were up against the rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places. The high priest and the Sadducees laid their hands on the Apostles and put them in prison.

Acts 5:19-20 tells us: "But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." Persecution is going to get more fired up, but we are serving God, and He will see us through every trial and every persecution, no matter what comes or goes. We must be determined to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. We cannot do it by abilities or through our intellect.

After the Apostles went back into the temple and began to preach the Word of God again, what happened? The rulers apprehended them again. Verses 27-28 tell us that they brought

them before the council, and the high priest asked them, "Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us." I want you to notice the Apostles' answer. Verse 29 says, "Then Peter and the other Apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men." All over this world, millions of people are obeying and adhering to men's ideals and men's counsel, but none other can save us but Christ.


Jude, verses 20-21, admonishes: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

If you will, you can overcome every power of the enemy, not only for yourself but for your brother. Paul said, "We war against spiritual wickedness in high places." He said in Ephesians 6:13, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

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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 prospect 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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Advertisement for
RFP 2023-19 Online Digital Literacy Platform

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 Bid
Bid 3247 Child Nutrition District-Wide Cooked Pizza & Delivery

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), September 22, 2023, at which time and place they will be publicly opened. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4226

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Earnest Williams has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting an Use Permit to allow for a general restaurant within a C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial Subdistrict on property located at 1651 University Blvd – Suite B. (Parcels 166-1) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Being situated in the SW ¼ of Section 9, T5N, RI E, City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the West right of way line of Old U. S. Highway No. 51 (now Terry Road) with the South line of Lot 49 of Mississippi Addition, a subdivision, the map or plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 4 at page 90 of the Chancery records of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, said intersection being the point of beginning for the parcel herein described; thence run 44.338 feet along the arc of a 6615.93 foot radius curve to the right in the said West right of way line, said arc having a 44.338 foot chord which bears S 400 39'05" W, thence S 400 56' 25" W for a distance of 11.84' along the West right of way line; thence N 60 0 48' 35" W for a distance of 3575 ' along the said West right of way line; thence S 400 56' 25" W for a distance of 225.10' along the said West right of way line; thence leave said West right of way line and run N 670 03' 35" W for a distance of 335.45' to an iron pin which marks the Southwest corner of the T. R. Evans property as described in Deed Book 699 at page 366 of the said Chancery Clerk Records of Hinds County; thence N 18 0 34' 21" E for a distance of 351.885' to the South right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 80; thence S 820 46' 00" E for a distance of 349.515' along the said South right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 80; thence run 36.243 feet along the arc of a 3173.50 foot radius curve to the left, said arc having a 36.43 foot chord which bears S 290 23' 58" W; thence S 290 04' 20" W for a distance of 78.70'; thence S 600 55' 40" E for a distance of 60.0'

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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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along the Westerly extension of the South right of way line of Somme Street; thence S 290 04' 20" W for a distance of 50.0' along the West line of the said Mississippi Addition to the Southwest corner of the said Lot 49 of Mississippi Addition; thence S 600 55' 40" E for a distance of 106.81' along the said South line of Lot 49 to the point of beginning, containing 3,488 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 20, 2023.

WITNESS my signature this 5th day of September 2023.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4223

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Vishal Kumar S. Patel has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting an Use Permit to allow for an extended stay hotel within a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 572 E. Beasley Rd. (Parcels 709-361-8) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A parcel of land containing 1.7917 acres, more or less, being situated in the Southwest ¼ of Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

Commence at a point of the west line of said Section 1, where the same is intersected by an extension of the southern line of Beverly Heights, Part 3, a subdivision, the map or plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 11 at Page 36 of the Chancery Records of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, and run thence East for a distance of 755.70 feet along the said extension of the southern line of Beverly Heights, Part 3, to the southwest corner of the said Beverly Heights, Part 3; thence continue East for a distance of 336.04 feet along the said southern line; thence, South 89 degrees 25 minutes 46 seconds East for a distance of 1,510.46 feet along the said Beverly Heights, Part 3, to the northwest corner of that certain property which was conveyed to food Max of Mississippi, Inc., in Deed Book 3644 at Page 425 of the said Chancery Records of Hinds County, Mississippi; thence South 00 degrees 34 minutes 15 seconds West for a distance of 733.90 feet along the western line of the said Max Food property to the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence continue South 00 degrees 34 minutes 15 seconds West for a distance of 345.01 feet to the northern right of way line of Beasley Road; thence North 89 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west for the distance of 227.51 feet along the northern right of way line of Beasley Road; thence leave said northern right of way line and run North 01 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 345.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for distance of 224.93 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being the same property conveyed to ESA P PORTFOLIO L.L.C. (/f/k/a BRE/ ESA properties L.L.C.) by Deed from Summit Hotel Properties, LLC, a South Dakota Limited liability company of record in book 6509, page 161, said Register's Office.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 5th day of September 2023.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4224

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Bria & Alvin Lyles has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting an Use Permit to allow for a manufactured home within a R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District on property located at 0 Forest Glen Dr. (Parcel 720-10-5) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

BEG NE COR NW ¼ SW ¼ SEC 9 S 1187.93 FT WLY 378.49 FT N

1184.63 FT E 356.18 FT TO POB IN NW ¼ SW ¼ SEC 9 T6 R1E.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 5th day of September 2023.

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

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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 PURSUANT 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 PARTICIPATING AND UTILIZING FEDERAL NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS PURSUANT TO SECTION 45D OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AND/OR SECTION 57-105-1 ET SEQ., MISSISSIPPI 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

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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.

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.

City reserves the right to reject any and all bids
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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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4225

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Ernest King Jr. has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for a privately owned horse facility/stable within a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 526 Eden Downs Rd. (Parcels 844-170 & 844-170-2) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

PARCEL I

Being situated in the northeast quarter of section 21, Township 5 N, range 1 W, Hines county, Mississippi and being more particularly described by meats and bounds as follows, to wit:

Commence at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 21 and run thence W for a distance of 605 point 25 feet; vents run north for a distance of 525.30 feet to the center of a drainage ditch; thence leave said center of drainage ditch and run N 89 degrees 18 minutes 17 seconds W for a distance of 718.24 feet along an existing fence line to the eastern line of Eden downs Rd. Dance N 00 degrees 24 minutes 56 seconds W for a distance of 120.0 feet along the old eastern line of Eden downs Rd. To a ferrous rod which marks the point of beginning for the parcel herein described; Thence leave said eastern line and run S 99 degrees 09 minutes 20 seconds east for a distance of 750.61 feet to the center of a drainage ditch; thence N 10 degrees 40 minutes 17 seconds east for a distance of 34.20 feet along the said Sinner; that's N 36 degrees 12 minutes 35 seconds east for a distance of 27.31 feet along the said center; Thence N 44 degrees 51 minutes 15 seconds east for a distance of 38.42 feet along the said center; Thence N 15 degrees 16 minutes 45 seconds east for a distance of 79.32 feet along the Sid center; that's north 12 degrees 00 minutes 32 seconds east for a distance of 64.61 feet along the said center; That's N 43 degrees 00 minutes 05 seconds east for a distance of 21.76 feet along the said center; Thence N 02 degrees 23 minutes 23 seconds W for a distance of 63.36 feet along the said center that's N 26 degrees 16 minutes 23 seconds east for a distance of 14.39 feet along the said center; Thence S 55 degrees 06 minutes 39 seconds east for a distance of 18.47 feet; Thence N 21 degrees 12 minutes 46 seconds east for a distance of 19.74 feet along the center; Thence north 08 degrees 52 minutes 23 seconds W for a distance of 91.17 feet along the said center of a drainage ditch; thence leave said center of a drainage ditch and run S 88 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds east for a distance of 70.56 feet to a fence corner; Thence N 11 degrees 42 minutes 47 seconds east for a distance of 206.0 feet along the fence line to a fence corner; Thence N 76 degrees 52 minutes 26 seconds W for a distance of 783.81 feet along the existing fence line do l fence corner; thence South 01 degrees 00 minutes 40 seconds W for a distance of 81.71 feet along a fence line to a ferrous metal rod; thence leave said fence line and run N 87 degrees 22 minutes 40 seconds W for a distance of 230.47 feet to the Sid eastern line of Eden downs Rd. Thence S 01 degrees 26 minutes 55 seconds W for a distance of 273.55 feet along the said eastern line of Eden downs Rd. Thence S 00 degrees 04 minutes 37 seconds east for a distance of 451.50 feet along the Sid eastern line of Eden down roads to the point of beginning, containing 14.9161 acres more or less. (plat or survey by Robert B Barnes, R. P. L. S., is attached hereto as exhibit A in aid or and as a part of this description.

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:

Yeas: 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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LESS AND EXCEPT FROM THE WARRANTY herein is 0.0776 acres, more or less, lying in the northeast corner of the above described property which lies between the deed line and the existing fence line. They said grand tours do hereby remise, release and quitclaim their rights and interests in and to this 0.0778 acre, more or less, to the said grantees.

PARCEL II

Part of the SE ¼ of the capital N Capital SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 21. TNS 5. The First Judicial District, Jackson, Hinds County, Miss. As established by Robert B Barnes, R. P. L. S, per a survey dated December 19, 1992 and run thence a 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds dash 608.25 feet; Run this capital N 60 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds S - 529.30 feet; run thence in 85 degrees 14 minutes 47 seconds in dash 720.14 feet to the east line of Eden towns road; Run thence N 00 degrees 24 minutes 56 seconds north 270.00 feet along the east line of Eden downs Rd. to an iron pin; Run that's N 00 degrees 04 minutes 37 seconds West 59.40 feet along the east line of Eden downs Rd. to an iron pen and the point of beginning; Continue thence N 00 degrees 06 minutes and 37 seconds north 152.26 feet along the east line of Eden downs Rd. to an iron pin; Thence leaving Eden downs Rd. Run N 68 degrees 19 minutes 08 seconds E 256.80 feet along a westward extension of an existing fence and an existing fence to an iron pin; Run thence S 00 degrees 06 minutes 37 seconds N 240.05 feet to an iron pin; Run thence S 85 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds north 372.02 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.000 acres more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 5th day of September 2023.

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

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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 proposer must submit a signed original six (6) printed copies and an electronic copy (thumb drive w/ pdf) of its proposal. Official proposal documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com electronic responses can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com For any questions relating to the electronic response process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
EDWARD JOHNSON, DECEASED

CAUSE #: P2022-154 T/1

PETITIONER: ALICE H. JOHNSON

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EDWARD JOHNSON, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Alice H. Johnson Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Edward Johnson, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 30th day of October 2023, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County before Honorable Dewayne Thomas, Chancellor. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 25 day of August 2023.

CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY
Mississippi

B. Robinson

09/07/23



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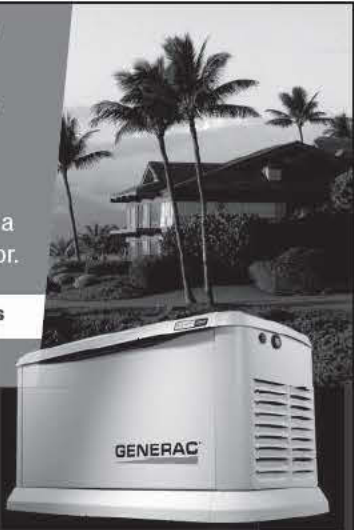
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NNPA president launches radio commentary show in partnership with USBC Radio Network

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

Inside the hallowed halls of the Audacy Studios at the heart of New York’s financial district, National Newspaper Publishers Association President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., a noted Civil Rights icon, co-founder of the Hip-Hop Summit, and National Director of The Million Man March, formally announced the launch of a new daily radio commentary set to hit the airwaves this fall.

The groundbreaking initiative, titled “The Good News,” will be broadcast on Audacy News/Talk and Urban stations, made possible by the underwriting support of The Good News and U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. Radio Network.

In its inaugural season, “The Good News” will feature Chavis delivering concise, impactful 60-second radio commentaries. During a news conference on Aug. 28, Chavis and his partners said the segments will offer a refreshing and timely outlook on positive stories often overshadowed by the headlines dominating the news cycle.

Chavis and U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. President and CEO Ron Busby said the show will cast light on positive developments across America and the world and will also spotlight “the commendable local business ventures” fostered by the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. members, a network boasting an impressive 350,000 local chamber participants.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to host ‘The Good News,’ supported by KMG Networks and the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc.,” Chavis asserted during the press conference that took place as legendary New York radio station 1010 WINS aired in the background. “We aim to amplify those genuine stories that often go unnoticed in mainstream media. We are dedicated to magnifying authentic narratives that serve as inspiration, fostering positive social transformation, equality and equity.”

The collaboration between Chavis and the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. marks a turning point, with “The Good News” becoming an integral part of the



Chavis

comprehensive USBC Media Network. The integration will see the highly anticipated USBC Radio Network seamlessly join forces with its media counterpart, creating a dynamic and influential platform.

“For our debut season, ‘The Good News’ and the USBC are investing in important News/Talk and Urban stations, including WCBS/NY, KNX/LA, and KCBS/SF, and other leading News/Talk and Urban Contemporary stations across the U.S. to kickstart his very important audio commentary to a national radio audience,” said Gary Krantz, CEO of KMG Networks.

Busby also added his excitement about the partnership. “We’re thrilled to present the debut program on the USBC Radio Network, ‘The Good News,’ with Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. As we reveal this inaugural show, it marks the initial stride in a compelling series that aims to inspire, educate and enthrall,” Busby stated. “Our enthusiasm extends to the forthcoming array of impactful programming, set to connect deeply with a diverse range of audiences. Our partnership with KMG Networks has us poised not only to make a significant impact in the realm of media but to transcend its boundaries.”

Busby continued. “The Good News” promises to be “a beacon of positivity, celebrating stories that deserve the spotlight. With its far-reaching impact and the support of influential partners, the show is positioned to uplift and engage listeners nationwide, fostering a renewed sense of inspiration and unity.”

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis booed at vigil as hundreds mourn more racist killings

By Russ Bynum And Aaron Morrison
Associated Press

Hundreds of people gathered Sunday at prayer vigils in frustration and exhaustion to mourn yet another racist attack in America: this one the killing of three black people in Florida at the hands of a white, 21-year-old man who authorities say left behind white supremacist ramblings that read like “the diary of a madman.”

Following church services earlier in the day, about 200 people showed up at a Sunday evening vigil a block from the Dollar General store in Jacksonville where officials said Ryan Palmeto opened fire Saturday using guns he bought legally despite a past involuntary commitment for a mental health exam.

Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis – who is running for the GOP nomination for president, who has loosened gun laws in Florida and who has antagonized civil rights leaders by deriding “wokeness” – was loudly booed as he addressed the vigil.

Ju’Coby Pittman, a Jacksonville city councilwoman who represents the neighborhood where the shooting happened, stepped in to ask the crowd to listen.

“It ain’t about parties today,” she said. “A bullet don’t know a party.”

DeSantis said that on Monday the state would be announcing financial support for security at Edward Waters University, the historically black college near where the shooting occurred, and to help the affected families. He called the gunman a “major league scumbag.”

“What he did is totally unacceptable in the state of Florida,” DeSantis said. “We are not going to let people be targeted based on their race.”

Sheriff T.K. Waters identified those killed as Angela Michelle Carr, 52, who was shot in her car; store employee A.J. Laguerre, 19, who was shot as he tried to flee; and customer Jerrald Gallion, 29, who was shot as he entered the store in a predominantly black neighborhood.

Gallion attended St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville. Bishop John Guns told the crowd that Gallion was the 33rd murder victim in the 27 years he has been here. “In two weeks I have to preach a funeral of a man who should still be alive,” Guns said. “He was not a gangster, he was not a thug – he was a father who gave his life to Jesus and was trying to get it together.”

“I wept in church today like a baby because my heart is tired. We are exhausted.”

The latest in a long history of American racist killings unfolded early Saturday afternoon after Palmeto first parked at Edward Waters University.

The sheriff said a video posted on Tik-



DeSantis

Tok with no timestamp showed Palmeto donning a bullet-resistant vest. A university security guard spotted Palmeto and parked near him. Palmeto drove off and the security guard flagged down a Jacksonville sheriff’s officer who was about to send out an alert to other officers when the shooting began at the store.

Palmeto used an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle and a Glock handgun in the shooting. He had legally purchased the guns in recent months even though he had been involuntarily committed for a mental health examination in 2017. Because Palmeto was released after the examination, that would have not shown up on his background checks.

Palmeto killed himself as police arrived, about 11 minutes after the shooting began.

Palmeto lived with his parents in neighboring Clay County. He texted his father during the shooting and told him to break into his room, Waters said. The father then found a suicide note, a will and the racist writings Waters described as “quite frankly, the diary of a madman.”

“He was just completely irrational,” Waters said. “But with irrational thoughts, he knew what he was doing. He was 100% lucid.”

The sheriff said Palmeto, wearing his vest covered by a shirt, gloves and a mask, first stopped in front of Carr’s vehicle and fired 11 shots with his rifle through her windshield, killing her.

He entered the store and turned to his right, shooting Laguerre, video shows. Numerous people fled through the back door, the sheriff said. He chased after them and fired, but missed. He went back inside the store and found Gallion entering the front door with his girlfriend. He fatally shot Gallion.

He then chased a woman through the store and fired, but missed.

“We must say clearly and forcefully that white supremacy has no place in America,” President Joe Biden said in a state-

ment Sunday. “We must refuse to live in a country where black families going to the store or black students going to school live in fear of being gunned down because of the color of their skin.”

Biden spoke to Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan in the wake of Saturday’s horrific shooting. The president also spoke with Sheriff Waters. In both calls, he offered his full support to the people of Jacksonville, according to a statement Sunday evening from the White House.

Earlier Sunday, the pastor of St. Paul AME Church near the site of the shooting told congregants to follow Jesus Christ’s example and keep their sadness from turning to rage.

Mayor Deegan wept during the service. “Our hearts are broken,” the Rev. Willie Barnes told about 100 congregants. “If any of you are like me, I’m fighting trying to not be angry.”

Elected officials said racist attacks like Saturday’s have been encouraged by political rhetoric targeting “wokeness” and policies from the Republican-led state government headed by DeSantis, including one taking aim at the teaching of Black History in Florida.

“We must be clear, it was not just racially motivated, it was racist violence that has been perpetuated by rhetoric and policies designed to attack black people, period,” said state Rep. Angie Nixon, a Jacksonville Democrat.

“We cannot sit idly by as our history is being erased, as our lives are being devalued, as wokeness is being attacked,” Nixon said. “Because let’s be clear – that is red meat to a base of voters.”

Rudolph McKissick, a national board member of the Rev. Al Sharpton’s National Action Network, Baptist bishop, and senior pastor of the Bethel Church in Jacksonville, was in the city Saturday when the shooting occurred in the historically Black New Town neighborhood.

“Nobody is having honest, candid conversations about the presence of racism,” McKissick said.

Past shootings targeting black Americans include one at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket in 2022 and a historic African Methodist Episcopal church in Charleston, South Carolina in 2015.

The Buffalo shooting, which killed 10 people, stands apart as one of the deadliest targeted attacks on black people by a lone white gunman in U.S. history. The shooter was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Associated Press writers John Raoux in Jacksonville, Terry Spencer in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Trisha Ahmed in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Mike Balsamo in Washington, D.C., contributed to this report.

Dems introduce bill to eradicate solitary confinement, highlighting racial disparities

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

A group of House Democrats is spearheading legislative efforts to dismantle the practice of solitary confinement, a punitive measure that disproportionately affects black and brown inmates within the American penal system.

Rep. Cori Bush of Missouri, a passionate advocate for criminal justice reform, leads this critical initiative. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, Sydney Kamlager-Dove of California and Jamaal Bowman of New York are among Bush’s colleagues joining the effort.

Together, they have introduced groundbreaking legislation to abolish solitary confinement

within federal prisons and jails, effectively addressing a glaring issue within the nation’s correctional system.

The proposed legislation does not merely seek to banish this punitive practice; it also aims to institute vital due process safeguards for individuals where solitary confinement is the sole recourse. Further, the bill offers incentives to states, encouraging them to adopt similar legislation at the local level, fostering a more equitable and humane justice system.

Bush minced no words in denouncing the practice of isolating incarcerated individuals, referring to it as a “moral catastrophe.” She underscored the gravity of the

situation, citing United Nations experts who have characterized solitary confinement as psychological torture. “This practice is traumatic for people subjected to it, harmful to communities, and alarmingly, it disproportionately impacts black and brown individuals, young people, LGBTQ+ members and other marginalized communities,” Bush passionately asserted.

Rep. Bowman echoed Bush’s sentiments, declaring that such a method of imprisonment has no place in the United States. He emphasized the stark reality that harsh practices like solitary confinement directly target marginalized groups, particularly people of color. “We must put an end to this

cruel and traumatic form of punishment for the well-being of all,” Bowman insisted.

Rep. Kamlager-Dove expressed her profound disapproval of solitary confinement, likening it to a grave human rights violation that would be condemned in any other context or country. She also emphasized the necessity of treating incarcerated individuals as human beings, mainly if the goal is rehabilitation and significantly reducing recidivism rates.

“If we aspire for those within the penal system to emerge rehabilitated and less likely to re-offend, we must prioritize treating them as individuals deserving of dignity and respect,” Kamlager-Dove stated.





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Mississippi artists to paint Faulkner's mule farm

By Erin Garret
University of Mississippi Communications

Nine artists from across Mississippi will soon converge on what was once William Faulkner's mule farm to depict the landscape in a "plein air" painting competition.

The Sept. 17 event will be held at Greenfield Farm, a 20-acre parcel of land east of Oxford previously owned by the famous author. The University of Mississippi, which owns the property, plans to convert it into a one-of-a-kind writer's residency that will attract writers from Mississippi and those who make Mississippi their subject.

Besides fundraising for the project, the painting competition will include a public reception at 4 p.m. During the reception, visitors can watch the competitors complete their pieces, enjoy refreshments from Tarasque Cucina and potentially purchase paintings created that day.

"Greenfield Farm is so beautiful," said Brooke Alexander, organizer of the event and instructional assistant professor of art. "It's overgrown, and you can just feel the history in the land and all the stories that have come through the space."

"Obviously, the land is going to change once the writer's residency begins, so we wanted to somehow document it before changes start to happen — to showcase the beauty that the land has claimed on these ruins."

The artists will be given free rein to use their medium and canvas size of choice. Of the finished pieces, one will be selected for a \$1,000 grand prize and will become part of the farm's permanent collection. Other works will be available for purchase.



GREENFIELD FARM
WRITERS RESIDENCY
THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI



Alexander said the scope of competing artists demonstrates "a very small portion of what Mississippi artists bring to the table."

"Mississippi has such a wide range of artists," she said. "The writer's residency will welcome a diverse group of people, so we are trying to get that sense already at the start of this project. We hope to introduce these artists to people in Oxford and get them interested in their work."

Competing at the event are:

- Benny Melton, who earned his Master of Fine Arts at Ole

Miss and was raised in Yazoo City

- Charlie Buckley, an Oxford painter whose work has been recognized by the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters

- Thomas Coon, a visual fine artist, specializing in equine and canine portraiture who teaches at the university

- Brenden Davis, a Jackson native who works in graphic arts and animation, among traditional mediums

- Sarah Frances Hardy, an Oxford-based author, illustrator of children's books and painter

- Sabrina Howard, a graduate of the Atlanta College of Art who lives in Jackson and works as a graphic designer and painter

- Hannah McCormick, a UM graduate who paints and teaches in Water Valley

- Jared Spears, a Taylor-based painter, sculptor, designer and musician

- Vondrel Warren, a Clarksdale native who works as a firefighter and artist

Coon said he is honored to be selected as part of the juried group.

"I went out to look at the space,

and it's really jungle-like," said Coon, an adjunct instructor in art and art history at the university. "I look forward to being able to portray how it looks now versus how it's going to look."

"I want to capture the essence of the time when Faulkner owned the mule farm. I'm an equine and canine portrait artist, so the mule aspect is symbolic for me."

Frank Estrada, local artist and printmaker, looks forward to judging the event.

"I saw the roster of artists, and I'm excited to see the variety of talent that is going to be there," said Estrada, a multimedia specialist at the School of Business Administration. "As a printmaker who mainly works in black-and-white, I personally will be looking at the color palette that each artist uses."

Stacey Rathert, instructional assistant professor of art, also will serve as a judge for the competition. She said she is excited to watch artists depict the landscape and environment in their own distinct way.

"Generally speaking, they all have the same materials, same amount of time and the same location to create," Rathert said. "But I expect that their work will vary a great deal as they work in their own voice."

"I will be looking for that diversity and uniqueness to come through, as well as pieces that really capture the spirit of the location. The site will never be the exact same as it was in the moments that the artists are at work, not just as the site vegetation and structures change to welcome the residency program, but also the light, the atmosphere and the feelings that the space evokes in

that moment."

The third judge is Jay Watson, Howry Professor of Faulkner Studies.

"My main goal is to help get people out to Greenfield Farm," Watson said. "I want people affiliated with the university and people from the community to know it's there and it's a cultural treasure."

The planned retreat-style residency will attract writers, including novelists, poets, songwriters, playwrights, essayists and nonfiction writers. The program will afford 50-plus writers the time and space to execute their projects.

The university's commitment to the project is evidenced by a wide range of participation in the competition, said John T. Edge, director of the Mississippi Lab, which will manage Greenfield Farm Writers Residency.

"This is a great illustration of the way that members of the various colleges at our university work together," Edge said. "With this event, we have the Mississippi Lab in collaboration with the English department, the business school and art department. All see the possibilities of this place."

"I hope it's a demonstration of more collaboration to come."

For those interested in attending the reception, Greenfield Farm is about 13 miles northeast of Oxford off Highway 30. Turn left on County Road 249, travel approximately one mile, cross a bridge and look for signs to your left. Coordinates are 34.449730, -89.309403.

For more information or for assistance related to a disability, contact Edge at johnet@olemiss.edu.

JPS scholars and administrators participated in Jackson's Citywide Day of Action

The JPS Newswire

On August 28, scholars from Dawson Elementary School and Capital City Alternative School, community leaders and elected officials rallied together for the Jackson Citywide Day of Action to beautify and restore public and educational spaces on Percy V. Simpson Drive.

Day of Action is one of the month-long series of events to commemorate the anniversary of the Jackson Water Crisis and honor the tenacity and togetherness of Jackson residents that laid the foundation for historic and long-overdue investments in our water system.

"Since last year's water crisis, we have made remarkable progress in securing the fund-



ing and expertise necessary to provide us with a water system our residents and businesses deserve," said Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba. "As we look back, I'm especially proud of the community leaders and volunteers who endured the water

crisis by coming together to help one another. Today's event is just another reminder of the love, dedication and impact these unsung heroes have on our city on a day-to-day basis."

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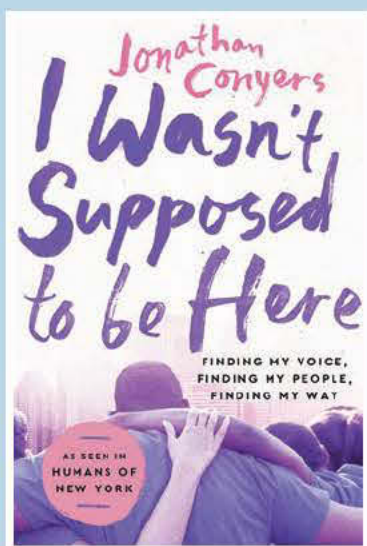
"It is part of our restorative practices too," Tanya Mason, principal of Capital City Alternative School, told the Mississippi Free Press. "So, we try to get them to understand the behavior and expectations, then what (they can) do to change.

These students are contributing to their communities."

Volunteers in Jackson provided meaningful services, from cleaning up streets where trash was clogging storm drains, to participating in art beautification efforts, and setting up bar-

riers to deter further dumping at one of the worst illegal dumpsites in the city.

A time capsule was also buried in front for the Dawson Elementary Pre-K scholars to unearth in 2035 as a historical cache.



BOOK REVIEW: I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE HERE

BY JONATHAN CONYERS
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Something's all wrong about this scenario. It doesn't even look right. It's a mess, which isn't how you expected it to be.

No, you should've turned around the minute you saw it, walked out the door, and denied all responsibility but now you're involved. And in the new memoir "I Wasn't Supposed to Be Here" by Jonathan Conyers, making things good is going to take some work.

For most of his earliest life, Jon Conyers was never totally

sure where he'd wake up the next weekend. His parents were both addicted to crack, and moving from apartment to shelter and back and from state to state happened all the time for him and his siblings.

"I just knew I never felt safe," he says.

Despite that his childhood was "tinged with trauma," Conyers' parents insisted on one good thing: that their five children get an education. That was the family beacon, an unwavering base that never changed. Conyers says his parents were

often high but they still showed up to parent-teacher conferences, without fail, and his older brothers each attended college.

Conyers, however, struggled. He did well in school while the family lived in Virginia, but back in New York, the streets were often more appealing than a classroom.

He says that the old African proverb is correct, though: it does take a village to raise a child. He saw, early-on, that if you don't have a village, you need to build one yourself – and that's what he did.

When he had trouble staying in school, a mentor held him accountable. Others saw past the righteous anger that surfaced from him sometimes, and they pushed him to study at a Harlem high school that helped him channel his energy and succeed. He was further encouraged to apply for a summer program that expanded his horizons.

Conyers says "I was going to learn all I could, be successful, and come back to help the people in my community."

And then his dream was almost derailed by one small

thing...

Does this story sound familiar? If you're a fan of Humans of New York on social media or in books, then you might have read bits of author Jonathan Conyers' story. In "I Wasn't Supposed to Be Here," you'll get the rest of it.

And you'll see the grace inside this story, so much grace that it almost makes you weep.

Starting before he was born, Conyers writes, it seemed as though the universe was conspiring against him: he was almost aborted, he was some-

times hungry and sometimes homeless. His education was often in question, as was his life, but there's no real complaining in the telling of any of this. Readers just get the facts, in a voice that uplifts as it conveys awe at the presence of angels in a "village."

While this book seems aimed at adults, it could be a wonderful, meaningful gift for older teens, too.

If anyone needs a feel-good, "I Wasn't Supposed to Be Here" is all kinds of right.



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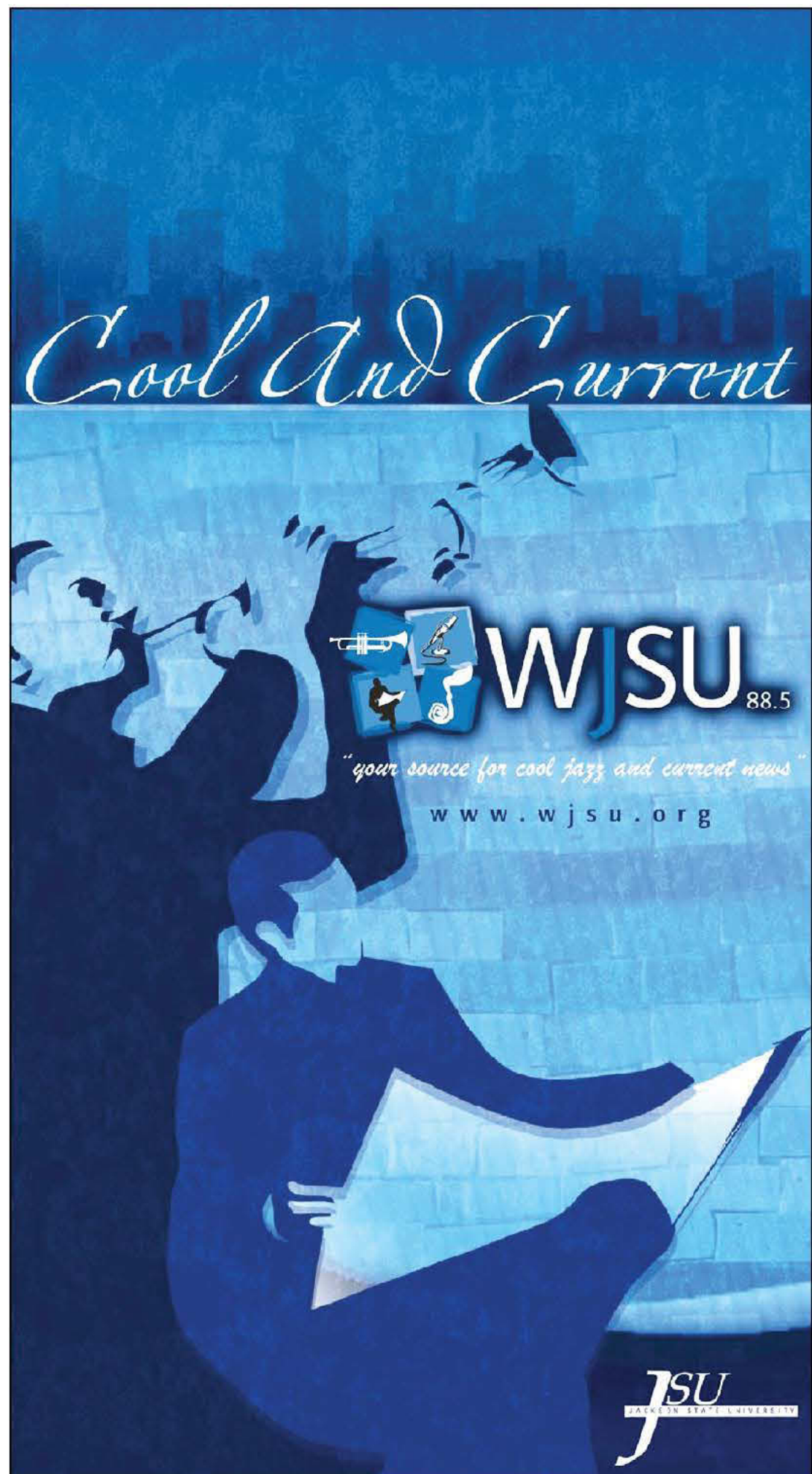
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Alcorn falls to USM in season opener

By Timothy Ward
Sports Writer

Alcorn State University, the SWAC preseason predicted runner up in the West Division behind Southern University, traveled to Hattiesburg last Saturday. 30,335 fans watched Southern Miss win 40 to 14. Turnovers would haunt the Braves in the first half.

Opening possession of the season, quarterback Tyler Macon was intercepted by Jay Stanley. Stanley would once again intercept Macon in the first quarter, on Alcorn's third possession of the half. Jay Stanley became the first Golden Eagle to intercept two passes in a game since Ky'el Hemby in November of 2018.

Bouncing back on proceeding drive, Redshirt sophomore quarterback Tyler Macon, would break loose for a 75 yard touchdown run. At the end of the first quarter, USM lead 17 to 7. The Golden Eagles would add 10 more points in the second quarter, taking a 27 to 7 lead into the half. USM racked up 246 yards of offense in the first half.

During halftime, Alcorn State's Band and Southern Miss's band would join together on the field to play "America." The fans gave both bands a standing ovation.

Alcorn switched quarterbacks at halftime. Junior quarterback Aaron Allen played the second half. Allen completed 5 of 9 passes for 44 yards. Tyler



During halftime Alcorn and USM bands played "America" together on the field.

Macon was 0 for 5 with two interceptions for the game, however rushed for 83 yards on 4 carries with a touchdown.

When asked about his quarterbacks, head coach Fred McNair stated, "I thought Tyler played well in the first half and up until we took him out in the second half. He did have a long run for a touchdown, which is always good to see off a quarterback. He didn't get many passes off and he had two picks. Then Allen came in that second half and made some completions. Had some long drives and took us to score right there in the fourth quarter. I thought we did some good stuff quarterback wise, completing some passes and making the right reads and stuff but we got a lot of work to do and then we will see how it works next weekend

and get prepared."

Running back, Jarveon Howard, gained 47 yards on 13 carries. His longest run of the game was 18 yards. Niko Duffey was able to score the Braves' second touchdown on a 15 yard run in the fourth quarter.

Coach McNair was asked about Niko Duffey, he replied, "Last year was kind of a down year for him but he is coming back this year, a little bit bigger than what it was. He's playing extremely hard. He ran the ball fast to score the last touchdown and broke some tackles and stuff like that. He's getting the rough on and is going to be a good combination with him."

McNair summed the game up saying, "We came out in the first quarter a little jittery and we were just trying to get settled in. I thought we settled

down in the second quarter and made some plays. Just the first quarter really got away from us. I think the second half we came out and played a little bit better and harder on defense, we had a couple of sacks there too. You know, we played a good, Southern Miss football team. I think Will Hall has done a good job out here and we just got to continue to fight. The guys played extremely hard. They didn't quit, they didn't give up, they fought to the end and that's what we expect as coaches. We got a lot of positive things out of it. A good platform to form a player on, you know, just to get a measurement of what we had coming out of camp and stuff like that. So, I think the biggest thing is that we have to just get back to work on it next week and get ready



Alcorn starts a new season

PHOTOS BY TIM WARD



Jarveon Howard, running back



ASU QB Allen drops back to pass

for a good Stephen F. Austin football team. Overall, I think the guys trained themselves the way they played against a good Southern Miss team. We'll take away the things we did well and

get back to work on Sunday." The Braves look to bounce back next week, traveling to Nacogdoches, Texas to battle Stephen F. Austin. Game time is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Jackson State's 19 game SWAC win streak snapped by FAMU

By Timothy Ward
Sports Writer

It was all good just a week ago. Jackson State opened the season looking dominant, winning 37 to 7 over South Carolina State. In the first half of the game this past Saturday, they were the ones being dominated.

FAMU lead 28 to 0 at halftime. Tiger nation was shocked. FAMU's Marcus Riley took the opening kickoff back for a 96 yard touchdown. 11 seconds into the game, FAMU lead 7 to 0. Before you blink, FAMU was up 21 to 0 at the end of the first quarter.

Most Jacksonians were speechless at this point or saying words that we shall not repeat. Quarterback Jason Brown, who played masterfully the previous week, was a shell of himself Saturday. Brown isn't the most mobile quarterback on the team and the lack of mobility hampered him. Constant pressure from the Rattlers' defense caused Brown to make erratic throws. He missed wide open teammates, something that he did not do previously. Brown hit his hand on a FAMU defender's helmet. After that play, he could be seen checking his hand and



FAMU QB Jeremy Moussa

squeezing it constantly.

Head coach TC Taylor switched to junior quarterback Zy McDonald in the second half. McDonald, a product of Ridgeland High School, gave the offense a jolt of energy. McDonald would connect with wide receiver Rico Powers on a 66 yards touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

FAMU's pressure did not bother McDonald as much as it did Jason Brown. McDonald is a scrambling quarterback. He was able to move around to avoid the defense better than Brown. McDonald finished the game completing 10 of 14 passes for 149 yards and 1

touchdown. Brown completed 10 of 19 passes for 82 yards.

Irv Mulligan continued to be a bright spot for the offense tallying 77 yards rushing on 16 carries. McDonald also gained 30 yards rushing on 8 carries.

Defensive breakdowns in the first half, surprised most fans watching the game. Special teams breakdown too, but the defense couldn't match up properly in the first half. For the game, FAMU gained 394 yards of offense. However, in the second half, the defense held FAMU scoreless. Whatever adjustments the coaching staff made, worked. Isaac Peppers



FAMU running back Terrell Jennings

paced the defense again with 9 tackles. Antonio Doyle, Jr. grabbed 6 tackles and a sack.

The game as summed up like this. "We got our butts kicked today out there today," Jackson State coach TC Taylor said. "I have to do a better job of getting this football team ready to play. I thought that (special teams) was a thorn in our side all day," Taylor said. "We have to do better going forward, myself and coaches as far as getting this football team ready to play. I thought Zy (McDonald) did a great job," Taylor said. "Jason has some things he has to work on going forward. Zy came in and

gave us a little spark. He was able to do a little bit more as far as the quarterback run game and gave the offense a little bit more spark in the second half."

Next up, Jackson State travels to Baton Rouge to play Southern. Game time is 6 p.m. Jackson State goes in 1-1 on the season and trying to identify themselves.

Southern lost to Alabama State this past Saturday in Montgomery, Alabama.

The Jags and Tigers are always in a fierce battle, expect more of the same this week, especially with both teams coming off a disappoint lost.



JSU wide receiver Isaiah Spencer

Murrah takes back trophy from Callaway in football

By Timothy Ward
Sports Writer

Last Friday at Hughes Field, Murrah High School won their second game of the season to remain undefeated at 2 & 0. Most people considered the win an upset due to Callaway's win streak against Murrah the past few years. Callaway went 8 & 2 last season, making the playoffs along the way.

The Callaway Chargers are looking to build on their success from last season and go even further into the playoffs this season. Both teams brought momentum into the game coming off wins the previous week.

Murrah would compile 196 yards of total offense. Junior running back TaMarion Smith rushed for 87 yards on 23 carries, scoring one touchdown. Junior quarterback Justyce Williams completed 9 of 16 pass attempts, for 61



Murrah H/C Marcus Gibson and coaching staff

yards and one touchdown. He also carried the ball twice for 19 yards.

Murrah jumped out to a 7 point first quarter lead. 7 minutes into the second quarter, Murrah returned a Callaway fumble 56 yards for a touchdown, pushing the Murrah Mustangs lead to 14. Callaway would score before half-

time and added a 2 point conversion, reducing the lead to 6. Murrah 14, Callaway 8 at the half.

Callaway scores midway through the third quarter, adding another 2 point conversion, Callaway lead 16 to 14. With 8:07 seconds left in the game, Murrah would take the lead for good

on a touchdown pass from Justyce Williams to Peyton Johnson. Murrah converted the two point conversion, giving them the lead 22 to 14.

Callaway would threaten to score, but Murrah's defense held. Murrah would run the clock out and seal the win, improving to 2 & 0. Murrah plays



Murrah wide receiver Peyton Johnson



Murrah QB Justyce Williams

Forest Hill this Thursday at the South Jackson Field. Forest Hill enters the game looking for their first win of the season.

Callaway hosts Terry high school this Friday at South Jackson Field.

Terry comes into the game undefeated at 2 & 0.

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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Raymond High School also had a special way of welcoming their students back to school with several picture stops to remember their time at Raymond High School. The decorations were extravagant with temperatures over 100 degrees but the PTSO and school staff made sure that the students felt welcome coming back to school!



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