



Beans & Greens gather Democratic candidates in Kosciusko

Ty Pinkins and Brandon Presley make remarks to an engaged Attala County audience

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

The Attala County Democratic Executive Committee sponsored a gathering of political candidates Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 5-8 p.m., at the Oprah Winfrey Boys & Girls Club, 500 Knox Road in Kosciusko, MS.

Chairwoman LaShawn Speed led her team members in organizing an impactful event complete with food, refreshments and live music. Speed also served as emcee, ensuring each candidate kept their remarks to the allotted time.

After an opening prayer by Reverend Jerone Garland, Secretary of State candidate Ty Pinkins was introduced and shared his background growing up in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, chopping cotton as a teenager before going on to be the first in his family to graduate high school and attend college. He served three combat tours during his twenty-plus year career in the U.S. Army and is the recipient of The Bronze Star.

After graduating from University of Maryland University College with a bachelor's in po-



Gubernatorial candidate Brandon Presley posing for The Mississippi Link Newspaper at the gathering of political candidates in Kosciusko, MS, Oct. 7.

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litical science and government, he continued his education by earning both his Juris Doctor (J.D.) and LL.M (Master of Laws) in National Security Law from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Unlike many, he returned to the Mississippi Delta and began advocating for community members in underserved communities, helping them navigate the justice system.

While serving the Mississippi

Center for Justice, he was instrumental in carrying the voices of disenfranchised black farm workers in the Delta to the Department of Labor. Forty-four farms had

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Mississippi Democrats ‘Save our Hospitals’ tour lands in Jackson

St. Dominic’s Hospital campus was the site for Mississippi Democrats press conference

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In early September the Democratic Party of the State of Mississippi announced it would be working with elected officials, local leaders, and healthcare professionals across Mississippi to hold a series of events to highlight the state’s hospital crisis and dubbed it the ‘Save our Hospitals’ Tour.

Their website, www.mississippidemocrats.org, indicates, “On Tate Reeves’ watch, Mississippi’s healthcare system has fallen to the brink of collapse. Mississippi is one of 10 states that have refused to expand Medicaid, costing the state more than \$1 billion yearly. Reeves’ refusal to expand Medicaid has caused nearly half of the state’s 74 hospitals to be at risk of closure with 25 being at risk of immediate closure.” Five hospitals are no longer providing inpatient care.

In Jackson, St. Dominic’s Hospital closed their behavioral health unit in June 2023, eliminating 157 jobs. By numerous reports, this placed an immediate strain on other area behavioral health facilities, including Hinds County Behavioral Health Region 9.

At the St. Dominic’s intersection on Lakeland Drive in Jackson, there was a press conference on October 9, 2023, as part of the ‘Save our Hospitals’ Tour.

Our very own State Representative Zakiya Summers (D-68), along with retired community nurse Teresa Roberts of Tupelo, made the presentation, and an appeal to vote Democrat to improve health care in Mississippi, before taking questions.

Summers, who is also a member of the Hinds County Democratic Executive Committee, provided a candid statement about the status of health care in Mississippi. “We stand here today with the backdrop of one of the city’s four hospitals. St.



State Representative Zakiya Summers (D-68)
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Dominic’s has experienced its share of devastation, and they are not alone. Merit Hospital has moved the majority of its services outside the City of Jackson. In September, four more hospitals announced plans to end inpatient care.

“Our very own State Health Officer has equated the removal of these services to a hospital closure because when these services are lost people do not have access to health care. The effects are far-reaching, putting Mississippians and entire communities at risk. For areas with high concentrations of black Mississippians like Jackson and up in the Delta, the issue is exacerbated. People are suffering and access to health care is paramount. It is linked to better health outcomes, it is essential to our state’s economic prosperity, it’s pivotal to attracting and retaining healthcare workers, and it better positions the state to better respond to health crises and public health emergencies. The bottom line is that access to healthcare is a fundamental component of our quality of life. Under our current administration we are watching hospitals close, and they are laying off hundreds of workers across the state. Others will close soon.”

She closed her statement compellingly, “Congenital syphilis is the highest it has ever been in Mississippi. Mississippians are losing

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NNPA condemns attacks on Israel

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

In a display of unity, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), representing the Black Press of America, issued a resolute statement of support for Israel amidst the recent escalation of conflict in the Middle East.

In a joint statement released Saturday, October 7, NNPA Chair Bobby Henry and NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. unequivocally condemned the devastating acts of violence perpetrated against the Jewish people and the nation of Israel by Hamas. The militant group’s firing of a deadly barrage of rockets and infiltration of Israeli territory marked a significant escalation in the ongoing conflict between the two sides.

“The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), representing the Black Press of America, forthrightly condemns the brutal, fatal terrorist attacks today on the Jewish people and the nation of Israel by Hamas,”



read the statement. “Terrorism against innocent civilians in Israel and in any other place in the world can never be justified, tolerated or sanctioned. We stand firmly in solidarity with Israel.”

The statement underscores the unity and solidarity between the African-American and Jewish communities in the face of adversity. While their shared history is complex and nuanced, the

NNPA’s declaration underscores their shared common ground by condemning violence and terrorism against innocent civilians, regardless of where it occurs.

The support for Israel comes at a critical juncture, and the NNPA emphasizes the importance of solidarity with nations and communities facing acts of violence and terrorism, transcending historical differences to unite in a

common cause

The NNPA, founded in 1940, is the trade association for African-American-owned newspapers and media companies throughout the United States. Its mission is to advocate for the African-American press and promote the importance of black-owned media in shaping public opinion and preserving the African-American cultural experience.

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Davis

Minta Elise Aldridge Davis was the first child and eldest daughter of the late Oscar Aldridge and Estelle McKay. She began an incredible journey of life on March 9, 1939. She left too soon on the morning of September 30, 2023, at the Arbor Nursing Home in Ridgeland, Mississippi.

She was the oldest of four children including two sisters, Patricia and Deborah, and her late brother, Oscar Aldridge, Jr. They grew up in a religious home. She accepted Christ as her personal savior at an early age and joined Pilgrims Rest Missionary Baptist Church where she remained a loyal member throughout her youth.

Minta's love for education began to develop as a student in Madison County as she excelled from elementary through high school in 1958. Thus, she became adequately prepared for study at Tougaloo College, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in 1962.

It was during her college days that she developed her love for travel. This afforded her the opportunity to see places outside of Mississippi. It was also during her college days she met her husband, Roosevelt Davis. They were married in

1962. To this union, they were blessed with two sons, Harold (1962) and Ronald (1964).

Armed in a solid educational foundation, Minta chose a career in teaching English that began at Rosa Scott in Madison and later moving on to Jackson Public Schools, (Enochs Middle School and Hardy Middle School).

Making their home in Jackson, the family converted to the Methodist faith and joined Pratt Memorial United Methodist Church. Their faith in the Lord was fervent and deep and she always allowed God to guide and direct her path. She became involved in the United Methodist Women, the result of her natural instinct for organization and structure. She soon began her involvement with Christian Education and Sunday School.

When the family relocated to a new home, they joined Aldersgate United Methodist Church and became one of the first African American families in a former majority white church. She became a member in the Christian Education and Music Ministries. One of her favorite activities was the Christmas Cantata which brought on the Spirit of celebration.

Overarching Minta's devotion to God and her love for teaching was her endearment to her family. As the oldest child, she willingly assumed the responsibility of caring for her parents and siblings. Affectionately referred to as "Mint," she was highly respected by family, friends and numerous former students.

On September 30, 2023, Minta's incredible journey came to an end. Jesus, himself, came down and took her to a mansion in Heaven with her name on it.

Despite her pain and suffering, over these months, she kept a sweet spirit. She will be remembered for her devotion to academic excellence and for inspiring others to achieve.

Minta leaves to cherish and perpetuate her precious memories her sons: Harold of Jackson, Mississippi, and Ronald of Atlanta, Georgia; sisters: Patricia Gaines of Savannah, Georgia; Deborah (Anthony) Warren of Bessemer, Alabama; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Jackson, Miss., October 5, 2023 with Rev. Cynthia Cross, pastor and officiant.

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Secretary of State candidate Ty Pinkins
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exploited black workers by paying higher wages to immigrants who were in the Delta under a misused visa program. All told, 161 black workers recouped \$505,540 in back wages, plus the white farming operations paid an additional \$341,838 in civil penalties, per reporting by the Associated Press on June 29, 2023.

His remarks leaned heavily on his Delta upbringing and values, and the importance of voting and that the Secretary of State (SoS) controls the voting in Mississippi and that is why I'm running.

He laid out the role of the SoS and then shared, "In my opinion the two most important things the SoS does is governing and cultivating business relationships with business leaders and industry leaders in our state so that we can move forward. Mississippi's Gross Domestic Product has risen only 22.7% over the last few decades, and that is dangerously low compared to the 76.3% that the rest of the country increased by. Mississippi's economic output has decreased from 0.68% in 1997 to 0.54% today – worst in the country."

In closing he stressed the need that our voices be heard. "The voices of concerned parents for better education and for teachers, and community members speaking out for better healthcare; from nurses to neurosurgeons, and people like the postman to the policeman speaking out for better communities; voices like the factory worker up north, east and down south to the farmworker in my beloved Delta singing out for better jobs and a better economy."

By the time Gubernatorial Candidate Brandon Presley was introduced the crowd had grown to 150 and he received a rousing welcome.

Emcee Speed stressed, "We have

the right man for the job in Brandon Presley and he has earned our support in Attala County."

Presley began by apologizing if any Jackson State fans were in the audience. "I started the day in Stone County, went to the Alcorn State University Homecoming game, then did a meet and greet and now I'm here in Kosciusko for a little while still wearing purple."

He hammered home that "after many years we have a chance, and we have a choice – you have a governor who has shown you exactly who he is for the last four years." He stressed that Reeves could care less about pulling our state together – racially, regionally and all across Mississippi – he cares about himself and his buddies and his friends.

He highlighted a "healthcare crisis all across the state and there is an answer staring us square in the face – we should expand Medicaid – we will do that on day one if I'm elected as your governor. Healthcare is not a Republican or Democrat issue... if Donald Trump had passed the Affordable Care Act while I was governor and it would benefit 230,000 working Mississippians, I would have been for it immediately."

He stated that Reeves is consumed with national politics. "He is ate up with it. I don't care about national politics. We can fix the problems in Mississippi. Right now, in Attala County there is somebody sacking groceries, wiping a table down at a restaurant, they are working and they have no health care, and they can't get it."

On corruption he said, "You've seen it in the papers, \$77 million stolen, diverted, misspent – money taken from those who need it most and given to people like Brett Farve for a \$5 million volleyball court – it's no wonder Tate Reeves is at



Gubernatorial candidate Brandon Presley

USM today, he might be inspecting that volleyball court! From my first press conference announcing that I was running for governor I said that we will put forth a historic ethics reform package to clean this system up."

On food taxes he said, "If you go down to the county co-op and buy a bag of feed to feed your hog or cow you pay zero tax, but when you try to feed your family, you pay the highest tax in the country."

He promised to use the power of the governor's office to do the best he can to help the average Mississippian out there struggling. "This race comes down to whether or not we care about the average family in Mississippi. David slew Goliath because David was willing to take up a slingshot and some rocks and use them – the voters in Mississippi have the slingshot and the rocks, the question is are you going to pick them up and use them."

He reminded of the high numbers of black voters in the state that are not engaged in the voting process. He implored people to use their power – "Reeves is sitting at some Country Club right now laughing... thinking that every Democrat has pinned their hopes on the black vote, saying they are not going to show up...that's what they plan on. We've got to get angry enough to get up and vote. We have the votes, and we have the power. I have Republicans, Democrats and Independents supporting my campaign – like Jesse Jackson said, we may not have all come over in the same boat but were in the same boat now."

For this article, space does not permit remarks made by Attorney General candidate Greta Kemp Martin or Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner candidate Robert Bradford.

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Teresa Roberts and Zakiya Summers speaking at 'Save our Hospitals' tour in Jackson.
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their lives because they can't get to the doctor soon enough to access critical care, and the answer to this dire situation has been null and void – a refusal to expand Medicaid...thousands of people being dropped from the Medicaid rolls, and an increase of mentally ill individuals that are being shuffled into our communities. This is not sustainable. Mississippi should not be last in health outcomes. We can do better. We have to do better. On Day 1, Brandon Presley will expand Medicaid and provide health care to some 220,000 Mississippians. Brandon and I believe that a healthy workforce is a productive workforce."

Teresa Roberts shared that she believes "Mississippians deserve better and even the cost of health care has become astronomical. My heart goes out to those who have to travel 45 minutes to an hour to get to an emergency room or hospital to receive care. We have some solutions, but Governor Tate Reeves has decided not to use those solutions. The first solution is to expand Medicaid to the people who need it. Mississippi health care is in a major crisis and because of that you have to have people like me to serve as advocates and take people to the hospital to try to help them get the best information for their healthcare decisions. We deserve better, I stand here in support of Brandon Presley for our next governor because he is looking out for what

the people of Mississippi need."

Several questions were fielded by Summers, before *The Mississippi Link* mentioned the contradiction that exists when the state claims to be embracing a 'culture of life,' yet we have such severe healthcare issues and disparities, including 45th in the nation for Access to Healthcare according to US News & World Report – and invited her comments.

She responded that "This is the failure of the administration who likes to take on national issues that are not critical issues to everyday Mississippians and likes to make a big fuss about that – national platform priorities – and try to outsize them for the state of Mississippi, but the fact of the matter is that mamas are dying when they are trying to have babies, babies are not making it to their first-year birthday, they are coming into the world with congenital syphilis. This is a serious situation. This is not anything to play with. This should never really be a partisan issue. This is a human rights issue. If Mississippi is going to be all that she can be, the Hospitality State, the Magnolia State, if we want a good economy in the State of Mississippi – our people have to be healthy in order to go to work. You can't go to work sick. Unless the game plan is to keep Mississippi sick and poor, then we have to make a change."



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Voters are invited to submit questions for the hour-long, commercial-free event by emailing

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Mississippi Democrat Brandon Presley aims to rally black

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

Mississippi’s gubernatorial election could hinge on turnout among black voters, who haven’t wielded political influence commensurate to their share of the state population, the Democratic nominee said Friday.

At a campaign event in the 80% black state capital of Jackson just over one month before Election Day, Brandon Presley said black voters could help carry him to victory. He also accused incumbent Republican Gov. Tate Reeves, who is seeking reelection, of hoping they stay home.

“Black Mississippi and white Mississippi have been purposefully, strategically and with intent divided over racial lines. Intentionally divided for two things: Money and power,” Presley said. “Tate Reeves and that sleazy little crowd he runs around with are sitting over there today hoping that black voters do not come vote in November.”

Speaking to a crowd at a blues club in Jackson’s Farish Street Historic District, Presley said the interests of Mississippi’s 40% black population – the largest of any state by percentage – had been underserved during Reeves’ term. Roughly a quarter of Jackson residents live in pov-



Presley

erty, and its tax base has eroded the past few decades amid mostly white flight to suburbs.

“This race for governor comes down to somebody that cares about the city of Jackson versus somebody who has shown you for 12 years that he could care less about the city of Jackson,” said Presley, who is white. “And whether Tate Reeves believes it or not, the Mississippi Delta is still in Mississippi.”

Before becoming governor in 2019, Reeves served two terms as lieutenant governor and two terms as state treasurer.

Reeves’ campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Reeves has said he helped restore service to Jackson during its 2022 water crisis. He has also touted tornado relief efforts and initiatives to shore up broadband access in the rural Mississippi Delta, another Democratic stronghold with a large black population.

Promising an administration that “looks like Mississippi, racially and regionally,” Presley’s comments follow a legislative session in which Jackson was at the center of debates over infrastructure woes and crime. A state law that would have authorized some circuit court judges to be appointed rather than elected in Jackson, which critics said stomped on voting rights, was struck down by the Mississippi Supreme Court in September.

Reeves supported the law and said it would help protect residents from violent crime.

Speaking to reporters Friday, Presley said he did not support the law because it allowed unelected judges.

Keshun Brown, a Jackson resident who said he is voting for Presley, pulled Presley aside during Friday’s event. He insisted the candidate prioritize crime.

“I personally told him, make sure you address the crime in Jackson. Everything else was on point. I just told him, never leave that out for us Jacksonians,” Brown said.

Black voters and lawmakers in Mississippi are overwhelmingly Democratic, while Republicans command majority support among white voters and hold supermajorities in the state Legislature. Republicans also hold all

statewide elected offices.

Presley on Friday also repeated promises to expand Medicaid to help uninsured people and financially strapped hospitals. Five rural hospitals have closed since 2005, and 24 are at immediate risk of closing because of severe financial problems, according to the Center for Healthcare Quality & Payment Reform, a national policy organization.

Reeves opposes Medicaid expansion but recently unveiled a plan that he said will provide hospitals with a boost in federal money.

An independent candidate, Gwendolyn Gray, is on the ballot along with Reeves and Presley in the Nov. 7 general election.

Rodney Hall, a recent aide to GOP U.S. Rep. Trent Kelly and a former Army veteran, faces no opponent for a legislative seat in northeast Mississippi. He is set to become the first black Republican elected to the Legislature since Reconstruction.

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Entergy Mississippi replaces more than 1,000 wooden transmission poles

Annual \$28 million investment improves grid reliability

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Entergy Mississippi launched a project last year to accelerate the replacement of existing wooden transmission structures with steel or concrete poles, with the goal of replacing all wooden poles in 12-15 years. The replacement of the wood structures represents the majority of a \$28 million annual investment Entergy Mississippi is making to harden the grid. So far, more than 1,000 aged wood structures have been replaced.

“Our customers and communities depend on us to deliver reliable service,” said Shawn Corkran, vice president of reliability, Entergy Mississippi. “We study and invest in modernizing and strengthening our grid to ensure our customers have the power they need when they need it. This involves not just replacing aging infrastructure, but also updating our equipment with materials that improve our resiliency.”

The transmission system is the backbone of the electric grid. The company produces power in the most efficient and reliable manner possible, then sends the electricity that has been generated across transmission lines to reach the distribution lines that bring power to customers’ homes and businesses. The structures carry high-voltage

electricity quickly over long distances to reach the distribution lines that, in turn, serve 461,000 customers in Entergy Mississippi’s service area.

These high-voltage lines and the structures holding them are a crucial part of the grid, so maintaining them is an essential part of Entergy Mississippi’s work. Wooden poles were once the standard material for transmission structures. However, today steel and concrete poles are preferred for reliability.

“We identified wooden transmission structures in need of replacement across the state,” said Corkran. “With these upgraded structures, we can provide a more hardened, reliable system for our customers and reduce the length of outages caused by transmission wood pole failures.”

Additional crews were brought on the system for the execution of the incremental work to replace the structures holding the lines, which will fortify the grid; these additional crews will also be available to help restore damaged transmission lines, improving the restoration times during unplanned outages or outages that may occur during storms. An investment in infrastructure now pays dividends in fewer outages and lower bills for customers today and in the decades to come.

Brett Favre will testify under oath in MS welfare scandal civil case

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

Retired NFL quarterback Brett Favre will answer questions under oath about the misspending of federal welfare money in Mississippi, where public money intended to help some of the nation’s poorest people was used to fund pet projects he and other well-connected people supported.

A notice of deposition filed Monday in Hinds County Circuit Court by attorneys for Mississippi’s Department of Human Services shows Favre will give sworn testimony on Oct. 26 at a hotel in Hattiesburg. The Pro Football Hall of Famer is among more than three dozen defendants in a law-

suit the current Human Services director filed to recover some of the welfare money.

Favre has denied wrongdoing, sued the state auditor who investigated the misspending for defamation and said he paid back misspent welfare funds.

Mississippi has ranked among the poorest states in the U.S. for decades, but only a fraction of its federal welfare money has been going toward direct aid to families. Instead, the Mississippi Department of Human Services allowed well-connected people to fritter away \$77 million in federal welfare funds from 2016 to 2019, according to the state auditor and state and federal prosecutors.

Instead of going to needy families, about \$5 million helped fund a volleyball arena that Favre supported at his alma mater, the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, said Mississippi Auditor Shad White, whose office investigated the scandal. Favre’s daughter played volleyball at the school. Another \$1.7 million went to the development of a concussion treatment drug, a project Favre supported.

No criminal charges have been brought against Favre, although a former department director and other people have pleaded guilty to their part in the misspending. Favre has asked the Hinds County Circuit Court and the Mississippi

Supreme Court to remove him as a defendant in the civil lawsuit, but both requests were denied.

The deposition will be conducted by oral examination before a court reporter and may be video-recorded. A confidentiality order approved by the court would keep all of the testimony private for at least 30 days after its completion date, court records show.

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A black and white portrait of an elderly man, likely a veteran, sitting in a wheelchair. He is wearing a dark U.S. Army cap with a star emblem, glasses, and a checkered suit jacket over a dark shirt and tie. His hands are clasped in his lap, and he has a slight smile. The background is dark and out of focus.

A black and white photograph of a female athlete, likely a sprinter, captured in a starting block position. She is wearing a white, sparkly singlet and has a tattoo of the Olympic rings on her right forearm. Her hair is pulled back in a ponytail. The background is blurred, suggesting a stadium setting.

The Atlanta City Council last week called on the city to release the video from the incident. Nelly Miles, a GBK spokesperson, described that agency's inquiry as "active and ongoing" on Tuesday. She said FBI and prosecutors work together to determine if video can be released before a case goes to court.

Vitamins, why we need them

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Vitamins are chemicals that yield no energy, but are essential parts of our nutritional needs. The word vitamin is derived from a combination of two words, vital and amine. A Polish chemist Casimir Funk coined the term in 1912. Funk isolated the first vitamin, vitamin B1, or thiamine, from rice. Most of the vitamins and minerals your body needs daily are essential nutrients. This means, your body cannot synthesize them. They must be part of your diet. Your body can synthesize vitamin D and vitamin K. Bacteria within our intestines produce some of the B vitamins.

Thirteen compounds have been classified as vitamins. Vitamins cannot be assimilated without eating food. Vitamins help regulate metabolism, help convert fat and carbohydrates into energy and assist in forming bone and tissue. They are also necessary for our growth, vitality, general well being both mentally and physically and protect us against certain diseases.

Vitamins are divided into two main categories: water-soluble and fat-soluble vitamins. These categories are based on their solubility in water or fat, which significantly influences their absorption, storage and utilization in the body.

Not getting enough of just one vitamin can upset your body's balance and may cause health problems. Taking too many vitamins can also be danger-



ous. This last fact is especially true of the fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K. It's harder to get rid of the excess of these vitamins through urine which is the most common way for us to eliminate excess vitamins.

Water-soluble vitamins include vitamin C and a group of B vitamins, such as B1 (thiamine), B2 (riboflavin), B3 (niacin), B5 (pantothenic acid), B6 (pyridoxine), B7 (biotin), B9 (Folate), and B12 (cobalamin). These vitamins are characterized by their ability to dissolve in water and are typically found in foods with high water content such as fruits, vegetables and grains. Key differences between water-solu-

ble vitamins and fat-soluble vitamins include their absorption, storage and excretion.

Water-soluble vitamins are absorbed directly into the bloodstream in your small intestine after digestion. Their solubility in water allows for easy transport through the bloodstream to the body's cells, where they are used for various metabolic processes.

Unlike fat-soluble vitamins, water-soluble vitamins are not stored in significant amounts in your body. Any excess water-soluble vitamins are excreted through urine. This lack of storage means that daily intake of these vitamins is essential to maintain

adequate levels in the body.

Fat-soluble vitamins include vitamin A, vitamin D, vitamin E and vitamin K. These vitamins are characterized by their solubility in dietary fats and oils. They are found in fatty foods, such as meat, dairy products, nuts and oils. Unlike water-soluble vitamins, fat-soluble vitamins have distinct properties regarding absorption, storage and excretion. Fat-soluble vitamins require the presence of dietary fat for proper absorption. After digestion, they are absorbed along with dietary fat in your small intestine and transported through your lymphatic system before entering your bloodstream.

One of the key differences between water-soluble and fat-soluble vitamins is their storage capacity. Fat-soluble vitamins can be stored in the body's fatty tissues and liver, allowing for reserves that can last for weeks or even months. This means that excessive intake of fat-soluble vitamins over time can lead to toxicity.

You should avoid taking vitamins on an empty stomach to prevent upsetting your stomach. If you do take them on an empty stomach they can quickly pass out in your urine or cause stomach upset. Fat-Soluble Vitamins, including vitamins A, D, E, and K, are much better absorbed when taken with fat in the food. A small amount of healthy plant-based fats like nuts or avocado works fine. You should ask your doctor or pharmacist for guidance if you take medication and vita-

mins or minerals and find out all of the vitamin mistakes you may not realize you're making.

Some people believe sense vitamins are so good for us, they assume that more is better. But with certain vitamins, there can be too much of a good thing. Some vitamins can build up in your system and lead to unwanted side effects like nausea and headaches. Excess vitamins can also affect the degradation of neurotransmitters and one-carbon metabolism. Therefore, excess vitamins may trigger obesity through multiple ways, including increasing fat synthesis, causing insulin resistance, disturbing neurotransmitter metabolism and inducing epigenetic changes.

Water-soluble vitamins and fat-soluble vitamins differ significantly in terms of their solubility, absorption, storage and excretion. They both play essential roles in our energy production, immune support, collagen formation and nervous system function. They also contribute to vision, bone health, antioxidant protection, blood clotting, hormone regulation and our overall well-being.

Achieving a balanced diet that includes both types of vitamins is essential for maintaining optimal health and preventing deficiencies or toxicities. Remember all of your vitamins can be found in your food if you plan a balanced diet.

Before starting any health or fitness program consult your physician.

Prostate cancer event educates college students and the community



Mississippi Link Newswire

The Black Men's Health Equity Council, sponsored by the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health, organized a successful Prostate Cancer Awareness event September 30, 2023, at Tougaloo College. This event, an integral part of the Choppin' It Up Barbershop Series, aimed to inform, educate, and empower the attendees. It drew a crowd of thirty-three enthusiastic black men, all eager to expand their knowledge of prostate cancer and proactively manage their health.

Prostate cancer remains a significant concern, particularly within the black community, where the prevalence is disproportionately high. The primary goal of this event was to raise awareness, provide essential information, and emphasize the importance of early detection.

Attendees were treated to complimentary haircuts, health screenings, a nourishing lunch, and informative presentations that covered various aspects of prostate cancer, including risk factors, symptoms, and the critical need for regular screenings.

Dr. Carl Reddix generously shared his invaluable expertise and provided vital resources to those in attendance.

The event's partners included the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health, Tougaloo College, Office of Residential Life, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Rho Chapter, Barbers Incorporated-Jarrell Thorton, the Reddix Medical Group and Tougaloo College's Office of Residential Life. The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health was established in 2019 to reduce health disparities among disadvantaged and underserved minority populations in Mississippi through the development of collaborative partnerships with community stakeholders and the implementation of evidence-based public health interventions with a particular focus on health equity.

For more information about the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health's Black Men's Health Equity Council, please contact Warren Jones at (769) 572-5263 or via email at wjones@advancingminority-health.org.

Toddlers with developmental delays are missing out on help: Long term damage

By Claire Savage
Associated Press/Report for America

Alexander watches Paw Patrol with fervor, bowls his baby brother over with hugs and does everything with gusto.

What the 3-year-old West Chicago toddler can't do yet is speak more than a few words. His balance is wobbly and he isn't able to tell his preschool teachers when he's hurt or scared.

Alexander qualified for five therapies through Early Intervention, a federal program dedicated to treating developmental delays in babies and toddlers and helping them develop the tools they need to thrive. But his mother, Hilda Garcia, said securing that help felt "like another job."

Even after repeatedly calling, researching for hours and pushing herself to the limit with work and childcare, Garcia had to wait more than a year for an in-person appointment with an Early Intervention provider.

The federally mandated program is plagued by chronic staffing shortages, leaving thousands of desperate parents frustrated: they know their children need support, they're aware of proven therapies that can help, and yet some have to wait months or even years for the care they need. Many age out of the program before accessing any services at all.

"When we miss those opportunities to help them at those younger ages, sometimes we are limiting their potential into adulthood," according to speech-language pathologist Sarah Ziemba, an Early Intervention provider in Peoria, Illinois.

Early Intervention was created in 1986 to address developmental delays in children like Alexander as soon as possible. About one in six children in the U. S. has at least one developmental disability or other developmental delay, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since all U.S. states and ter-



Alexander, 3, who is being treated for developmental delays, holds a stuffed animal and watches Paw Patrol in the living room of his West Chicago, Ill., home Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023. AP PHOTO/CHARLES REX ARBOGAST

ritories accept federal funding for Early Intervention, they are obligated under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide services to all who qualify. But almost all states reported Early Intervention provider shortages in 2022, and federal officials say they are still struggling to find staff to meet the needs of children with disabilities.

Service delays in Illinois, where Alexander lives, nearly doubled in 2022, according to Chicago-based early childhood advocacy organization Start Early.

Waitlists – technically not allowed since all eligible kids are entitled to Early Intervention – have increased dramatically and thousands of providers have left the field, according to the Illinois Department of Human Services.

When children turn 3, responsibility for providing special education services shifts from Early Intervention programs to school districts. But those systems are also understaffed and overbooked, Ziemba said.

"Families with private insurance can pay for therapy outside the program, but those without the means are often left behind, so in a way, Early Intervention is contributing to some social inequity," she said.

Research supports her assessment. A report published

this year by the National Institute for Early Education Research found that Asian, Hispanic and Black children are less likely to receive Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education services than white non-Hispanic children.

"For black children, the disparities in access to services are especially large and cannot plausibly be explained by differences in need," the report says.

Income also plays a role, said lead researcher Allison Friedman-Krauss.

"Poorer states are serving a lower percentage of children, so really suggesting that there is a problem there," Friedman-Krauss said.

But states need more providers, and there is no way to attract more without better wages, Ziemba said, adding that most Illinois Early Intervention providers get no health benefits or paid time off, and could effectively double their salaries by working in hospitals, schools or nursing homes.

"I really feel like we're kind of seeing the implosion of the whole program," she said.

Providers and service coordinators, who connect families with Early Intervention services, are woefully underpaid, according to Darcy Armbruster, a Chicago-area physical therapist who has worked in Early

Intervention for 11 years.

Armbruster said she loves the relationships she builds with families, but passion and job fulfillment don't pay the bills.

"Every month, I have to sit down and reevaluate where I am and if I can keep going and doing this," she said.

"Providers are just really, really tired of the lack of improving reimbursement, that they don't see this problem changing," she said.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a budget in June giving Early Intervention providers a 10% raise. That will help, Ziemba said, but it won't make up for the impact of inflation and years of stagnant wages. The state also announced a retention program designed to reward tenured Early Intervention providers, interpreters and service coordinators with payments of up to \$1,300 to stay in the field.

The impact therapy can have is palpable. Lindsey Faulkner, a mother of four living in Peoria, got in-person speech therapy sessions for her 2-year-old daughter, Aria, within a month of her referral. She raves about the difference she has seen in her child after a year working with therapist Megan Sanders.

"She was an entirely different kid a year ago," Faulkner said.

Although Aria was able to start speech therapy promptly, she has been on the waitlist for developmental therapy for more than a year.

Faulkner was "floored" when she learned about the wait times.

"You need to get answers for your child," she said. "But here, now you have to sit and wait."

Claire Savage is a corps member for the Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. Report for America is a non-profit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on uncovered issues.

P R E S E R V E D

Shaken, not stirred

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“Shaken, not stirred” is a phrase made popular by British movie spy James Bond and is probably one of the most famous lines from modern movies. The three words describe very clearly exactly how he wanted his martini made. Ironically, these words also describe how some of us as Christians respond when an unexpected loss happens in our lives. Whether it is the loss of a relationship, the loss of a job, illness, or death of a loved one, sometimes we are so shocked by the “swift transition” that we might miss that God wants to show us something about the authority He has given us.

Having had a swift transition happen in a close friendship recently, I have to admit that I spent lots of time asking God how and why the friendship changed in such a short time. One question that kept coming to my mind was whether we missed God in becoming friends in the first place. So, needless to say, I was a little shaken by losing what I’d considered a close, genuine friend.

But in the midst of one of my times thinking about the loss, God brought something to mind. When unexpected things happen in our lives, there is actually only one question that we should focus on answering: Will I choose to be shaken by what occurred or will I be stirred up to trust God’s sovereignty despite what happened?

Unanticipated things come to encourage us to be stirred to spiritual growth and not be shaken into a paralysis of

negativity and discouragement. And it’s only after we go to God in prayer and earnestly seek His will in those very difficult situations that we come to discover the truth about God and who he has called us to be.

One friend encouraged me to stop saying that I was facing opposition. She said that instead, my focus should be to take authority over those challenging situations in my life. Matthew 10:1 describes Jesus giving authority to His disciples over all unclean spirits, diseases etc. And if we are His disciples, we have that same authority when it comes to our lives.

2 Timothy 1:6-7 reminds us of the importance of being “stirred” in the familiar passage of scripture in which Paul exhorts Timothy. “Therefore, I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying

on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” Here, we are reassured that especially when we may be shaken by life’s circumstances, we can tap into a God-ordained boldness that will allow us to be stirred to overcome even the most devastating circumstances with a faith-filled confidence and authority

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P A R T 2

The life of the christian

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



The power of sin has been broken for the believer. The Christian does not have to lie anymore. His life is as an open book. He does not have to cheat, curse, or use profanity of any kind. He does not even think of it. He does not have to keep catching his words. Such words cannot come out if they are not in the heart. He does not have to lust after the opposite sex.

Salvation removes the guilt, the sting, the stain, and the penalty of sin. There is no excuse for sin in the life of a Christian.

We cannot blame our sinful condition on our father or our mother, we cannot blame it on Adam, and we cannot blame it on the environment or circumstances. Adam and Eve had the best. An abundance of grace comes with salvation. God has made it possible that everyone of us can live holy.

A person cannot be alive to sin and to God at the same time. Romans 6:2 says, “God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”

Literally, when a person passes away, he is dead to his surround-

ings: he cannot communicate or hear. This is exactly how the Christian is when it comes to sin.

Christian friend, when the enemy of our soul comes around and whispers in our ears, we should not listen to that enemy anymore than a dead person listens and responds. We are dead to sin.

We, who are dead to sin, have no desire to return to it. We have no affection for it; we hate sin and have no desire to try it again. We are sick of it, and we are tired of the way sin held us in captivity, deceiving us, embarrassing us, and taking us further and further away from that which was right.

In the Old Testament, we can read of how sin took a well-respected, righteous king and turned him into an adulterer. Sin, through lust, took Samson and caused him to disobey, to become a slave, and to grind in a prison house.

In the New Testament, we can read of how sin took a disciple and through covetousness, turned him into a traitor.

Sin has capsized man’s souls, but if we stay dead to sin, grace will abound in our souls.

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

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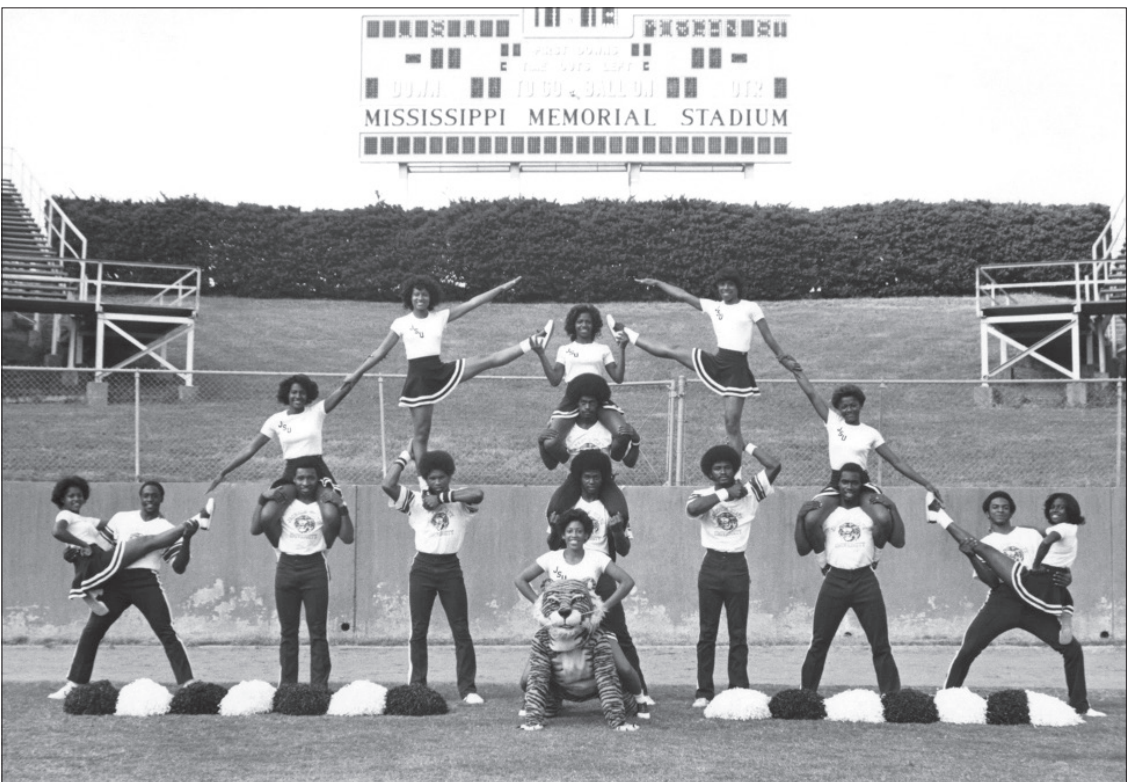
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Jackson State University and Getty Images celebrate the storied history of the HBCU's homecoming with new photography exhibit



Cheerleaders from 1978, Jackson State University cheerleaders and tumblers posing for a photograph at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium in 1978. JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY VIA GETTY IMAGES



Celebration Bowl 2022 JSU v. NCCU, Members of the Prancing J-Settes dance during the Jackson State Tigers and North Carolina Central Eagles Celebration Bowl Football Championship game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on December 17, 2022, in Atlanta, GA PHOTO BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY VIA GETTY IMAGES

Special to the Mississippi Link

Jackson State University (JSU) and Getty Images (NYSE: GETY), a preeminent global visual content creator and marketplace, are preserving history with the launch of a new photo exhibition, “A JSU Homecoming Legacy: Connecting the Past to the Future.” The exhibit highlights and captures the spirit of JSU’s homecoming from the university’s early years until the present day through 30 rarely seen images from JSU’s archives, newly digitized through Getty Images’ Photo Archive Grants Program for HBCUs.

The exhibition, which aligns with JSU’s 2023 homecoming theme, “Thee Legacy Continues,” will open to the public Wednesday, Oct. 11, through Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Johnson Hall Art Gallery on the university’s main campus. The exhibit is closed on weekends.

“Jackson State University has a tremendous Tiger legacy, and we are very excited to collaborate with Getty Images on the release of this exhibit and continue to build upon the foundations established around homecoming with students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and all included in the history of our HBCU,” said Locord Wilson, Ph.D., interim dean of libraries, JSU H.T. Sampson Library, which houses the university’s archives.

The exhibit was curated by a diverse and intergenerational group of staff and administrators from JSU and Getty Images, who believe in harnessing the power of photographic storytelling to show the rich history of the nation’s HBCUs. The images are also informed by hundreds of years of Mississippi movements and moments that underscore what homecoming and JSU mean to the greater community.

The exhibition is also an extension of Jackson State’s selection last year as one of four recipients to receive the Getty Images Photo Archives Grant for HBCUs made possible by the Getty Family and the philanthropic organization Stand Together. The program commits \$500,000 to digitize HBCU photographic archives and has supported the digitiza-

tion, metadata and keywording for over 5,000 archival photographs from JSU’s library.

“We are proud to work with JSU and all other HBCUs to increase access to unique imagery and bring awareness to untold stories,” said Cassandra Illidge, vice president of global content partnerships at Getty Images. “A single photo can encompass a lifetime of experiences that help shape the world. This exhibition is a testament to the power of visual storytelling, collaboration, respect, and a celebration of the impact of HBCU’s history for generations to come.”

Those who attend the exhibit will receive a dose of nostalgia by reveling in the evolution of JSU homecomings, from black and white photos of the university’s early football teams and cheerleaders to vibrant images of the Sonic Boom of the South and Prancing J-Settes. One may even catch a glimpse of themselves in afros and bell bottoms. All the images are designed to tell a robust story of the history and thrill of Jackson State homecomings.

Guests can purchase the imagery on display in the gallery from an onsite brochure for direct shipping to their location of choice via photos.com.

Committee members Brittany Myburgh, Ph.D., assistant professor of art history in the Department of Art & Theatre, and Mark Geil, interim chair and associate professor in the Department of Art & Theatre, played a crucial part in helping to select the photos for installation in the exhibit, along with JSU archivist Darlita Ballard, Getty Images curator Shawn Waldron and others.

“The fact that the Getty Images program has supported our students in learning the archival skills they need to preserve and tell this history is truly significant. Our students are the next generation of archivists and historians who will tell the story of Jackson State University and continue this legacy,” said Myburgh. “To tell the story of Jackson State University in one exhibit is no small task, but these images truly capture the milestones of this HBCU and the joy and celebration of homecoming.”



Jackson State University students march during the parade on the campus leading to Alumni Field. (Jackson State University via Getty Images) The academic year was 1969-70. Fall '69.

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Advertisement For Bids
TRANSIT FLEET TURNOVER INSPECTION SERVICES
CITY PROJECT NO. RFP#2023-09

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, October 24, 2023, from qualified providers to conduct a Transit Fleet Turnover Inspection prior to the transition to a new operations and maintenance contractor for Transit Services located at 1785 Highway 80W, Jackson, MS 39204 (as specified) necessary for REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-09.

All proposers must have at least five (5) years of experience in transit vehicle inspections. Each proposer must submit six (6) signed copies of its proposal and of the required forms, certifications, and affidavits attached hereto or electronically submit on www.centralbidding.com.

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

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

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Christine Welch, Deputy Director
Office of Transportation

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FOR APPLICATION OF PRO HOUSING GRANT

The City of Jackson, in our efforts to improve the communities and remove affordable housing barriers throughout the City. This Pro Housing Grant being the first of its kind will help further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans. It will address the restrictive zoning or land use, improve housing strategies and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation.

Detailed information pertaining to the submission of this grant 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. The public comment period will be open 15 days prior to submission of grant proposal. Any comments pertaining to the Draft Application grant may be sent prior to grant submission deadline of October 27, 2023 to cdotson@city.jackson.ms.us. Information pertaining to the Pro Housing grant may be found at <https://www.jacksonms.gov/housing-community-development/>.

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Chloe Dotson
Director of Planning & Development
City of Jackson, Mississippi

10/12/23

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC ACCESS GATE(S)
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Notice is hereby given the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi will hold a public hearing on October 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 219 S. President Street for the Regular Council Meeting to consider granting approval of the public access gate(s) as outlined in the Jackson Code of Ordinances Section 110-28, Section 5. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Proposed gate will be located at: 2206 Meadowbrook Road, just east of the intersection at East Ridge Drive.

WITNESS my signature this 13th day of September 2023.

Joseph Warnsley Site Plan Chairperson
City of Jackson, Mississippi

10/12/23

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Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Glendora, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, will accept proposals for the purchase of an 80 KW Towable Generator and 5 manual transfer switches until the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Friday, the 20th day of October 2023, at the Town Hall in Glendora, Mississippi, or by mail to P.O. Box 90, Glendora, Mississippi, 38928. Said bids shall be opened on the 7th day of November 2023 at 5:30 P.M. at the Glendora Town Hall in Glendora, Mississippi. Detailed specifications may be obtained by contacting Aquarius Simmons, Town Clerk of Glendora, Mississippi, at (662) 757-0032, or by mail to Aquarius Simmons, P.O. Box 90, Glendora, MS 38928. The Mayor and Board of Alderman of Glendora, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, reserve the right to determine which is the lowest and best bid and to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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“My Truth” – Dr. Elayne Anthony is ready to lead JSU

By Cheryl Smith
Publisher, *The Messenger Media*
Texas Metro News



If I were to return to college, I would want to choose an institution like the one where Dr. Elayne Anthony is the acting president.

The fact that she is “acting” really challenges my intelligence however; because she is so good for Jackson State University (JSU), and any other university that is about the business of providing a great institution of higher learning for ALL students, with a focus on excellence. She is the type of president worthy of support.

You see, I need and have grown to expect and demand to have a president who is not only smart, visionary, great at raising funds, and able to navigate through the bureaucratic posturing of legislators, and alumni; but also proficient at displaying tough and unconditional love and a firm/stern no-nonsense demeanor when necessary.

I need a president who loves the school and makes everyone feel valuable, realizing that people give more when they feel valued; or when their leadership style chooses competence and what is good for the school, faculty and students over what is good for their personal friendships or pockets.

I need a president who is not a model playing a role, while changing quicker than the weather and letting their ego stifle the growth of the institu-



Elayne Anthony

tion – I am talking about a real role model.

I need a president who is a source of inspiration and guidance to students and who lets professors teach while also encouraging them to become involved in the growth and development of the entire institution as well as themselves; instead of being content with taking home a paycheck.

I need a president who values alumni so much that they reach out more than just to ask for money and they hire staff and administrators who truly value the school, students and the campus.

My president has to be someone who has some juice, who is impressive and has street creds. I need them to be a leader in their field; someone who can pick up the phone and make things happen for their constituents (their students and faculty).

Enter Elayne Anthony. Am I asking for too much? Well, that brings me to my truth.

I met Dr. Anthony before she became acting president of Jackson State University. She immediately impressed me because she is genuine and so dynamic. She was heading the Journalism and Media Studies Department and she was taking care of business with high expectations for her students and staff.

We talked at length as we sat in the press box in Miami, watching Jackson State hand my alma mater, Florida A&M University, the largest defeat in my lifetime.

I understand that soon there will be a decision about Dr. Anthony’s future and who will lead JSU.

While JSU has been challenged in their selection process in the past, a vote of con-

fidence for Dr. Anthony would be one of the best decisions for the future of this great HBCU.

She is compassionate, righteous, temperate, courteous, dedicated, pure, honest, friendly and loyal. She is smart, loving, meticulous, focused and strategic.

She will rally the students. She will raise funds and receive alumni support. She will also elevate the faculty, students and staff.

Dr. Anthony has credentials, which are important, but equally important with the degrees are her life skills and ethical standards.

The selection committee shouldn’t waste any time on this choice. They should act and then move out of the way and let her get about the business of JSU.

Elayne Hayes-Anthony is an alumnus of JSU, graduating with her B.S. degree and then later received her Ph.D degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Her impressive portfolio includes being the first African-American female anchor, producer and reporter for WJTV-TV12, the CBS affiliate in Jackson, MS.

She has served as head of the Department of Mass Communication. Under her leadership the department received national accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (ACEJMC).

Because of her visionary leadership, she expanded the sequence offerings to include public relations and advertising.

The Israeli / Hamas war: A warning for America

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



Those who follow the news know that in recent months, there has been an internal battle in Israel as the Prime Minister has sought to abolish the role of the Supreme Court which serves as a check and balance over the legislation under Israel’s democratic form of government.

This struggle led to massive protest including members of the military pulling back on service as expression of objection to the proposed changes. The next result, the conveyance of an internal conflict which led enemies of the State to decide it was a good time for an all out attack, especially during an important Jewish holiday. The result of that internal conflict has cost more than 1000 lives in Israel and hundreds of Palestinian deaths.

Fast switch to America’s democratic problems: A Legislative body unable to even past a Resolution of support for Israel because of the lack of a speaker in a Republican led House of Representatives with a Democratic Party standing on the sidelines with no will or incentive to help elect a new Republican speaker, while we argue over the much needed and necessary continued aid to Ukraine, our own military arsenal is being depleted; the Congress has no fewer than eleven appropriation bills bottled up without passage and the Senate is locked down on military funding and promotions in critical positions because of one Senator’s position on the use of military funds related to abortions and transgender care of military personnel. This is a recipe for our enemies to consider some first strike actions against us just as we experienced on 911.

The blame no longer falls on the conservative Right which has denied elections, ignored the very Constitution they took an Oath to uphold and de-

fend and sought to shut down our very government with all the related consequences because they are unable to override our democratic system of government as they attempted to do on January 6th in the assault on the U.S. Capitol.

The blame now falls on the American people who are beginning to drink the kool aid of lies and destruction reminding us of what it must have been like when Nero played his fiddle while Rome burned.

America has a crisis in leadership that is begging China, North Korea, Iran, Russian, and all those who sympathize with them against the United States, to consider if this is not the time to become more aggressive with America. Like Rome, have we become so comfortable with our internal hate of those who don’t look like us and the degree to which we no longer wish to help anyone but ourselves at the expense of all others, that we will destroy this nation from within rather than honor the democratic principals and Godly concern for our fellow-man that brought us thus far.

Yes, the war now raging between Hamas and Israel, with Hamas knowing it can’t win, but willing to slaughter innocent people to draw others into a well orchestrated conflict with the end goal of destroying Israel, is similar to looking at the Republican Party.

The insane loyalty of elected members of Congress to a madman multiple civil convictions and more than 90 criminal charges in State and Federal Courts, sounds much like Hamas. Once again, the blame falls on the American people who allow a small minority, much like Hamas compared to the Palestinian people, to destroy a nation because of its own hatred.

Wake up America! Wake up before our war comes unexpectedly to our own doors and perhaps from the enemy already within that small group which calls themselves Americans too.

Kevin McCarthy is no longer speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Who will be next?

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



Embattled Speaker of The House, Kevin McCarthy is out. The sand in his hourglass signaled that it was time for him to go.

If you followed Republican Party politics recently, you could see he simply could not find favor with his GOP colleagues. Confusing reports have come out as to whether he will leave the office before his term expires. In an interview last week, he stated that he had no plans to leave. We’ll see what happens.

He sounds positive yet you know he must be hurt by what happened to him. This is a case of being at the top and going directly to the bottom.

However, former Speaker McCarthy did, with the help of the Democrats, prevent the government from shutting down yet that was not enough to save his job. He was caught in a political mudslide. His

work across the aisle was a big part of his undoing.

It is my opinion that he made too many concessions in order to get the position. He sold his political soul and was told that his speakership was on hold. Representative McCarthy is the 1st Speaker in our history to be voted out of the office.

He said, “I may have lost this vote today but as I walk out of this chamber, I feel fortunate to have served. Still, I wouldn’t have changed a thing.” It was a diplomatic thing to say, however he made history in an unflattering way. He will be in the history books as his rise and fall will be talked about for years to come.

The final vote for his removal was 216-210. Representative Patrick McHenry from South Carolina is the Speaker Pro Tempore. One of the first acts carried out by McHenry was to dismiss the House because of budding tension.

If you are a Republican what is your message to your con-

stituents? At some point, you must admit that the GOP is currently dysfunctional and disorganized. Sometimes, the truth hurts yet it must be told.

Republican House members find themselves in a cesspool of chaos and crisis. Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, from New York, said, “It is now the responsibility of the GOP members to end the House Republican war.” Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell issued a statement thanking McCarthy for what is often a thankless job.

Without a Speaker, the House cannot begin any work to avoid a government shutdown. That is a problem.

Representative Jim Jordan from North Carolina and Representative Steve Scalise from Louisiana have announced their interests in being the new speaker.

Jordan has been endorsed by former president Trump. Jordan is a Trump ally and believes that he won the last election. He opposes giving aid to Ukraine.

Scalise touts himself as an

excellent fundraiser who can bring the GOP together. He too believes that Trump won the last election. However, he supports aid to Ukraine.

The question is who can convince moderate Republicans to join them? The military aid to Ukraine will be a big topic of conversation in the coming days and weeks.

I believe Scalise will become the next Republican leader. Why? He is not a radical and is a bit more reasonable than is Jordan. If Jordan becomes speaker, he will be Trump 2.0.

I think that Kevin McCarthy will support Steve Scalise because Trump didn’t try to save his job as speaker. Revenge is best served cold.

The political faction headed by Republican Representative Matt Gaetz from Florida must not be the new normal in our politics. Whomever is chosen as peaker must be a leader.

So, we will watch and wait to see who becomes the next Speaker of The House because right now, we are at a standstill.

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Flonzie Brown Wright looks back to move ahead while inspiring high school students to vote

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

Born in 1942, Flonzie (Goodloe) Brown Wright, witnessed firsthand racial segregation. Growing up in the rural town of Canton, Miss., she observed the behaviors of people regarding their cultural differences. She learned that she was defined in a different way than her white counterparts. Consequently, she was confined to spaces not meant for her to cross.

She learned the tenacity of certain myths within Mississippi culture and American culture. She felt a need to not only survive, but to thrive, thereby rejecting untruths regarding her heritage. Hence, she understood that no one could destroy her dream of pushing down walls of injustice.

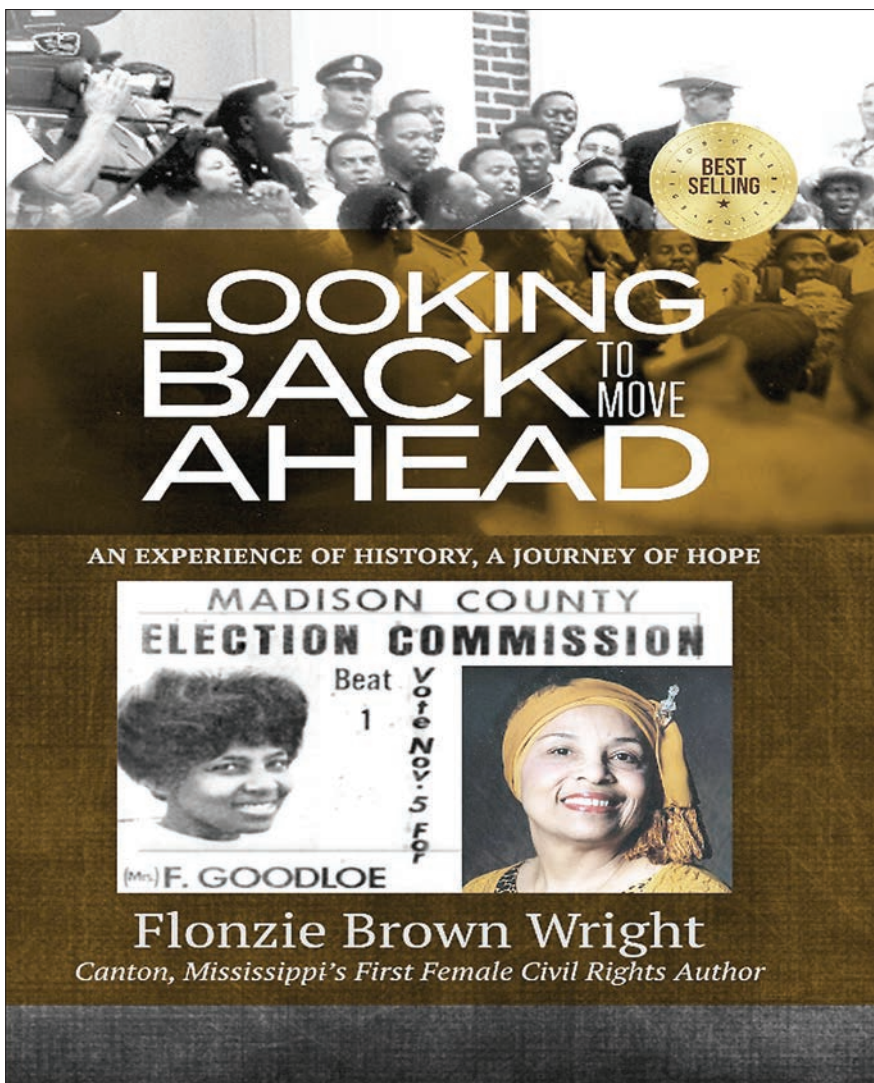
During the 1960s and 1970s, the Civil Rights Movement sparked many of the young to get involved. The civil rights activist in Wright linked her to many local and national humanitarian activists such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ambassador Andrew Young, Julian Bond and Congressman John Lewis.

Unlike that of many of her peers, Wright's was not a world of psycho-dramatic fantasy, but one of lived reality. During the movement, she was jailed; her life was threatened; and her children's lives were threatened. Wright, nevertheless, strived to make dreams come true – not only for blacks – but for the entire human race.

Rather than having an 81st birthday party in September, 2023, Wright embarked on a unique campaign that she shared with channels WLBT and WJTV. She captivated the minds of local and national organizations to support the donation of her best-selling book, *Looking Back to Move Ahead* (a memoir, 1994) to high school students and teachers. Within the book is a chronicle of the author's growing up years and a salute to the unsung heroes and sheroes in the movement. Hers was an exceptional move, for it allowed her to give away 330 books.

"The goal is to encourage [students] to register so they're ready to vote when they turn 18. This is not just a black thing," said Wright on WLBT news on September 20, 2023. She completed her message with an appeal to listeners regarding voting: "We have to treasure it; we have to tell it; and we have to preserve it."

The following schools within the Metro area were given copies of *Looking Back to Move Ahead*: Canton High School (Canton);



Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School, Jackson, MS



Kirksey Middle School, Jackson, MS



JROTC and the African American Studies class at Murrah High School, Jackson, MS



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Several students commended speaker Wright for sharing her civil and human rights experiences with them.

"I felt honored to be able to

learn a part of civil rights history from a person that actually went through it and felt the pains and ups and downs from it," glowed Kaitlyn Flint. On the other hand, Jefferson Augustine reflected, "It inspired me to always stand up for what's right and [to] never let anyone tell you what to do or what you can't do, and [to] stand up for what you believe."

Wright praises God for permitting her to speak with high school leaders and students.

"Your names and faces are forever imbedded in my memory. A special 'Shout Out' to the scholars who defy those negative myths that our children are not learning, and their behavior is questionable. I am proud to have witnessed the intelligence and courtesy of the scholars as well as the commitment of teachers and staff to maintain the highest degree of excellence in learning at each facility."

In 1968, Flonzie (Goodloe)

Brown Wright was the first black woman elected to a public office in Mississippi since Reconstruction. She became the election commissioner in Canton, MS.

An Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters was bestowed on her from Tougaloo College where she once was a student.

Wright is grateful to those who partnered with the Flonzie B. Wright 501©(3) Scholarship Foundation to provide a copy of her best-seller publication,

Looking Back to Move Ahead, to scholars in recognition of her 81st Birthday Book Initiative.

She gives special thanks to Charlene Evers-Kreel, Ronald Cox, Lloyd Goodloe, Major Nicholas Kreel and Cynthia Goodloe Palmer for their logistical support.

To purchase a book, contact Flonzie Brown Wright Scholarship Foundation at 601 981-8696 or 937 470-0627 or Amazon.com.



BOOK REVIEW: THE NEW BROWNIES' BOOK

BY DR. KARIDA L. BROWN AND CHARLY PALMER
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

The kids are back in school now and already, your family’s going in six different directions. You’re busy, between sports, extracurricular activities, work commitments, family gatherings, and community activity. If there was a meaningful way to get everybody together at once, you’d be all over that so grab “The New Brownies’ Book” by Dr. Karida L. Brown and Charly Palmer and take a hint from grandma’s time.

Ten years after the launch-

ing of the “infamous The Crisis magazine,” W.E.B. Du Bois, Augustus Granville Dill and Jessie Redmon Fauset had another idea: they called it The Brownies’ Book, though it was really a magazine that sold for less than two dollars for six issues, or fifteen cents for a single issue.

It was 1920, Jim Crow laws were in effect, and their intention was that the publication would “serve as a much-needed medium for black and brown children,” by showing them what people of color had contributed to the world. It was also

something white families could use and learn from, too.

“... it was,” say Brown and Palmer, “a crown jewel of African-American children’s literature.”

This book, meant to “evoke the spirit of... [the] original Brownies’ Book,” pulls together dozens of original stories, poems, plays, essays, lessons and artwork that mirrors what Du Bois had initially intended more than a century ago.

Here, you’ll find tales of ancestors and why it’s important to know yours. You’ll find games

for the whole family to play, including even the littlest kids. You’ll find photos and reproductions of Brownies’ Book pages from the 1920s and new artwork from a variety of black artists.

There’s humor in some of these stories, and one is a fun challenge for pre-teens. There are tales for older kids here, pages that help teach morality and empathy, stories to read aloud to a grade-schooler, stories that seem to end abruptly but that beg for meaningful discussion, and biographies of “she-ros” and other giants in Black His-

tory...

Absolutely, “The New Brownies’ Book” lives up to its subtitle: it is, indeed, “a love letter to black families.” It’s also pretty sweet on art and poetry, too.

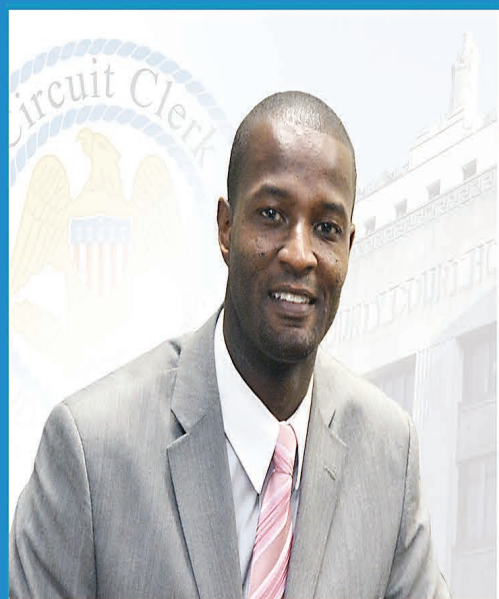
Many of the essays and stories, though, may confound readers who are not prepared for their abrupt endings. It’s as if the pages have run out and that’s that – but look again. Those end-too-quickly tales invite a child to imagine what happened next or to think of a better storyline. They are ready-made to teach a child to be a storyteller, and for

families to discuss.

Don’t think that this book is only for small children, though. This is the kind of reading that you can leave around for a teenager to find and browse, to provoke thoughts and spark ideas. There are inspirations inside, as well as subtle lessons.

You can feel comfortable giving this to a family, new, old, or blended. It would be a great gift for your favorite babysitter or a grandparent, too.

For your household, “The New Brownies’ Book” is a great direction.



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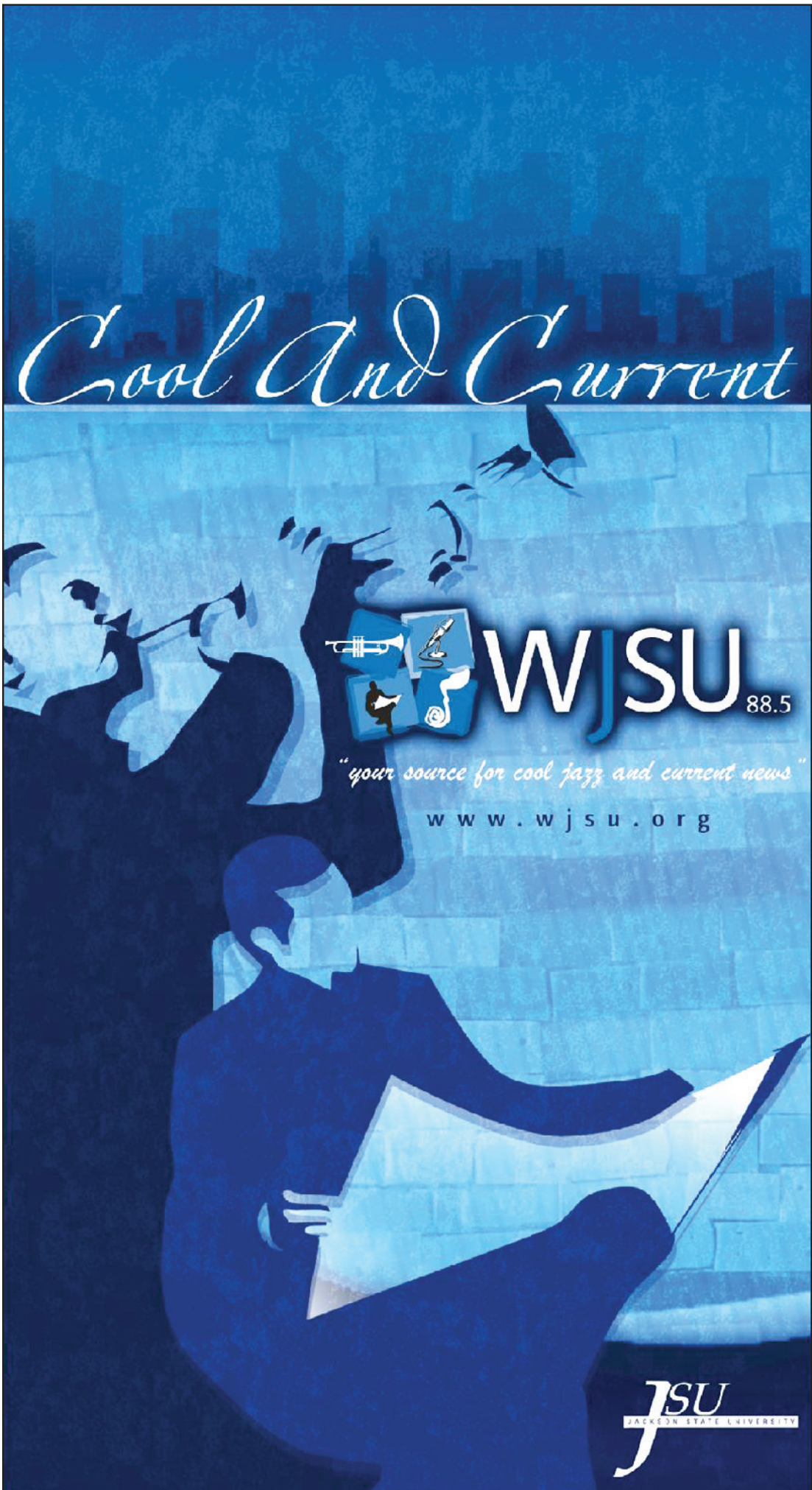
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Alcorn rallies to win homecoming 25 to 24

By Tim Ward
Sports Writer

Alcorn State University gave their alumni a thrill last Saturday, rallying late in the fourth quarter for the go ahead touchdown. Senior quarterback Aaron Allen connected with tight end Tavarious Griffin for the winning touchdown with 1:42 left in the game. Braves Nation erupts! Coaches are running to get players off the field and back to the sidelines. Last Week's SWAC Specialist of the week, Kicker Noah Kiani, makes the extra point giving Alcorn a 25 to 24 lead.

Grambling comes onto the field knowing they just need a field goal to win the game. Head coach Hue Jackson confers with his coaches and his quarterback. Grambling quarterback Myles Crawley comes to the line, looks around. The ball is snapped and he throws incomplete. Two plays later, Crawley, pressured by a heavy pass rush, escapes to his left and throws the ball. Interception! Alcorn's Edwin Summerour comes down with the ball to seal the victory for Alcorn. Crowd goes wild. Summerour is mobbed by his teammates. Head coach Fred McNair congratulates his players.

The win put Alcorn in a three way tie for second place. The Braves are tied with Southern and Grambling who are all 2-1 in the SWAC. Prairie View is one game ahead of them with a 3-1 SWAC record.

Alcorn has had tough battles with close scores most of the season. One thing for sure, they don't fold under pressure. Winning in dramatic fashion the past two weeks will further instill confidence in the Braves.

Quarterback Aaron Allen is really coming into his own as the leader of the team. Picking up from his SWAC Offensive Player of the week award, last week, Allen completed 21 of 32 passes for 253 yards with 3 touchdowns and 1 interception. He was

sacked 5 times. No doubt something coach McNair will look to address during their bye week.

Alcorn's Jarveon Howard ran 11 times for 48 yards. His longest scamper of the day was 15 yards. Tavarious Griffin had a great game receiving; 6 catches for 48 yards and 2 touchdowns including the game winner. Malik Rodgers added 80 yards on 3 catches.

Defensively for the Braves, Terrence Ellis recorded 6 tackles and 1 sack. Summerour recorded 6 tackles and hauled in the game ending interception. Redshirt Sophomore Linebacker, Santonial Rice intercepted Grambling's Myles Crawley, in the first quarter and outran Grambling players to the end-zone.

For the game, Crawley completed 14 of 27 passes for 233 yards with 1 touchdown and 3 interceptions. His first interception and his last interception were back breakers for Grambling. Chance Williams lead the Tigers in rushing with 16 carries for 33 yards. Antonio Jones caught 3 passes for 118 yards to leave Grambling in receiving.

Defensively for Grambling, Lewis Matthews was everywhere. He recorded 14 tackles on the day with 1.5 sacks. Sundiata Anderson registered 6 tackles and 1.5 sacks as well. Grambling as a team, sacked Aaron Allen 5 times and forced 1 interception.

Alcorn has a bye this week. This will give the Braves time for much needed rest. A few of their players get an extra week to heal from some injuries.

Braves return to action October 21, traveling to Arkansas Pine Bluff – an important SWAC west division game. Game time will be 2:00.

Grambling looks to bounce back this weekend at home against Alabama A&M. A&M is 1-2 in the SWAC and 3-3 overall. Alabama A&M is an east division opponent that's coming off a 45-30 loss against Jackston State last Saturday. Kickoff is at 2:00.



Braves Nation

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Tavarious Griffin scores game winning touchdown.



Golden Girls



Jarveon Howard



Quarterback Aaron Allen



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Alcorn Homecoming



Alcorn Band

Wide Receiver Malik Rodgers scores on 49 yard touchdown pass.

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Hinds County School District hosted its first Professional Development Day (PD Day) September 13th at Raymond High School Performance Arts Building and Raymond High School. PD days are days set aside for special recognition and training for administrators, teachers and staff of Hinds County School District. Superintendent Dr. Robert Sanders, Assistant Superintendents Dr. Antionette Woodall and Michelle Ray, along with the Curriculum Department, gave recognitions to several teachers who met the district’s goal on the MAAP Assessment in various areas and to teachers who exceeded the state average. After the recognition program concluded, teachers and staff members were divided into work groups for specific training in their areas of expertise. “We salute them for their excellent performance.”

