



Free Palestine Rally in Jackson

Concerned Jacksonians of every faith gather to call for ceasing hostilities

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Nearly 100 people rallied at the International Museum of Muslim Cultures at 101 E. Capital Street in downtown Jackson Monday, October 16,

2023, as what has been labeled a war by the State of Israel against Hamas enters its tenth day.

“Hamas launched a multi-pronged, surprise attack on Oct. 7. Crossing the border into several towns in Southern

Israel, Hamas fighters kidnapped and killed more than 1,000 Israelis. They now hold at least 199 hostages, including some U.S. citizens, and have threatened an execution each time Israeli forces attack civilians in Gaza

without warning,” per USA Today. Chants rang out at the rally – “this is a genocide” – in call and response, “We want justice you say how, stop

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Tougaloo celebrates the Reuben V. Anderson Pre-Law Program 30th Anniversary

Excellence commemorated on the historic grounds of Tougaloo College

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On the evening of October 11, 2023, during Tougaloo’s 154th Founders Week, yet another milestone was observed at Woodworth Chapel – the 30th anniversary of the Reuben V. Anderson Pre-Law program. The evening was steeped in tradition, reverence, and love. Both Tougaloo College mantras were on full display: “Where History Meets the Future” and “Preserving and Advancing Excellence.”

Julian D. Miller, Esquire – the director of the Reuben V. Anderson Institute for Social Justice & Pre-Law Program served as presiding officer for the evening’s festivities and began by introducing Dr. Donzell Lee, interim president of Tougaloo College. Lee immediately noted the results that have been realized by the Pre-Law Program, its rapid growth, and questioned why Tougaloo doesn’t have a Pre-Law degree instead of a Pre-Law minor – receiving a thunderous applause.



Tougaloo College President Donzell Lee

He said, “What Justice Anderson has done for Tougaloo is nothing less than phenomenal, and so, Judge, we stand on your shoulders, and we thank you for being that strong individual who

has provided the impetus for this initiative,” before inviting the audience of scholars, alumni, faculty and friends to their feet in robust acknowledgement.



Justice Anderson and Montae'l Williams

The invocation was provided by Rokiyah Hobbs, a junior and Political Science major, with a double-minor in Pre-Law and

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JSU receives \$10 million USDA Forestry grant, among highest in institution’s history

Special to The Mississippi Link

Jackson State University is the recipient of a \$10 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture as announced by JSU Acting President Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D., during a press conference in the JSU Blackburn Learning Garden Friday, Oct. 13. The award is one of the largest in the university’s history.

Proceeds will help fuel The Gateways to a Greener Jackson, an initiative led by JSU to engage and employ community partners in the completion of projects that enhance equitable access to tree canopy, reduce stormwater runoff and implement and maintain green spaces in underrepresented communities. City collaborators are Jackson, Rolling Fork, Vicksburg and Greenville, Mississippi.

“Jackson State is the lighthouse of the community and a long-time partner. Our efforts today can help create rural prosperity and improve the quality of life for Missis-



(L-R) Regional Forester Ken Arney, Acting JSU President Elayne Anthony, Ph.D. and USDA Under Secretary Homer Wilkes, Ph.D.

sippi citizens. We are committed to ensuring that this endeavor truly benefits our institution and the underserved,” said Hayes-Anthony.

“Most importantly, I want people to recognize JSU as a true force and the life-changing ripple effect it can produce through the great

work that is constantly underway here.”

The USDA Forest Service is investing \$18 million in projects tied to Mississippi, including \$10 million to Jackson State University Office of Community Engagement, to increase access to trees and the social, health and economic benefits they provide. Other Mississippi recipients include 2C Mississippi, Madison County, Wildlife Mississippi, National Baptist Convention USA and Minority Farmers of the South.

“With this historic investment by the Biden-Harris Administration, we seek to minimize the negative impacts of climate change in underserved communities and to expand and improve tree canopy in urban areas that have lacked access to nature and community infrastructure in the past,” said USDA Under Secretary Homer Wilkes, Ph.D. “This project will

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JSU mourns loss of student Jaylen Burns

By Gabrielle Adams
JSU Intern

Jaylen Burns was a senior technology major at Jackson State University from Chicago, Illinois. His life was cut short Sunda, October 14, during the last day of homecoming festivities at Jackson State University. He was shot and killed at an apartment complex near campus. His father, Jason Burns, said his son was trying to break up a fight when he was shot.

Jaylen was known around campus by many as J.B. He had a smile that could light up a room. Many knew him not only to be a rock to his family but to his line brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha. He was very determined to succeed and wanted to see his brothers succeed as well. The city of Chicago can be a tough place to make it out of but Burns did it and he did it with determination, consistency and the utmost motivation to help his family see better times.

He was well known around campus for his titles and involvement. He served as the president for Men of Excellence for the 2022-2023 term as well as being a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

To know Jaylen was to love Jaylen.

Jamiyah Stokes, a senior psychology major at JSU and childhood friend, said, “Jaylen Anders Burns was my first male best friend at an age where it mattered the most, and he was my first love.”

They both graduated from Hillcrest High School in Chicago. She went on to say, “He was a super hero. He and my dad both loved Marvel and super heroes. Every time a new movie came out we watched it and talked about it, even after we broke up. He was such a unique person. To know him is to know what being fearless looks like, what laughing til you pee on yourself feels like, what being loved no matter what feels like and so much more.”

As a person Jaylen was everything you would want a young man to be – strong-minded, courageous and loving, just every good word you can think of fits who he was. Acting JSU President



Jaylen Burns on Friday during homecoming festivities

Elayne Hayes-Anthony waited at the hospital for Jaylen’s mother, La’Trice Burns to arrive after her son had already transitioned. Hayes-Anthony told *The Mississippi Link* she spoke with the grief-stricken mother as she drove from New Orleans, after receiving that dreadful call from the hospital regarding her son.

“This must have been the most difficult task for her in serving as acting president of Jackson State University,” stated Jackie Hampton, publisher of *The Mississippi Link*. Hayes-Anthony told Hampton she spent several hours with the grief-stricken mother, knowing there were very few words to console her.

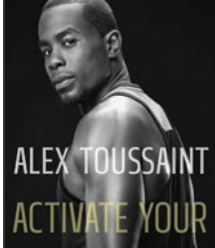
Anthony sent out the following letter campus-wide:

With a heavy heart, I share the passing of Jaylen Burns, an industrial technology major from Chicago, Illinois. He was transported to the hospital from campus after reports of shots fired at University Pointe Apartment Complex. The Jackson Police Department and Capitol Police are assisting in the investigation to apprehend the person of interest.

Out of an abundance of caution, additional security is on sight to ensure the safety of our campus community. We urge everyone to please carry your JSU Identification at all times. Classes are suspended for Monday, Oct. 16.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jaylen’s family, friends and all those who knew him. He was an ambitious and bright young man, who believed in being of service as a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and president of the C100 Chapter at JSU,

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100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. 33rd Annual Scholarship/Mentoring Banquet

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

In the presence of approximately 500 guests, 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. was applauded at their 33rd annual scholarship/mentoring banquet at Jackson Convention Complex (105 E. Pascagoula Street) for showcasing school-aged boys who headed the September 23, 2023, gathering at 7 p.m.

Semaj Simmons (Peeples Middle School), master of ceremonies, guided the program with aplomb. From start to finish, the boys did relatives, friends and mentors proud as they held them captive with their oratorical, leadership roles.

Adhering to the theme, “What They See Is What They Will Be,” the youth demonstrated confidence, eye contact, respect, listening, diction, memorization, conceptualization, understanding and dynamism.

100 BMOJ has high standards for boys to achieve their lifelong goals. President Will Crossley of Piney Woods School, voiced his delight in the boys’ strides for perfection this way, “The best part of this program is being introduced by these young men.”

The young men participants were:



Marvell Turner Sr. and Don R. Taylor
PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

Ollie Walker (Callaway High School, Jackson); Syrius Anderson, Chase Ragsdale, and Dana Williams (Galloway Elementary School, Jackson); Ahmad Talley (Old Town Middle School, Ridgeland); Semaj Simmons (Peeples Middle School, Jackson); Jamerius Allen, Michael Anderson, and Terrance Wells (Lanier High School, Jackson); Jeidyn Blocker and Kendarion Slater (Powell Middle School, Jackson); and Amaris Forbes (Provine High School, Jackson).

The young men presented \$3,000 scholarships to educational insti-

tutions that included Alcorn State University, Hinds Community College, Jackson State University, Piney Woods School, Rust College and Tougaloo College.

Emphasis was placed on the preponderance of education. Recipients seemed to voice this sentiment with an overall message, “Get all the education you can because that’s something nobody can take from you.”

Three speakers served as motivators of the evening’s program: Monterris Harris, Landyn Smith and Gene Harrion. In essence, they asserted that learning was an essential tool for the youths’ lifelong journey. Accordingly, adjustments have to be made in life for goal attainment. Further, youth were admonished to always strive to do more than what is required.

Marvel Turner (Ph.D., CPA) has been serving in the capacity of president of 100 BMOJ for six months. According to Turner, Donald Taylor, a member since 2022, came in with his sleeves rolled up and has been “an extremely active mentor for the boys.” Hence, Taylor earned the title, Local Mentor of the Year 2023.

Harvey Johnson, Jr. was recognized via a video presentation as the National Mentor of the Year 2023. John-

son, the first black mayor of Jackson – served three terms – and has mentored youth since 2012. He has instilled the importance of consistency in youth remaining positive, despite society’s labels. Johnson maintains that youth, not society, will define who they are.

“We’re grateful for the support we’ve received this year. We’re proud of the boys and proud of their parents,” said Turner. Also, gratitude was given to entrepreneur LeRoy Walker and Dr. Audwin Fletcher who coached the boys.

Entertainment was provided by Jerry Smith & The Children of Israel.

This year’s sponsors include: Trustmark Bank; United Way of the Capitol; Eaton; MINACT; Bank Plus; Central Mississippi Health Services; Sincere Home Care; 100 Black Men of Canton; Ergon; AJA Management Technical Service; Cadillac of Jackson; Enterprise; Harvey and Cathy Johnson, Jr.; Juanita Sims Doty Foundation; JSU Development Foundation; Sigma Pi Phi Beta Gamma Boule’; Collegiate 100; Connecting The Dots Foundation; Visit Jackson (CVB); Hinds Community College; Lawrence and Dorothy Anderson; David Russell; Step Into Swim; Regions Bank; Reuben Anderson Center for Jackson;

Sunbelt Sealing; AT&T; The Fletcher Foundation; and Nissan.

100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1990 to make a substantial impact in Metro Jackson’s and the State of Mississippi’s youth.

Turner said that much has been accomplished since the organization’s first celebration in 1991.

To improve the lives of at-risk African-American youth, the operation has four programs: (1) 100 Way Mentoring steers youth into positive directions of life; (2) Scholarships annually give hundreds of students financial assistance through national and Jackson chapter-based programs; (3) Health and wellness, via collaboration of churches, non-profits and civic groups, delivers health screening and educates youth about African-American diseases; and (4) Economic development via corporate, national, state and local entities, fosters economic opportunities that can help with the success of entrepreneurs in urban communities.

To learn more, contact 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. at 5360 Highland Dr., Jackson, MS. 39206 or call 601-366-8301.



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Derrick Johnson, keynote speaker PHOTOS BY CHRIS YOUNG



Pre-Law Director Miller, Dr. Holmes and Blaise Adams

Public Policy Administration. Hobbs also serves as chaplain of the Reuben V. Anderson Pre-Law & Policy Society. Nayla McClure, a sophomore and Political Science major, with a double-minor in Pre-Law and Public Policy Administration, provided greetings, welcome and overview of the occasion. McClure serves as the Marketing Committee chair of the Reuben V. Anderson Pre-Law & Policy Society. She lauded the success of the pre-law program – having graduated over 180 lawyers and judges, and currently having the largest class of pre-law graduates in the history of Tougaloo College.

A heart-warming tribute documentary followed, which highlighted the honoree founders of the Pre-Law Program, and was introduced by Corrin Dixon, a senior Mass Communications major and Pre-Law minor. Dixon has the distinction of serving as president of the Reuben V. Anderson Pre-Law & Policy Society.

Justin Williams, a sophomore, majoring in Music with a double-minor in Pre-Law and Public Policy & Administration, provided the introduction of the keynote speaker, Derrick Johnson, Esquire, a 1994 graduate of Tougaloo, who currently serves as the 19th president & CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the nation – founded in 1909 by a multi-racial coalition of activists.

Johnson’s remarks embodied a theme of responsibility. He indicated that when he arrived at Tougaloo he was perhaps not the most serious student, having a good time in every imaginable way, yet soon realized that he was sitting in a privileged seat and being influenced by people like Justice Anderson and many others who spoke to the students. He identified that critical thinking skills proved to be of the highest value. “The question was not what are you going to do when you graduate, it was

where are you going when you graduate. Are you going to professional school, medical school or law school – that is the legacy of Tougaloo. At Tougaloo I was shown what was possible. We had it drilled in our heads that 50% of all black lawyer’s graduate from Tougaloo, 40% of all black dentists graduated from Tougaloo, 50% of all black doctors graduated from Tougaloo, yet we are only 2% of all black graduates nationwide – we are a small family with a big hammer.” He encouraged students by saying, “don’t drop your hammer, don’t take for granted your privileged seat, recognize that you can have fun in college and still succeed...soak in this moment, recognize your obligations to society, and don’t short-change your potential – we’re counting on you.”

Prior to students introducing the honoree founders of the Pre-Law Program, Director Miller paid special tribute to Attorney Constance Iona Slaughter-Harvey, who before the program was formalized in 1993, emphasized the need to do so. “Justice Anderson and others understood Tougaloo’s legacy of producing top lawyers and made the commitment to form the Pre-Law Program.”

Montae’l Williams, a senior English major with double-minor in Public Policy & Administration and immediate past-president of the Reuben V. Anderson Pre-Law & Policy Society, presented the Benefactor Award to Justice Anderson. Blaise Adams, a senior double major in English & History, with a minor in Pre-Law – the 91st president of the Student Government Association, and parliamentarian of the Pre-Law & Policy Program, introduced the award for the founding Pre-Law Director, Dr. Charles H. Holmes. Having been recruited by Justice Anderson from Jackson State University, the impact of Dr. Holmes on the students and faculty at Tougaloo, and the reverence in which he is held defies description by written word.

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an affiliate of the 100 Black Men of America. We grieve the tragic loss of his life due to this senseless act of violence.

The safety of our students and campus community remains our priority. We are committed to addressing any threats to the security of this campus with the utmost care and attention.

We further encourage any member of our faculty, staff or student body in need of grief support or locating counseling resources in your area, to please contact The Latasha Norman Center for Counseling Services at 601 979-0374 or email latashanormancenter@jsums.edu.



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The University also offers trained clinicians for faculty and staff through an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Telus Health. If you have questions about access, please contact Human Resources.

The holistic well-being of our students is first and foremost, and the safety of our campus community is our collective responsibility. Please remember, if you see something, say something. You may contact the JSU Department of Public Safety at 601 979-2580.

Together, we will remain JSU Strong. Dr. Elayne H. Anthony JSU Acting President

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bring new trees and expertise to not only this campus but the entire community. Jackson State is a perfect example of how urban forests and the people who rely on them are served by a whole range of programs.”

Of the total funding, the Forest Service awarded \$209 million to community-based organizations, tribes, municipal and state governments, non-profit partners, universities and other eligible entities across the Southern Region. These investments will plant and maintain trees in disadvantaged urban communities, tackle the climate crisis, and support jobs and workforce development.

The funding, made possible by the Infla-

tion Reduction Act, is part of a historic \$1.5 billion investment in the Forest Service’s Urban and Community Forestry Program. The funding supports local communities and the organizations that serve them as they work to increase tree cover in disadvantaged spaces and boost equitable access to nature.

“Investing in urban community forests is investing in people. Trees and nature improve mental health, increase home values and provide other ecological benefits, such as cooling communities during summer’s heat,” said Regional Forester Ken Arney.

More information about the funded proposals is available on the Forest Service website.

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Organizer Candace Abdul-Tawwab



Bishop Ronnie C. Crudup, Sr. PHOTOS BY CHRIS YOUNG

the ethnic cleansing...colonizers we don’t need them, what we want is total freedom...free free Palestine, free free Palestine, no justice no peace....this is a genocide, we can end this genocide...free Palestine, free Palestine, free Palestine...in this lifetime, we can end this genocide...call it what it is.”

One of the rally organizers, Delana Tavakol, said, “Palestinians are being held hostage on their own land for the past 75 years...Israel’s retaliation, their collective punishment, not for the past week but for the past 75 years has been horrific – it is a genocide. Israel has been committing apartheid...terrible things are being done in our name...\$58 billion US taxpayer dollars have gone to Israel since the Nakba (the mass displacement of Palestinians during the establishment of Israel) ...could you imagine what that money could do for us in Mississippi...a nation state founded on a flash of racial and religious violence, has continued that violence every day since, with financing from Western nations...we live with the heavy burden of knowing that our money is

buying weapons and training – paying soldiers to subjugate, silence, degrade, steal from, and kill our friends – brothers and sisters in the Middle East...”

Ameen Abdur-Rasheid, the Imam at Masjid Muhammad in Jackson, the oldest mosque in the State of Mississippi, shared in part, “We would like to send condolences to all of the innocent people killed on both sides of this conflict. Allah says in the Quran that he honors all of the children of Adam, our Father. So, one group is not superior to another. Allah said that Earth was created for just means – meaning justice, freedom, equity and equality for all people, not just for the powerful few. What does one expect after 75 years of injustice, stealing their land, and bloodshed? We do not see all Jewish people as enemies, there are Jewish people all over the world who don’t condone or support the occupation of Palestine...”

Blake Feldman shared in part that he was speaking because “Time is so precious. You know how people say I wish I could wake up everyday with the confidence of a mediocre white man? Well that was me in my teens and twenties – I thought that I was a lot smarter than I was ...now I try to listen more and to learn and am speaking today because it is so important that more of us do that. Our government leaders have repeatedly voiced unwavering and unyielding support for Israel. When Israel or any alley denies an oppressed people water, fuel, medicine, demands the displacement of those people, and then bombs the roads that are necessary for that exodus, my support wavers, my support yields...”

Bishop Ronnie Crudup of New Horizon Church International, stated, “I’m here today to say stop the genocide. I’m here today not because I support what Hamas did on October 7th – I don’t. I think that was murder. I grieve with the Jewish folk. I am also here today because Israel’s response to that horrific event certainly is not justice – it is genocide. I am here today to grieve also with the Palestinian people because over

700 children have lost their lives. Over 2,000 people have lost their lives. Over 7,000 folk have been wounded in Gaza. I am here to say to everyone who is life-loving that we cannot support genocide. The people in Gaza are human beings. If you believe in the dignity of everybody, then you have to stand up and make your voice heard.”

Sister Okolo Rashid, co-founder and executive director of International Museum of Muslim Cultures (IMMC), reminded in part, “We are here today because this represents a seismic shift, a paradigm shift from what we have been seeing historically, even though the Israeli government is an occupying force – it controls Palestine, it controls the Gaza Strip, controls their daily lives. So, they (Israel)...so they are the lords of that land.” Later she shared there is a chapter in the Quran called mutual consultation – “and our position here today is that the only way we are going to stop the violence, is the leadership, the one’s controlling the land, they have to be willing to sit down and have mutual consultation.”

The Mississippi Link asked Khary Abusalah if he would comment, and he stated, “I’m Palestinian and we stand for Palestinian rights. I have a sister that lives in Gaza, we know what they are going through – it’s genocide, and it’s against human rights. We pray that everyone will be alright, and that the world and the governments and the people just stand and feel with us.”

Petitions from this rally are being circulated and will be forwarded to Mississippi’s Representatives in Congress later this week.

As of the evening following this Free Palestine Rally in Jackson, ABC News reports, “At least 1,400 people have died and 3,400 others have been injured in Israel after the militant group Hamas launched an unprecedented incursion from air, land and sea on Oct. 7, Israeli authorities said. In Gaza, at least 2,778 people have been killed in retaliatory strikes from Israel with another 9,938 more injured, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health, with those numbers expected to climb.”

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Four HBCU College students selected to receive scholarships from the American Heart Association



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The American Heart Association announces expansion of its HBCU Scholars program to include 52 students at 23 institutions pursuing healthcare careers.

According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, only 8% of medical students and 5% of physicians are black and African-American. In an effort to address this disparity, the American Heart Association, the leading public health nonprofit organization dedicated to building a world of longer, healthier lives for all, has announced that four local students have been selected to participate in its Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Scholars program.

Local awardees are:
Ané Scott is a senior English major at Tougaloo College. She is a native of Jackson, MS and a member of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society Spring and Jackson Heart Study Scholar. Scott has a personal mission of using linguistics and public health to bridge AAVE speakers to their

providers in an effort to address African-American medical outcomes. Her mentor is Clifton Addison, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Madison Patterson is a sophomore biology major at Tougaloo College. She is a native of Leland, MS, Alpha Lambda Delta scholar and Lindy Callahan MHSAA Scholarship recipient. She is excited to have the opportunity to collaborate with accomplished faculty and fellow scholars from diverse backgrounds who will enrich her learning experience and foster a supportive community dedicated to making a difference. Her mentor is Marinelle Payton, MD, PhD, MS, MPH, Chair and Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

Aspen Treadwell is a junior biology major at Jackson State University. She is a native of Independence, MO., President's List scholar and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. State Scholarship recipient. Aspen is eager to collaborate with her mentor and gain new knowledge around the research process.

Her mentor is Junie Paula Warrington, PhD, FAHA, FANA, Associate Professor, Department of Neurology and Associate Director, Program in Neuroscience, Translational Research Center, and University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Raegyn Phillips is a senior biology major at Jackson State University. She is a native of Carthage, MS., President's List scholar and Jackson State University Tiger Tuition Scholar. Raegyn is looking forward to collaborating with like-minded peers, working with her mentor, and building a lifelong network of professionals who share a common goal. Her mentor is Lorena Amaral, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology/Toxicology, and University of Mississippi Medical Center.

The Association's HBCU Scholars are enrolled in biomedical or other health sciences programs at their respective institutions. Through their participation in the Scholars program, they will study how the social determinants of health and other health disparities im-

pact underserved communities. They will also participate in scientific research projects and present their findings at the end of the program.

"Since 2015, the American Heart Association HBCU Scholars program has helped change the trajectory of dozens of under-represented students in science and medicine by fostering their talent, preparedness and growth to pursue careers in biomedical science" said American Heart Association volunteer president Michelle A. Albert, M.D., M.P.H., FAHA, who is the Walter A. Haas-Lucie Stern endowed chair in Cardiology, professor of medicine and admissions dean at University of California-San Francisco School of Medicine.

"As champions for healthcare quality and access for all, the American Heart Association is committed to building the pipeline of diverse persons in medicine and empowering the next generation of research and health care professionals."

The program is funded nationally by a grant provided by the Quest Diagnostics Founda-

tion, which also supports the American Heart Association's Hispanic Serving Institutes (HSI) Scholars Program.

Accepted students are selected based on their GPA, completion of a formal application which includes an essay, and an official recommendation from their school. During the program, scholars are paired with a mentor who works in health care or is currently performing their own relevant scientific research. They will also participate in a leadership development program and are awarded a financial stipend to help cover education-related expenses.

Clinical research studies published in the *American Journal of Public Health* suggest that patients of color may experience uncomfortable interactions and communication barriers with their healthcare providers due to lack of diversity and face implicit and unconscious bias from physicians and other healthcare professionals. These barriers, in turn, can lower patients' trust in the overall health care system and as a result, these patients may not

complete prescribed treatments or follow-up on recommended care. Addressing this issue is a vital component of the HBCU Scholars program.

Each year, the Association seeks applications from sophomores, juniors and seniors from historically underrepresented communities who are currently enrolled in an HBCU and are interested in pursuing a professional degree in biomedical and health sciences.

About the American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. We are dedicated to ensuring equitable health in all communities. Through collaboration with numerous organizations, and powered by millions of volunteers, we fund innovative research, advocate for the public's health and share life-saving resources. The Dallas-based organization has been a leading source of health information for nearly a century. *Connect with us on heart.org, Facebook, Twitter or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1.*

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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CONGRATULATIONS TO HINDS COUNTY SCHOOLS WITH A "B" AND ABOVE ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Superintendent Dr. Robert Sanders and Assistant Superintendents Dr. Antionette Woodall and Michelle Ray, recognized the schools and principals in the Hinds County School District who obtained a B and above accountability rating for the 2022-2023 school year during the district's October Professional Development Day. These schools included Gary Road Intermediate, Dr. Arthur Jones; Raymond Elementary, Roshonda Clark; Carver Middle School, Daffonie Moore; Raymond High School, Charles Willis; and Terry High School, Matthew Scott. Congratulations to these schools and principals for their great success as they strive to go from "Good to Great!" The Superintendent reminded all faculty and staff of the district's motto, "Don't Just Be...Be the Best!"





Historical marker to honor students who integrated Mississippi University for Women

The Associated Press
In the spring of 1966, Laverne Greene-Leech, along with her best friend, Diane Hardy, and Barbara Turner Bankhead had just graduated from Hunt High School, where black students attended the segregated school system in Columbus, Mississippi.

That fall, the three 17-year-olds arrived at the Mississippi State College for Women, along with three graduate students — Mary Flowers, Jacqueline Edwards and Eula Houser — as the school’s first black students.

On Oct. 19th, the state will unveil a historical marker on the campus, now known as the Mississippi University for Women, honoring their journey. It will be placed in Pioneers Plaza, beside Carrier Chapel, during a ceremony starting at 3 p.m. The marker is the result of a collaboration between the History Department at MUW and Chuck Yarborough’s history class at Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

Greene-Leech said she and her friends never set out to make history, *The Dispatch* reported.

“We just wanted an education,” she said.

Greene-Leech’s plan was to go to Mississippi Valley State, one of Mississippi’s three historically black colleges and universities. Hardy, however,



Laverne Greene-Leech stands on the Mississippi University for Women campus in Columbus, Miss., Friday, Oct. 13, 2023. She is one of the six black students who integrated The W in 1966. A state historic marker will be unveiled Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023, honoring Greene-Leech and her five pioneering classmates.(Deanna Robinson/The Commercial Dispatch, VIA AP

planned to apply to MSCW “just to see their reaction,” Greene-Leech recalled. She and Turner decided to apply also, as a show of support for their friend. She said her parents weren’t too excited about that decision.

“They didn’t think it was a good idea,” she said. “They were afraid for me. But they said, ‘If this is what you want to do, we’ll stand behind you.’”

It didn’t take long for the girls to understand where they fit into campus life, which was

nowhere really.

“Students then were required to live on campus, but they told us there was no place for us to stay, so we went back and forth from home,” Greene-Leech said. “They had a cafeteria, but we weren’t allowed to eat there. We had to move off the sidewalks to let the white student pass.”

The social clubs that almost every student was a part of were off limits to them, as well.

Greene-Leech said there

were a few white students who were accepting, but it was a handful of teachers who made The W tolerable, at least for a while.

The mental and emotional stress took its toll. Greene-Leech left The W after the first semester of her sophomore year. “It was just too much,” she said.

In 1973, she returned, but left again without finishing her degree. Greene-Leech went to work after that year, eventually landing at the Lowndes County School District, where she worked for 32 years, first as a library assistant, but for most of her career as the district’s media director.

Greene-Leech said she didn’t give The W much thought for years.

Slowly, though, she began to notice things changing. Gertrude Lewis and Marjorie Carter became The W’s first black faculty members in 1970, and black enrollment built steadily over the years. Male students joined the study body in the ’80s.

“When I saw black students and black faculty members and later, the boys, I knew it was finally a school for all people,” she said. “That was when I was proud of The W and the part we played in it becoming what it is today.”

When she heard about plans to put up a historical marker, she said, she shed tears of joy.

“I was happy that we did play a little part in the story. I cried because I look at the institution and see what it has become,” Greene-Leech said.

Her only regret is that her lifelong friend Hardy will not be present for the ceremony. Hardy died in 2013.

Still, she said she’s eager to attend the ceremony and is especially excited to meet and talk to the students, many of whom are the same age she was in the fall of ’66.

“I know they have absolutely no idea of what it was like almost 60 years ago,” she said. “It really touches me, what they did with this. It brought me to tears.”

Residents sue Mississippi city for declaring their properties blighted in redevelopment plan

By Michael Goldberg
Associated Press/Report for America

A Mississippi city failed to properly inform property owners in a majority-black neighborhood that their homes could be targeted for eminent domain under a redevelopment plan, some residents argue in a federal lawsuit filed Thursday.

The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. Southern District of Mississippi, said the coastal city of Ocean Springs created an “urban renewal” proposal in an area that includes the properties of four residents and a local Baptist church. A move by the city to declare parts of the area blighted could allow it to exercise eminent domain — the government transfer of property from private to public.

The property owners allege the south Mississippi city did not provide them an adequate opportunity to challenge the plan.

“Ocean Springs cannot brand neighborhoods as slums in secret,” said Dana Berliner, litigation director for the Institute for Justice, a public interest law firm representing the property owners. “Depriving people of their property rights without any process is a clear violation of the U.S. Constitution.”

The lawsuit asks the court to declare state urban renewal codes that the city followed unconstitutional.

In a statement Thursday, Ocean Springs Mayor Kenny Holloway said the city’s proposed plan follows Mississippi statute and that Mississippi Attorney General Fitch will address the claims that the statutes are unconstitutional.

“The city’s proposed Urban Renewal Plan has not violated anyone’s rights. It is unfortunate that our residents have chosen to file a lawsuit instead of having a constructive discussion with the city. I have personally

invited residents to my office to explain and answer questions,” Holloway said.

Residents were given the option to remove their property from the proposed plan, Holloway said.

Ocean Springs officials approved a proposal in April designating some properties in the city’s Railroad District blighted. The majority-black neighborhood became ensnared in the city’s ongoing redevelopment plan, according to the lawsuit.

The plan is focused on urban renewal as a strategy for driving economic development. It defined an “urban renewal project” based on a Mississippi statute approved in 1972 that says municipalities can stop the “development or spread of slums and blight,” which “may involve slum clearance and redevelopment in an urban renewal area.”

After the proposal was approved, property owners had 10 days to challenge it under Mississippi law. But the city did not inform the owners about the blight designations or their significance, and the deadline passed, the property owners said. That deprived the owners of their due process rights, their attorneys argue.

Cynthia Fisher, one of the people suing Ocean Springs, said she has lived in the Railroad District for 70 years. Her daughter lives in the home Fisher inherited after her own mother passed away, and she has no intention of selling. But now that the home has been declared blighted, she fears the city might force her to sell one day.

“We’re proud of our neighborhood and while we may not have a lot of money to put in our homes, we keep them well,” Fisher said. “What the city did, labeling our neighborhood as a slum without telling us, was wrong.”

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Black student disciplined over hairstyle in Texas school

By Cheyanne Mumphrey
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AP Education Writers

For more than a month, Darryl George, a black high school student in Texas, spent each school day sitting by himself in punishment over his hairstyle. This week, he was sent to a separate disciplinary program, where he’s been told he will spend several more weeks away from classmates.

In an interview with The Associated Press, George said he has felt discouraged about missing out on his classes and time with the football team.

“I feel like I’m missing my full experience of being in the classroom,” George said Thursday.

George, 18, was first pulled from the classroom at his Houston-area school in August after school officials said his locs fell below his eyebrows and earlobes and violated the district’s dress code. His family argues his hairstyle does not break any rules.

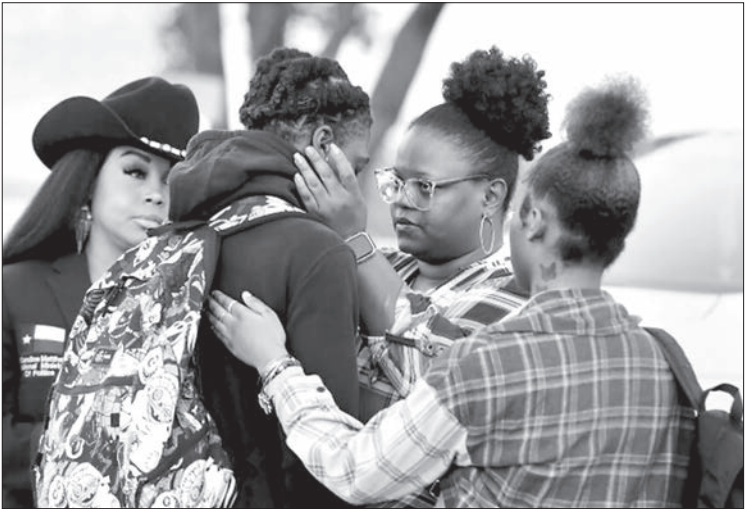
By the time George is allowed to return to Barbers Hill High School in Mont Belvieu, Texas, in November, he will have missed 56 of 67 days of regular classroom instruction to start his junior year. The family has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit alleging the state failed to enforce a new law outlawing discrimination based on hairstyles.

But the family said George is not looking to change schools. They want to take a stand at a school that has clashed previously with other black male students over their hairstyles.

“We have to stand, and we have to let them know that, ‘No, Darryl’s not cutting his hair. No, Darryl is not going to let this go. No, you’re not going to run Ms. George and her family out of their neighborhood,’” said Candice Matthews, a civil rights activist who is operating as a spokesperson for the family.

After George spent weeks on in-school suspension, his family received a letter from the school principal referring him to the disciplinary program for the dress code violations and other transgressions: violating the tardy policy, disrupting the in-school suspension classroom and not complying with school directives.

Barbers Hill Superintendent Greg Poole said Friday in an



Darryl George, center left, and his mother Darresha George, center right, share words of encouragement before walking across the street to go into Barbers Hill High School after Darryl served a 5-day in school suspension for not cutting his hair, Monday, Sept. 18, 2023. George began attending a disciplinary program this week away from his classmates and regular teachers. A/P PHOTO/MICHAEL WYKE, FILE

email to the AP that officials cannot disclose the infractions that led to George’s current placement, but it was not because of his hair.

George’s mother, Darresha George, said he once used a profanity to express frustration with the in-school suspension. The family said George also has had two tardy violations. But they see the refusal to cut his hair as the root of the issue.

“They are retaliating and that’s all that this is,” said Allie Booker, the family’s attorney.

George on Thursday attended his first day at the disciplinary school, where he sits in a cubicle and does schoolwork. He is allowed breaks but must stay inside the room. He is able to interact with teachers in the program, but he feels like he’s falling behind.

“I’m just not learning what they’re trying to teach me,” he said.

School systems in Texas have broad discretion over which offenses can result in students being sent to disciplinary alternative education programs, said Renuka Rege of Texas Appleseed, a social justice advocacy organization. But she said it would be unusual for a student to be transferred over a dress code violation.

“If a district wants to be really, really harsh, then they can lay that out in their code of conduct,” Rege said. “There’s a lot of districts here in Texas that still very much have a zero-tolerance mindset.”

Dress code and hair violations disproportionately affect

students of color, said Ashley Sawyer, senior staff attorney at the Advancement Project, a civil rights advocacy organization. She said students are pressured to conform to standards that may not factor in their culture and heritage, such as wearing natural hair.

George’s family has filed two religious exemptions for his hair. One was denied and they are awaiting a response to their second request, Booker said.

Men in the family going back generations have had locs. The hairstyle has cultural and religious importance, Darresha George said.

Darryl’s mother said her son’s discipline is not just affecting him at school, but behind closed doors as well.

“Nobody can see the pain. Nobody can see the hurt. Nobody can see the tears. I have to see this. I have to see the way he gets up in the morning, the way he doesn’t want to endure the day. It weighs on me as his mother because I have to see my child go through this,” she said through tears.

Darryl George said he hopes to return to how things were.

“I hope I can start being a kid again, start living my life, start playing football again and enjoy my year, my last few years in high school,” he said.

Mumphrey reported from Phoenix and Ma reported from Washington D.C.

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Justice Department issues report to improve police hiring nationwide



In the report titled “Recruitment and Retention for Modern Law Enforcement Agency,” DOJ officials concluded that the law enforcement profession needs to update its hiring and retention practices.

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

Law enforcement faces a challenge as more officers resign or retire, and fewer qualified applicants are interested in becoming police officers. A new report from the Justice Department suggests that police agencies should reevaluate their mission, values, culture and employees to improve their service to communities.

In the report titled “Recruitment and Retention for Modern Law Enforcement Agency,” DOJ officials concluded that the law enforcement profession needs to update its hiring and retention practices.

Officials say that law enforcement agencies can enhance the appeal of policing as a career by implementing the solutions and strategies presented in this publication. They can also attract candidates, train recruits, show appreciation to employees, prioritize workforce well-being and build community trust.

“The U.S. Department of Justice, through BJA and the COPS Office, is dedicated to assisting law enforcement agencies in navigating the recruitment and retention crisis and providing support for incorporating these solutions,” DOJ officials stated.

A dwindling number of sworn officers is a persistent issue that police departments all over the country are facing, according to a study by the Police Executive Research Forum in April 2023. A study found that the number of staff in law enforcement agencies

in January 2023 was 4.8% lower than three years ago.

The study highlighted that the issue extends beyond recruitment hurdles; it encompasses the retention of existing officers. In 2022, the number of sworn officers hired surged by 35% compared to 2020 and by 5.6% over 2019. Officer resignations in 2022 increased by 47% compared to 2019, according to the police research study.

The report highlights the alarming decline in law enforcement staffing levels. “The recruitment and retention crisis is the number one issue I hear about from our state, tribal, and local law enforcement partners across the country,” Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta stated.

The report says that there are many reasons for staffing problems. These include the lasting effects of COVID-19, changes in the job market, increased safety concerns and growing frustration towards the police.

The report, which Attorney General Merrick Garland commissioned, calls for a multifaceted strategy in response to these difficulties. It emphasizes the need for police leaders to gain a deeper understanding of their communities while advocating for the modernization and streamlining of hiring practices.

The report emphasized a significant discovery from a meeting of police leaders in April 2023: that negative public opinion significantly affects officers’ morale and job satisfaction. Enhancing

law enforcement’s image and highlighting the profession’s virtues are critical to boosting recruitment.

The DOJ report emphasizes the importance of emotional intelligence and non-traditional skills, like conflict resolution and empathy, for effective policing. It states, “Strong emotional intelligence is linked to fewer cases of excessive force and improved relationships within the community.” Officials emphasized the importance of recruiting candidates with traditional policing knowledge and critical interpersonal skills.

Further, agencies have been advised to implement diversity initiatives and remove barriers hindering inclusivity to build a more inclusive workforce. The DOJ recommended working with community leaders to encourage diverse candidates to consider law enforcement as a career.

The report offers recommendations for improving training and retention once officers are recruited. These include signing bonuses, comprehensive pension plans and various retirement options. Additionally, addressing limitations on overtime and pension payouts could significantly improve retention rates.

Concerns over work-life balance and wellness, particularly concerning child care and mental health, were also highlighted in the report. The stigma of seeking mental health support within the law enforcement community is a big problem that needs fixing, officials said.

Hate crimes surge in 2022 leading to an urgent call for unity and action

By Stacy M. Brown
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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has released its comprehensive Hate Crime Statistics for 2022, revealing a troubling surge in hate-fueled incidents across the United States. Recent attacks in New York and Chicago are stark reminders of the urgent need for increased awareness and action.

In 2022, the FBI transitioned to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) for data collection, representing a significant step towards more accurate reporting. The new data reflects submissions from 13,293 law enforcement agencies employing NIBRS data, covering over 256 million U.S. inhabitants. Addition-



ally, data from 2,431 non-transitioned agencies was accepted, representing 55,441,278 inhabitants, expanding the population coverage to 93.5%.

The Hate Crime Statistics 2022 report reveals that law enforcement agencies reported 11,634 criminal incidents involving 13,337 related

offenses motivated by bias towards race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender and gender identity.

In New York, a Sikh man faced a vicious attack aboard an MTA bus in Queens this week. The assailant, allegedly expressing xenophobia, tar-

geted the victim and attempted to remove his turban – a sacred religious symbol – forcibly. This incident is a stark reminder of the persistent hate plaguing American society.

Meanwhile, in Chicago, a horrific incident over the weekend resulted in the tragic murder of a six-year-old boy. Wadea Al-Fayoume and his mother fell victim to a brutal attack, with the assailant singling them out due to their Muslim faith. The suspect, Joseph Czuba, now faces charges of murder and hate crimes. This shocking incident highlights the devastating consequences of hate-fueled violence.

In response to the surge in hate crimes, President Biden released a statement condemning the 25 percent increase in antisemitic incidents from

2021 to 2022. He stressed the imperative of unity in speaking out against hate and bigotry, pledging his administration’s dedication to combating antisemitism and Islamophobia.

While there was a positive 38 percent decrease in hate crimes targeting Asian Americans, the overall levels remained stable, underscoring the need for sustained efforts to eradicate hate-fueled violence. Anti-LGBTQI+ hate crimes rose 16 percent, and Muslim and African Americans continue to be overrepresented among victims, Biden said.

“There’s more to do when it comes to ending hate-fueled violence,” the president insisted. “That means coming together and speaking out against hate and bigotry in all its forms. All Americans deserve to live their lives with dignity, respect and safety.”

Got milk?

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Milk is sometimes called the perfect food. Milk is defined as a liquid secreted from the mammary glands of female mammals to nourish their young for a period beginning immediately after birth. The milk of domesticated animals is also an important food source for humans, either as a fresh fluid or processed into a number of dairy products such as butter and cheese.

Almost all the milk we consume in Western countries is from the cow. Other important sources of milk are from sheep and goats, which are especially important in southern Europe and the Mediterranean area, the water buffalo, which is widely domesticated in Asia, and the camel, which is important in the Middle East and North Africa.

Milk is an emulsion of fat and protein in water, along with dissolved sugar (carbohydrate), minerals and vitamins. These nutrients are present in the milk of all mammals. Their proportions differ from one species to another. The milk of each species is a complete food for its own young. In the stomach, milk is converted to a soft curd that encloses globules of fat, enabling digestion to proceed smoothly without the disturbance often caused by fatty food. Lactose, or milk sugar, is broken down into simpler digestible sugars by the enzyme lactase, which is produced in the intestine of infants.



Infants who do not produce lactase develop lactose intolerance, a condition in which a variety of gastrointestinal problems arise. Lactose intolerance also commonly develops after weaning or with advancing age, when many individuals cease producing lactase.

Milk is a rich source of essential nutrients, making it a valuable part of a balanced diet for many people. Here are some of the key nutritional components found in milk and their benefits:

Calcium: Milk is renowned for its calcium content, which is essential for strong bones and teeth. Adequate calcium intake can help prevent con-

ditions like osteoporosis and maintain overall bone health. The calcium in milk is also important for muscle function, nerve transmission and blood clotting.

Protein: Milk is a complete protein source, containing all the essential amino acids required for various bodily functions. Protein is vital for tissue repair, muscle growth and the production of enzymes and hormones.

Vitamin D: Many dairy products, including milk are fortified with vitamin D, which plays a critical role in calcium absorption and bone health. It also contributes to your immune system function and overall well-being.

Vitamin B12: Milk is a good source

of vitamin B12, which is essential for red blood cell formation, neurological function and the metabolism of proteins and fats.

Riboflavin (Vitamin B2): Riboflavin found in milk is important for energy production, the metabolism of fats, drugs, steroids and maintaining healthy skin and eyes.

Phosphorus: Milk provides phosphorus, a mineral that, along with calcium, is crucial for bone health. It is also involved in various cellular processes, including energy production.

Potassium: Potassium is an electrolyte found in milk that helps regulate blood pressure, balance fluids in the body and support heart and muscle function.

Magnesium: This mineral found in milk is essential for numerous biochemical processes in the body, including muscle and nerve function, bone health and blood glucose control.

Hydration: Milk has a high water content, which contributes to overall hydration. Staying well-hydrated is essential for bodily functions and overall health.

While milk offers a range of essential nutrients, there are some considerations and potential drawbacks to keep in mind:

Lactose Intolerance: Many individuals are lactose intolerant, which means they have difficulty digesting lactose, the sugar found in milk. This can lead to digestive discomfort, such as gas, bloating and diarrhea.

Dairy Allergies: Some people are allergic to milk proteins, such as casein or whey, which can cause allergic reactions ranging from mild to severe.

High in Saturated Fat: Whole milk is relatively high in saturated fat, which can contribute to cardiovascular issues if consumed in excessive amounts. Low-fat and skim milk options are available as alternatives with lower saturated fat content.

Caloric Content: Whole milk is calorie-dense, which can be a concern for those aiming to manage their calorie intake. Lower-calorie milk alternatives, like almond, soy or oat milk, are available for those looking to reduce their calorie consumption.

Environmental and Ethical Concerns: The production of dairy milk can have environmental and ethical implications, including concerns about animal welfare and greenhouse gas emissions. These concerns have led some individuals to seek plant-based milk alternatives.

The question of whether milk is good to drink depends on various factors, including an individual's dietary preferences, nutritional needs and health considerations.

As you can see, unless you are unable to drink milk because of allergy or lactose intolerance, milk isn't just for kids. Ultimately, the choice to include milk in your diet should be based on your individual health goals and values.

Before starting any health or fitness program consult your physician.

Jackson Community Prevention Coalition at JSU awarded \$304,488 by Mississippi Department of Mental Health

Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson State University's (JSU) Metro Jackson Community Prevention Coalition (MJCPC) was awarded the \$304,488 Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Grant from the Mississippi Department of Mental Health's Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Services.

The funding applies to the 2023-2024 fiscal year. It marks 32 years for the MJCPC to receive funding from the Department of Mental Health in substance abuse prevention to continue prevention efforts in the Jackson Metropolitan area. The grant aims to provide evidence-based substance abuse prevention services to local schools, colleges and communities.

"We're very thankful to receive funding from the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) once again. It has been a true blessing to educate our youth and community about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs," said Henry Thompson, MJCPC director and principal investigator.

Initiatives led by the MJCPC include a glow stick party featuring refreshments, music, dancing and dimmed ambient lighting to encourage students to have fun without participating in substances. There is also the "You've Been Tagged" Valentine's Day event, where students are given prevention messages with cookies and light refreshments to be safe during Valentine's.

Lastly, there is the St. Patrick's Day mocktail event, where the MJCPC staff serves mocktail drinks and dresses

festively in green clothing while emphasizing the dangers of drinking and driving.

The prevention experts staff hosts summer enhancement programs with the City of Jackson. Through the Life Skills Program, an evidence-based curriculum resource, the MJCPC teaches elementary, middle and high school scholars about self-image, decision-making, coping with anxiety and anger, social skills and the myths and realities of alcohol, marijuana and tobacco. There are also alcohol and tobacco prevention training sessions for first-year students enrolled in the university success course.

"Our youth need the prevention messages that we provide them with because often they don't know how detrimental drugs and alcohol can be to their bodies. Particularly in adolescents, when their bodies are forming and they're growing. Alcohol and drugs have a detrimental effect on their physical body and cognition because those parts of their bodies have not fully developed," said Senior Prevention Specialist Pamela McCoy, DrPH. "Even later in life, if they become drug users or addicted to drugs, that has a detrimental effect on their health, particularly heart disease and high blood pressure."

The MJCPC staff includes Prevention Specialist Terry Bennett, Prevention Specialist Kamryn Dismuke and Prevention Specialist and Administrative Assistant JaKelia Brown.

Metro Jackson serves K-12 schools, colleges, the community and senior and parent populations.

Licensing is required to conduct the evidence-based curriculum.

Why advocates say that fentanyl deaths are preventable

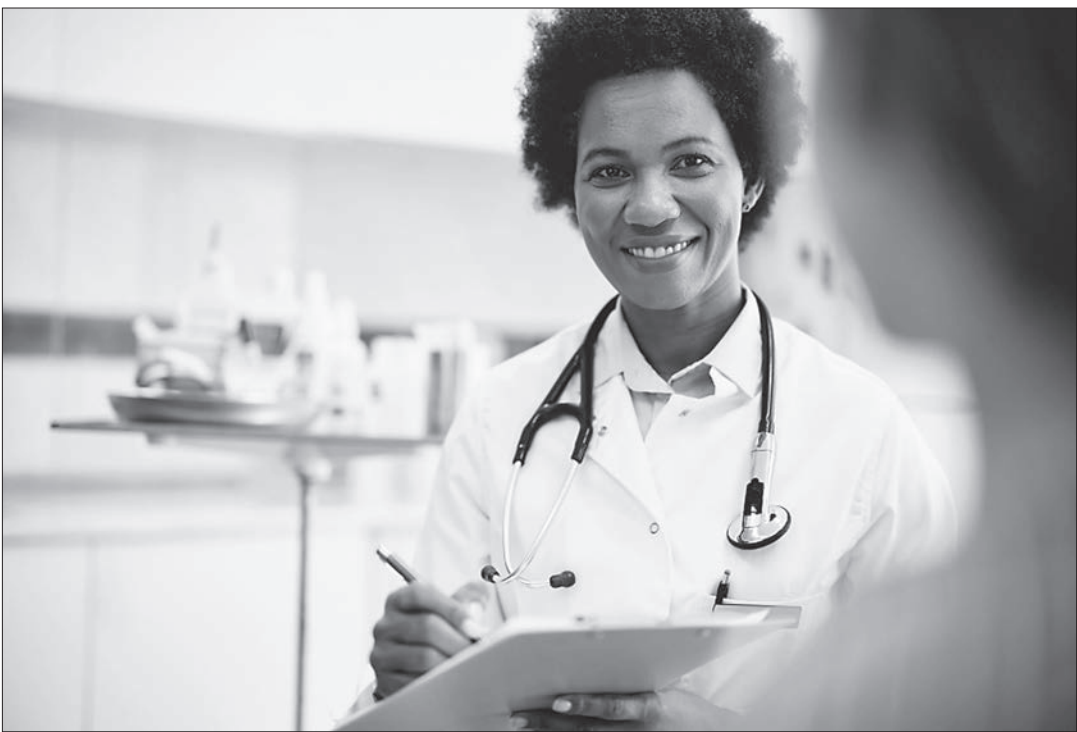
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The overwhelming majority of opioid overdose deaths are due to illicitly manufactured fentanyl. Here's what physicians at the American Medical Association (AMA) want you to know as the drug overdose and death epidemic continues to devastate communities nationwide:

- Opioid use disorder (OUD) is a treatable, chronic disease: Two-thirds of U.S. adults say either they or a family member have been addicted to alcohol or drugs, experienced homelessness due to addiction, or experienced a drug overdose leading to an emergency room visit, hospitalization or death, according to a KFF Tracking Poll. "Despite their prevalence, drug use disorders are the most stigmatized health conditions worldwide, impacting treatment and policy, and even individuals' willingness to seek treatment," says Bobby Mukkamala, MD, chair of the AMA Substance Use and Pain Care Task Force.

- Prescriptions are down, overdoses are up: The 2022 AMA Overdose Epidemic Report shows a 46.4% decrease in opioid prescribing nationwide in the past decade, in large part due to physician efforts to ensure appropriate prescribing, but also state laws and health insurer and pharmacy policies that deny opioid therapy to patients, even those that need it. Nevertheless, the nation's drug overdose and death epidemic continues to worsen. According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in the 12-month period that ended in February 2023, more than 105,000 people died from fatal overdoses that were primarily driven by synthetic opioids, like illicit fentanyl.

- Deaths are preventable: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data indicates



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

that nearly 40% of all overdose deaths occur with a bystander present. For this reason, increasing the availability of opioid-related overdose-reversal medications will save lives.

Thanks to advocacy from the AMA and other public health leaders, the FDA approved the first-ever over-the-counter naloxone product, and now pharmacies, supermarkets, convenience stores and gas stations are able to sell this safe, effective treatment. The AMA is urging retailers to price the medication responsibly and stock naloxone in prominent places. The AMA continues to urge health insurance companies to cover opioid overdose reversal medications at low- or no-cost.

- Preparation saves lives: Consider having naloxone or another overdose reversal medication on hand in case you witness someone overdosing. If you come across someone slumped over and showing signs of possible overdose, an overdose reversal medication is

as easy to use as inserting it into the person's nose and depressing the plunger. Don't hesitate – whether they've taken fentanyl or not, there's no downside to giving naloxone when an overdose is suspected.

- Young people are dying: Among 14-18-year-olds, overdose deaths increased 94% from 2019 to 2020 and 20% from 2020 to 2021, according to the CDC. Physicians urge parents to talk to their children about alcohol, drugs and other substances.

"Making opioid overdose reversal medications widely available in educational settings can save young lives," says Dr. Mukkamala.

The AMA urges schools and universities to stock the medications and let students know it's available if necessary.

- Treatment works: Opioid use disorder is a treatable, chronic disease that can help individuals lead long, productive lives.

"Having an opioid use disorder requires medical help just

like any other chronic disease," says Dr. Mukkamala, who advises checking with your primary care provider if you have concerns or questions about how to get help. You also will need to talk with your insurance provider about coverage requirements and restrictions, which continue to be a barrier for many with an OUD.

- Risk can be reduced: If you receive opioid therapy or have an acute injury, talk with your physicians about the expected level of pain and optimal strategies for pain control. Safely and securely store your medications and remove unused and unwanted opioids and other medications from your home.

"We have to be honest that in order to truly reverse the overdose epidemic, much more work will need to be done to reduce stigmas and increase access to life-saving drugs," says Dr. Mukkamala. "There is a way forward, and it requires a cooperative effort from all of us."

P R E S E R V E D

The company you keep

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



During a visit to my family in San Antonio a few years ago, I was shocked and saddened to hear of 3 murders in one 24-hour period. The news reports hinted that they were all gang related.

As my mother and I were talking about how crime in the city seemed to be getting out of control, my then 19-year-old niece bounced into the room and announced nonchalantly that she knew the 21-year-old pregnant woman that was killed in one of the shootings. My niece shared that they used to dance together on the same Christian praise dancing team.

She then explained how one of the other two people that was injured also had something to do with another fatal shooting last year. In fact, the same young man was also the target of another shoot-

ing a year ago. And like this time, another young woman was killed by accident, and he escaped with a few minor injuries.

I was fascinated with how my niece knew all of this information just two hours after the shooting. She remembered dancing with the young lady and recalled that it was her boyfriend's friend that was really the target of the shooting. Apparently, the young man likes to cause a lot of "drama." My niece wasn't sure if it was drug-related, but she figured that the boyfriend of her now deceased friend probably invited him into the house.

My mother and I looked at each other and said at almost the same time, "It goes to show that you have to be careful about who you hang out with." My mother added, "That's why you can't have everyone over your house. Not that you are trying to be rude, but you have to be careful because you don't know who everyone else's friends are."

Later, I also thought about how the sad story is also a modern example of what Proverbs 24:1-3 says why we should avoid troublemakers: "Do not envy wicked men, do not desire their company; for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about making trouble." The bible also says in 1 Corinthians 15:33, "Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Even what my niece said about the young man who was the intended target fit the warnings found in scriptures about using wisdom concerning those who we hang out with. We can be friends but as Christians we have to learn how to be a good influence on others who may be headed down the wrong path without losing ourselves in the process.

The past few weeks of media coverage of the violence in Israel and Gaza made me think about how we can become "collateral damage" when it comes to the fights of others. The long-standing

hostilities between the Israelis and Palestinians have resulted in hundreds of deaths of innocent men, women and children who were seemingly living purposefully but ended up being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Even if we don't understand all the history between the groups and their struggle to live at peace with each, we should pray that there is no more bloodshed on either side.

Praying for the peace of Israel, for peace in Gaza and for peace in the Middle East. May God's mercy and grace protect.

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Contentment

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



Today, we are living in extremely dangerous times. The enemy is fired up and working without any reprieve. He is laboring to destroy souls, so you have to be careful. James wrote in James 1:4, "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." This is the benefit that you receive through being tempted and tired.

He said to let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. What would be attractive about the Church if she were unhappy and restless? What would be a drawing force if the Christian were not content and satisfied? Sometimes we sing, "I am satisfied in Jesus, what a sweet soul rest I feel!"

We also sing the song entitled "It satisfies my soul," and salvation does satisfy the soul! This salvation is still rich, and it still has satisfying power. It still has the ability to bring sweet soul rest to an individual, unlike anything else in this world.

If we, as the people of God, were not happy and contented, then we would be restless. We would always be looking for some new thing to exalt the flesh. Thank God, this is not the path of God's church.

The Apostle Paul said in Phi-

lippians 4:11, "I have learned, whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Praise God.

Contentment should be, and it is, a major drawing force of the Church of God. As people look on, they see contented people. The world looks on and sees happy individuals being in the church, and they do not understand it. They begin to wonder, "How can that be? How can those people be happy when they do not do anything that is fun? They do not get drunk or go dancing or smoke weed and get high. They do not gamble or tell dirty jokes.

How do God's people have fun? Well, I will tell you. Jesus is in our hearts and lives. The world does not know fun. One songwriter wrote, "I've just started living! I've found a new life. I've changed my direction and put away all my strife." Thank God! You do not know what fun is until you start serving God.

God's people are a contented, happy people. We sing a song that says, "Happy in the Savior, Happy in the Savior, Happy in the Savior, I am happy in the Lord." We do not just sing that to pass the time. We sing it because we mean it. Praise God! We are glad to be serving God, and we are happy in the Savior! I thank God for His goodness!

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

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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.

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 TRANSIT FLEET TURNOVER INSPECTION, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-09."

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

09/28/23, 10/5/23, 10/12/23, 10/19/23, 10/26/23

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Advertisement for RFQ
RFQ 2023-03 Title Energy Savings Performance Contracting Services

Electronic RFQ proposals for the above RFQ 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), November 02, 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 RFQs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any RFQ if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date RFQs are opened.

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

10/19/23, 10/26/23

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4228

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 Kristi Kirkwood has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District to allow for the construction of a two family residential unit for the property located at 0 Old Canton Rd. (Parcel 564-16) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 1, Block B, Canton Club Subdivision, Part 1, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 12 at Page 26 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description. And being the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 4584 at Page 507.

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, October 25, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 28th day of September 2023.

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

10/5/23, 10/19/23

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ZONING CASE NO. 4229

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 Harvey Williams has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C80-C3 (General) Commercial Subdistrict to C80-MU (Mixed-Use) Subdistrict to allow for a mixed use development and a Use Permit to allow for a community recreational center for the property located at 2901 Highway 80 W. (Parcel 635-35) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Beginning at a point on the southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 80, which point is 932.63 feet southeast from the point where the south right-of-way of U.S. Highway 80 crosses the south boundary of the right-of-way of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad, and with this as a point of beginning, run thence southwesterly at right angles to the northern right-of-way line of said highway 451.35 feet, more or less, to the southern boundary of said lands conveyed to Clifford Waterhouse and Lelia Waterhouse by Paul Chambers, Trustee, and Wade H. Creekmore, by a deed recorded in Book 387. Page 553, of the records on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the First District of Hinds County, Mississippi; thence run North 89 degrees 37 minutes East 225.2 feet, more or less, to the southwest corner of that certain property conveyed by said Clifford Waterhouse and Lelia Waterhouse to William B. Bufkin, as recorded in Book 488, Page 112. And Book 413, Page 13, of the records in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi; thence run Northeasterly along the Western boundary of the Bufkin lands 343.15 feet, more or less, to the southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 80, thence Northwesterly along the Southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 80, 197.5 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, which property is located in the East half of the Northwest Quarter and the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Seven, Township Five North, Range One East, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

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, October 25, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 28th day of September 2023.

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

10/5/23, 10/19/23

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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.

10/12/23, 10/19/23

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4230

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 Dalerikya Freeman has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception for a residential daycare within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 23 Oakcreek Pl. (Parcel 750-94) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 30, NORTHPOINTE, PART ONE, a subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 26 at Page 2 thereof.

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, October 25, 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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/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

10/5/23, 10/19/23

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4227

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 Earlene Hulett Oge 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-1 (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 4608 Old Byram Rd. (Parcel #871-80) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Part of the W ½ of NE ¼, Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 1 East, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the South line of the Elton Road, 330 feet measured

Easterly along the South line of said road from the point where the same intersects the west line of the W ½ of NE ¼ Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 1 East, which said point is the Northwest corner of the property now, or formerly, owned by Sam Garner, and running thence Westerly along the South line of said road a distance of 330 feet to a point where the same intersects the west line of said W ½ of NE ¼ FOR A DISTANCE OF 403 feet the Northwest corner of that certain property conveyed to Mrs. Lois W. Pinion, by deed recorded in Book 1493, Page 408, of the records of the chancery clerk of Hinds County, of said Mrs. Louis W. Pinion property 330 feet to a point; thence North a distance of 403 feet to the point of beginning.

There is hereby conveyed all of the land property owned by the undersigned and located in the west half (W ½) of Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of section 6, Township 4 North, Range 1 East, of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

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, October 25, 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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City of Jackson, Mississippi

10/5/23, 10/19/23

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY HAYES, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: P2021-0004

RULE 4 SUMMONS

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS:


Any and all persons or parties who are interested in or claim any right, title or interest as a wrongful death beneficiary of Mary Hayes, deceased, including, but not limited to, the unknown wrongful death beneficiaries of Mary Hayes, if they be living and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same, and if dead, their unknown descendants, devisees, executors, administrators or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry, and whose places of residence, post offices, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same. You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in the Court by Betty Smith to establish the wrongful death beneficiaries of Mary Hayes, deceased. The only Respondents other than you are Betty Smith, Alice Byas, Clifton Miller, Delilah Gilmore, and Norma Stover.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to R. Paul Williams, III, Attorney for Petitioner, whose post office address is Post Office Box 23785, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, and whose street address is 640 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39202.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Hinds County, Mississippi, this the 16 day of October, 2023.



EDDIE JEAN CARR, CHANCERY CLERK
HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

BY: B. Robinson, D.C.

10/19/23, 10/26/23, 11/2/2023

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BESSIE JACKSON, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 21-0127

RULE 81 SUMMONS


NOTICE BY PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS:

Any and all persons or parties who are interested in or claim any right, title or interest as heirs-at-law of Bessie Jackson, deceased, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs-at-law of Bessie Jackson, if they be living and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same, and if dead, their unknown devisees, executors, administrators or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry, and whose places of residence, post offices, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same. You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in the Court by Kattie Partee to establish the heirs-at-law of Bessie Jackson, deceased.

IF TO BE FOUND IN THIS COUNTY, to be and appear before the Honorable Tiffany Grove, of the Chancery Court of Hinds County, at the Hinds County Chancery Courthouse in Jackson, Mississippi, on the 4th day of December, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., next, then and there to show cause, if any they can why Kattie Partee, Carter Coffey, Charlie Coffey, James Coffey, Catherine Newman, Fred Neal, Louise Weary, Sherry Neal, Richard Harris, Jr., Belinda Thomas, Greater Oliver, Willie Neal, Sr., and Ellis Neal should not be declared the only heirs-at-law of Bessie Jackson, deceased, according to law, and further to do and suffer such things as shall be considered and ordered by the Court aforesaid in the premises, and have then and there this, with an endorsement thereon to the manner in which you shall have served.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action on the date and time as set forth herein above before the Honorable Tiffany Grove, in Jackson, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Hinds County, Mississippi, this the 16th day of Oct., 2023.



EDDIE JEAN CARR, CLERK
HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

BY: K Howard, D.C.

10/19/23, 10/26/23, 11/2/2023

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

BY: K. Howard, D.C.

10/19/23, 10/26/23, 11/2/2023

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CAUSE NO.: P2021-0004

RULE 81 SUMMONS


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A time for bipartisanship

By Rep. James E. Clyburn
D-S.C., Chairman, Democratic
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O c t o b e r 3, 2023, was Groundhog Day in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Republican Caucus voted to remove Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-20) as Speaker of the House just nine months after electing him to the position in a saga that spanned four days and 15 ballots. We have in place a Speaker Pro Tempore who lacks the full powers of a speaker duly elected by their Congressional peers.

The last few days have wrought public jockeying for support, not-so-public campaigns to sabotage, and various displays of what can be described as many members attempting to make headlines instead of headway.

In the interim, the House is unable to conduct any legislative business. We're unable to pass a resolution disavowing the horrific attack in Israel, nor can we send much-needed military and

humanitarian aid to our allies and partners fighting for democracy in Europe and the Middle East. The government funding deadline of November 17th is fast approaching, and we're paralyzed, unable to advance legislation to keep the government running. Instead of legislating, we are wasting time waiting for the Republican majority to decide how to govern.

There is, of course, the fear that this will not be resolved quickly.

I think of Massachusetts Congressman Nathaniel Banks, whose assent to the speakership took over two months and 133 ballots in 1855. The situation became so dire that the House passed a plurality resolution to lower the threshold from a majority of votes, meaning whichever candidate received the most votes in the speakership election would be declared the winner.

The current situation we find ourselves in may not be unprecedented, but it is troubling, nonetheless.

It is unconscionable that the Republican majority refuses to put people over politics and

work together and with Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries to find a solution that would allow this august body to continue our important work.

Time and again, the Republican majority has been able to rely on House Democrats to keep this country moving forward. We joined them to avoid a manufactured crisis of their own doing in what would have been a catastrophic default on our national debt in June. Just two weeks ago we provided a majority of the votes to prevent a government shutdown.

The common denominator in each of these scenarios, including the current battle for the speakership, is that extreme MAGA Republicans wreaked them. They have made it a habit to hold the country hostage when they do not get their way. We saw it on January 6, 2021, and again in the continuous baseless impeachment inquiries into the Biden family instead of focusing on the needs of the American people. Nero lives in infamy for "fiddling while Rome burned," and the Republican majority of the 118th Congress is running a

dangerous risk of carrying on his legacy.

A bipartisan way forward is the salve we need to heal this fractious political system. A government shutdown would cause incalculable harm to the American people. Millions of mothers and children on WIC who depend on this lifeline will be put at risk. Millions of federal employees will be unable to provide for their families adequately, and countless service members will be forced to work without pay.

After the plight of the COVID-19 pandemic, the American people are looking to their elected representation to provide stability and continue to forge a path toward an equitable recovery. Our allies in Ukraine and Israel are looking to us to keep our word and continue to support their sovereignty. The national security implications alone are too great to allow this situation to continue haphazardly.

Leader Jeffries has extended a helpful hand. House Republicans should reject the poisonous MAGA extremists within their caucus and take it.

Stop, Start and Continue

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



I recently completed a training on my job for college faculty members that began in fall 2022 and concluded a few days ago. The training felt like I was back in school all over again working towards another college degree. I am happy and relieved that it is over to say the least.

The training was often intense and tedious throughout the process, yet it proved to be very rewarding and beneficial for my career. I learned so much about recent research and how to apply it in my career. One of the tools that I found to be the most interesting was an assessment strategy simply referred to as "Stop, Start and Continue," column.

What is the Stop, Start and Continue column? The three-category column is an assessment tool that can be utilized by anyone like your colleagues, clients, students, customers, etc. to evaluate your performance, etc.

Further, this column is designed to help determine what you can improve upon in various types of environments, relationships, etc. The Stop, Start and Continue column can be used in a classroom setting with educators and students, coaches and team players, pastors and church members (ummm, probably should think twice about using this in church), supervisors and employees in most businesses and careers, parents, and children (our children would probably turn this into an essay assignment), and this tool can also serve as a conversation starter for married couples.

The composition of this column does not have to be anything fancy. You can either write or type out the three words, grab some pens and start writing. Each topic category allows you and your spouse to be transparent and honest based on your feelings, experience, etc.

In the instance of completing this column regarding your spouse, each category is unique in the fact that it allows you to identify both the positives and the improvement areas that can be made...improvement areas is a nice way of avoiding using the word negatives, and it helps avoid utilizing the following statements: "I don't like this about you," "You get on my nerves when you...", "I am so tired of you doing...", "You really make me sick when...", "I hate when you," "You..." "You..." and, well, I think you get the point.

This column can possibly be completed without necessarily pointing fingers, engaging in gas lighting, might help

avoid a nasty argument, and most importantly it can lead to a meaningful and productive conversation between you and your spouse. The wonderful part about applying this assessment tool in marriage is that you are not limited in what you can share. In other words, you can write anything down from finances to sex to cooking.

What does each category topic represent or symbolize: Stop, Start and Continue? The following is a simple breakdown of what each category represents.

Stop – Identify what you would like your partner to stop doing in your marriage. Examples: wife may write – don't leave the toilet seat up or don't walk on the carpet in your shoes or don't kiss me until you've brushed your teeth and gargle... husband may write the following for stop – don't disturb me when football is on especially when the Cowboys and/or Forty-Niners are playing, don't push me out to the rooftop (Proverbs 21:9 states: Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop than in a house shared with a contentious [nagging] woman)...I often joke about who or what led David to the rooftop...I'm just saying...

Start – Identify what you would like for your spouse to start doing in the marriage. Examples: wife may say write, show me affection, express gratitude, etc; a husband, on the other hand, may write, cook, or initiate sex (remember husbands, foreplay begins before going into the bedroom – like how you communicate with your wife, helping her with chores, respecting her, wooing her, it's hard for wives to initiate lovemaking when you're not making love to them throughout the day or week...hello)

Continue – Identify what you would like for your spouse to continue doing in your marriage. Examples: wife may write, take out the trash, help with children, and a husband may write continue supporting me.

In conclusion, I think it would be both fun and beneficial for you and your spouse to complete this column together. You should light some candles, turn on some woo-woo music like Luther Vandross, and identify what you both would like to stop, start, and continue in your marriage.

Contact Dr. LaShunda Calvert for speaking engagements (motivational, ministering, marriage counseling, workshops, seminars and conferences). Marriage Ministry: The Restoration Church, Suite H, Jackson, MS. 39206, Instagram: letsstaytogether4eva (Dr. LaShunda Calvert) Facebook: Dr. LaShunda Calvert Email:letsstaytogether4eva@gmail.com or call 601-874-6176.

House Republicans cannot elect a leader amidst their own chaos and turmoil

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



Sometimes in life if you stay the course and don't rock the boat, you will be rewarded. You say enough to get noticed and you wait your turn, then maybe you will get your turn.

We are all dealt different hands in life. Some start out average and end up amazing. We make lemonade out of the lemons we may receive. We are consistent in our work, and we get along with others.

Some would say that describes Republican Representative Steve Scalise from Louisiana. Scalise is the House Majority Leader. With Kevin McCarthy ousted as Speaker of the House, Scalise seemed to be the logical choice to take over.

It didn't work out that way and he bowed out of consideration because he realized he couldn't get the necessary votes for full consideration and wasn't willing to make all the concessions that McCar-

thy made. That is my opinion.

Representative Jim Jordan from Ohio, a fellow Republican, is now being considered. He is going to run into the same problem as Scalise did. It appears at this moment that he won't be able to get the votes either.

Without much argument or debate, you can safely say that the Republican majority in the House is a collective embarrassment to the country. They are running on fumes with no gas station in sight.

Factions within the party have become obsessed and consumed with power. They are putting their personal needs before the needs of the country. As a result, the House is at a stalemate and can't conduct the nation's business.

What are the realistic chances of Jordan becoming the next speaker? We know that former president Trump has endorsed him. Trump is facing indictments and has legal woes facing him. Moderate Republicans don't care for him and what he represents. His legal troubles have "trumped" any clout that he has according to many mem-

bers of the GOP.

If Representative Jordan can't get the votes, then who will be the alternative? Will we see a second coming of Kevin McCarthy? This will only add to the circus-like atmosphere created by the Republicans. Frank Luntz, pollster and communications strategist, calls McCarthy a good man.

Another possibility is to keep North Carolina Republican Patrick McHenry and give him additional powers in his role as speaker pro tempore. However Representative Zach Nunn, Republican from Iowa, said, "We are in uncharted waters, but it's also very clear we do not want to have a speaker pro tempore who is leading policy."

On the other side of the issue is Arkansas Representative Steve Womack who favors giving McHenry additional powers. Both have made good points so we will see if these options gain some traction.

Old school Republicans like Mitt Romney are wondering what is happening to the GOP. Critics believe some Re-

publicans will leave the party and become Independents and some may even become Democrats. Oh my!

If you are a member of the Republican Party, please send your representative a message about working for America and not against it. We are losing our standing in the world because of this speaker confusion.

Republicans, have you no shame? Has the bar of democracy and fairness dropped so low for you? Can you get your act together?

So, in the coming days, we will see if the turmoil subsides, and they come to their senses. Republicans of long-standing don't recognize this new group of men and women who use the GOP brand.

We the people are watching this unfold right in front of our political eyes. Don't you care about the history of your party? Or maybe you don't know the history of your party.

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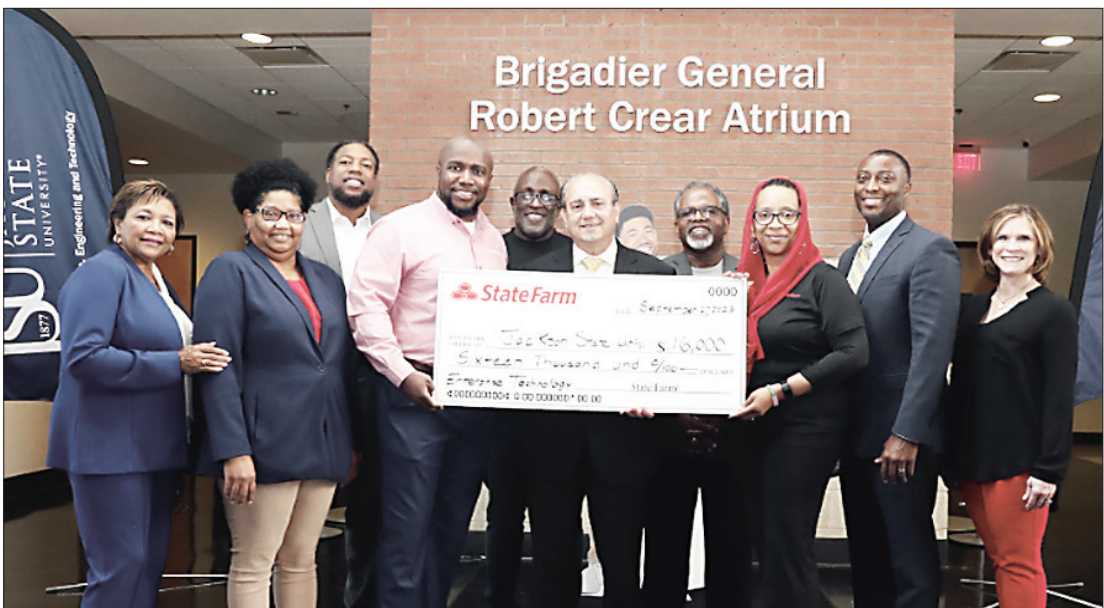
JSU’s College of Science, Engineering, and Technology receives \$16,000 grant from State Farm

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Computer Science in Jackson State University’s College of Science, Engineering, and Technology (CSET) received a \$16,000 grant from State Farm Insurance Company.

“By championing IT programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, State Farm lays the groundwork for a powerful synergy between education, technology, and inclusive growth,” said Jhay Davis, associate director of enterprise technology for State Farm. “We applaud Jackson State University for embracing these opportunities.”

The grant was given to the department by the insurance company to support the Computer Science and Professional Development program. Partnerships such as these are redefining the future of technology industries and helping to



pave the way for lasting positive change.

“Many of our agents are alum of this very school and launched their careers with the same education these students are receiving,” said Lorraine Muhammad, technology manager for State Farm. “There

is proof that Jackson State is ensuring that students are prepared to meet the demands of the computer science field in study and work.”

The Computer Science Career and Professional Development program will allow students majoring in computer

sciences to further develop the technical, professional, and soft skills required to secure jobs in the technology field.

“This contribution shows that State Farm shares the vision of Jackson State and CSET when it comes to growing and developing a techno-

logically advanced environment for learning so that our students can become leaders and impact the technology advancement in Mississippi and the nation,” shared Ramzi Kafoury, associate dean for CSET.

The program will provide access to additional curriculum, workshops, and resources to provide them with opportunities to enhance skill sets identified as necessary for success in the field.

“With this seed funding, we’re able to build co-curricular activity that allows us to continue the offerings that we afford to our students. We’re so grateful for this partnership and this particular program because it fits nicely with our strategic plan. It’s elevating academic prominence and student success,” explained Jacqueline Jackson, Ph.D., interim department chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Computer Science.

The professional develop-

ment program will provide three main activities. First, introducing technical skill development in Java and Amazon Web Services (AWS) program participants to object-oriented concepts, terminology, and syntax through hands-on activities. Students will be provided funding to take certification exams in each respective area.

The second activity will aid students in navigating the interview process. Students will practice interviewing with an interview streaming platform and participate in live behavioral mock interviews, technical mock interview workshops, and whiteboard exercises. This activity aims to ensure that students develop skills to tell their story effectively.

Lastly, students will have the opportunity to attend workshops on effective communication, time and project management, emotional intelligence and empathy.

Hinds CC honors Foundation scholarship recipients

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Hinds Community College Foundation recognized 2023-2024 scholarship recipients, donors and other honorees at a reception on Sept. 22 at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus.

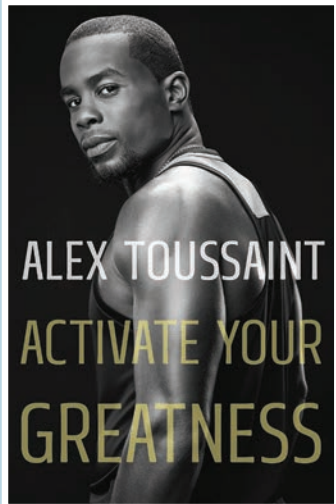
The Hinds Community College Foundation will award more than 800 scholarships during the 2023-2024 academic year. The deadline to apply for a scholarship for fall 2024 (academic year 2024-2025), is Feb. 15, 2024. For more information, visit www.hindscc.edu.



Among those being recognized were Javon Bridges of Yazoo City, second from left, and Brenyetta McGee of Jackson, third from left, who received the CareSource Nursing Scholarship. With them were Richard Roberson of Jackson, left, and Raenica Phillips of Meridian, right.



Among those being recognized were, front from left, Teryn Winn of Jackson, Shymaya Dixon of Utica, Kearial Bracey of Clinton, Rylee Sojourner of Brandon; sixth from left, Angel White of Jackson, Steven Maddox of Brandon, Brooklin Potee of Ridgeland, Alyssa Oates of Pisgah, Ashton O'Bryan of Raymond, Christopher Palmer of Brandon; back row, Marcell Jones of Jackson and Amber Tate of Flowood, all of whom received the Trustmark National Bank Scholarship. With them is Scanlon Minton, front row, fifth from left.



BOOK REVIEW:

ACTIVATE YOUR GREATNESS

BY ALEX TOUSSAINT
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

It was all about the balance. You didn’t think of it that way, though.

All you were interested in was riding your bike with the big kids, pedaling without training wheels and without an adult holding you up. You got a lot of skinned knees, but you could see the goal and one day, zoom, you rode that bike all by yourself. So now read “Activate Your Greatness” by Alex Toussaint and find that determination again.

He had what seemed like a

privileged life.

The son of Haitian immigrants, Alex Toussaint grew up in a stable, middle-class household with both parents involved in his upbringing and with education in the forefront. Alas, Toussaint fell in with the wrong crowd as a pre-teen, and his father, who was disabled by then, was unable to claw the boy back himself.

Because of that, Toussaint was sent to “a military school in the middle of Nowhere, Missouri...” and it made him hate his father. Still, he grew there, and learned,

but he eventually decided to make the school expel him – which landed him back under his father’s thumb. He was accepted at college, but he quit that, too. After another battle with his dad, Toussaint stormed out of his parents’ house to stay with a friend until another friend offered him a job at a “new company” called Flywheel.

Intrigued by the stationary bikes and spinning classes, Toussaint began to dream. He studied the classes and instructors, taught himself things he figured were important, and he

asked for a job as a spinning class instructor. From there, he was noticed by an up-and-coming business called Peleton...

To succeed, says Toussaint, “requires confidence.” It means being “comfortable with... failing.” Success is knowing how “to turn your pain into power.” It’s being grateful for things big and small, seeing yourself as you hope to be, being unabashedly authentic, and knowing how to tame distractions.

“And once we glow internally,” Toussaint says, “we start to shine externally. It is impossible

to ignore.”


Sometimes, when everything is in pieces around your feet, you just need to take a deep breath and remember that it’s all about the hustle. “Activate Your Greatness” is a great example.

From mistakes to milestones, author Alex Toussaint tells a dual story that readers will find quite interesting. First, he offers his own memoir, filled with bootstrap-pulling and determination, but also a nod to the “angels” who gave him a boost along the way. Surely, this happens all the time but Toussaint


makes it feel fresh, exciting, and unique.

The other, much smaller part of this book is a memoir of a business. Still a Peleton instructor, Toussaint was there at the launch and he writes about how he does his job. This will be of particular interest to anyone fascinated by an unusual workplace.

If you want a different kind of memoir that brings advice along for the ride, this book could be what you’re looking for. Find “Activate Your Greatness” and put the pedal to your mettle.



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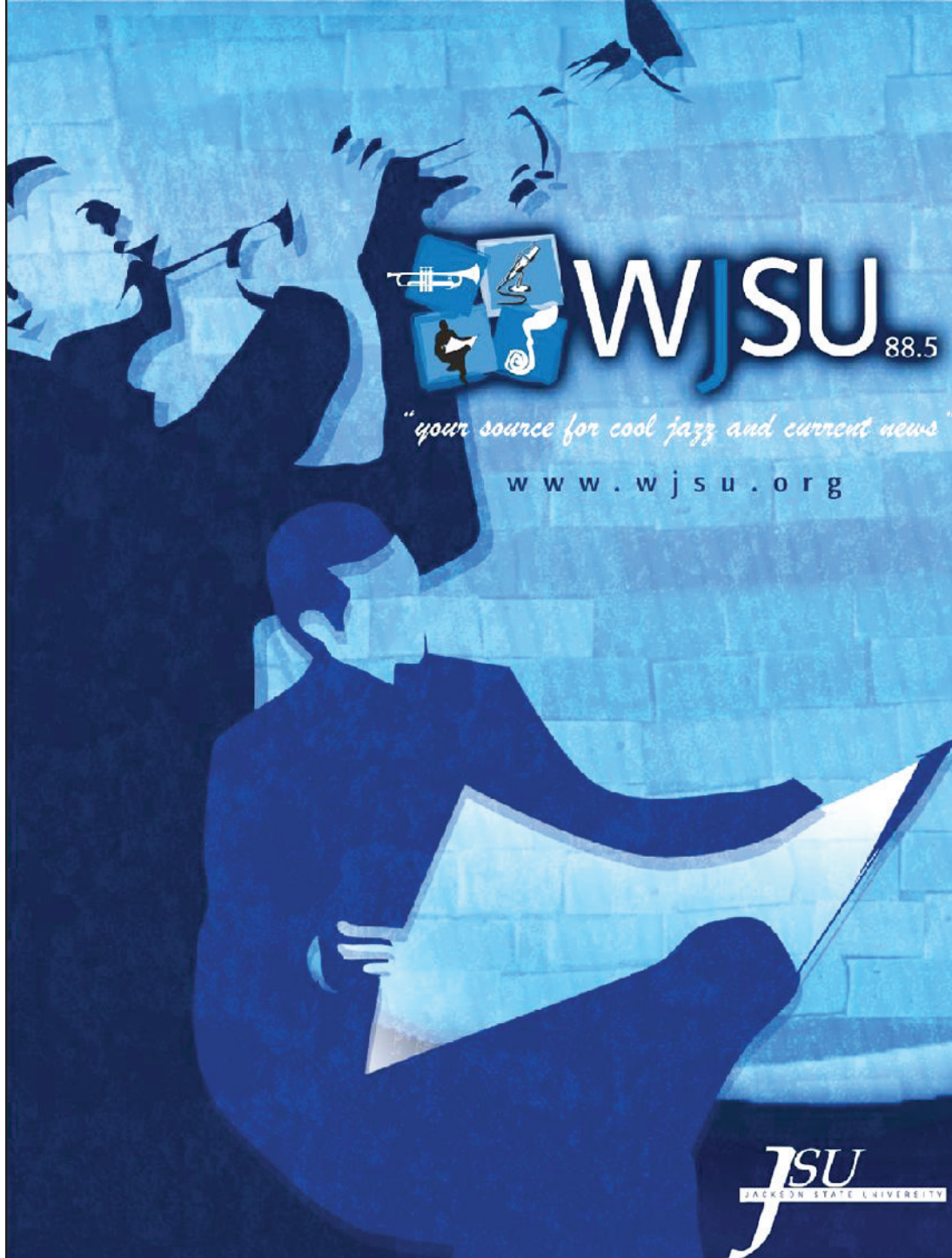
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 - MANAGE** polling registration; provide registration information, recordkeeping, processing and grouping data as required
 - Provide **TRANSPARENCY** and clarity with election compliance
- **I WILL** work to support well-run elections in Hinds County, offering support and guidance, and work to ensure voters know everything they need to make an informed vote.
- **I WILL** work to make sure everyone understands and follows all rules involving the election process, and maintain the poll registers for elections.
- **I WILL** provide Public Awareness for election procedures, training opportunities for poll managers and workers, information for Election Day procedures, and precinct locations.
- **I WILL** carry my work policy of accountability, dedication and integrity throughout the Hinds County areas and ensure that the rules in all aspects of elections are clear, simple and in the best interest of the voters!

I am married, the mother of two children, a graduate of W. H. Lanier High School and Jackson State University.

VOTE

TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 7, 2023

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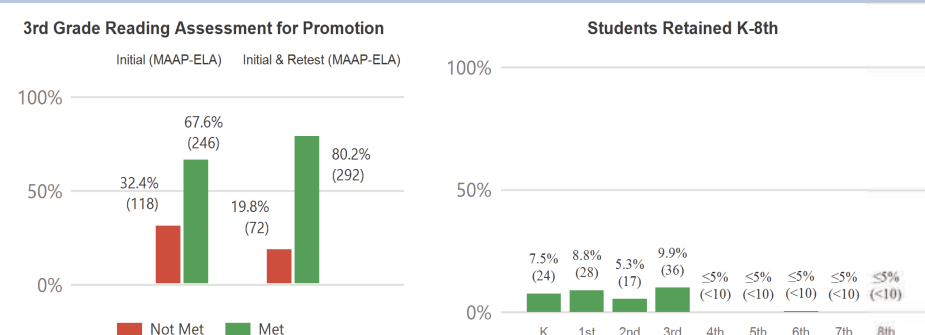
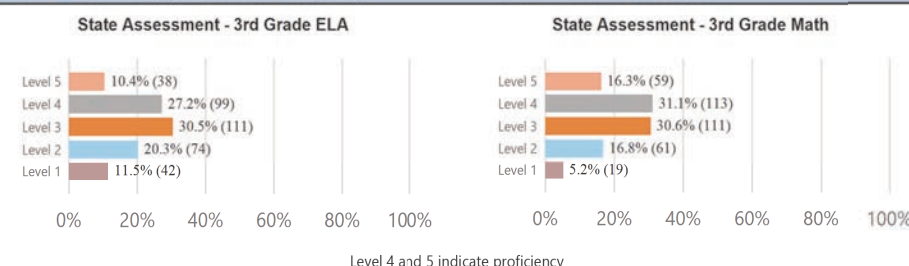
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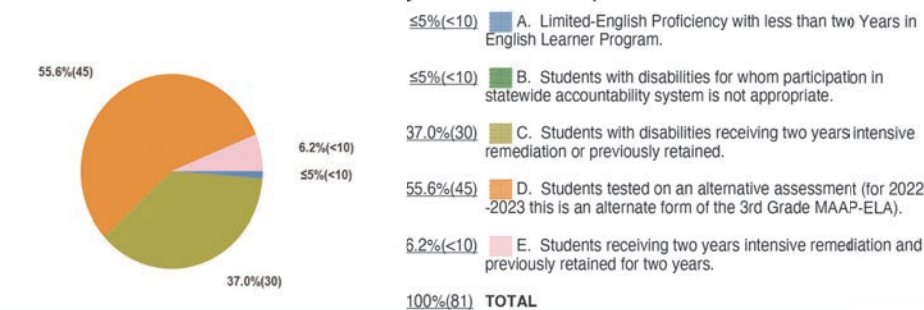
Literacy Based Promotion Act Annual Report of Performance and Student Retention

The Literacy Based Promotion Act (LBPA) was enacted to improve the reading skills of Kindergarten through Grade 3 students enrolled in public schools so that every student completing the 3rd grade is able to read at or above grade level. This report displays the components required under **MS Code 37-177-17** of the LBPA, which include the number and percentage of students: scoring at each performance level on the state assessment in reading and math, taking the alternative assessments (retest), being retained at each grade level Kindergarten through 8th grade, passing for good-cause exemptions; and any revised district policies for promotion and retention.

District: Hinds County School District (2500) School Year: 2022-2023



Students Promoted by Good Cause Exemption



Local School Board Promotion / Retention Policy:
<https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/reports/LBPA/2022/2500.pdf>
Policy Revision Date: 09/01/2022

Tigers stung by Alabama Hornets at JSU homecoming

By Tim Ward
Sports Writer

JSU has only played 1 home game so far this season, so it seems fitting homecoming was last week. 30, 945 people witnessed Jackson State lose their homecoming game to Alabama State, 19 to 24. The Hornets got revenge on JSU for ruining their homecoming last season.

After the game, there was the “exchange” between Alabama State head coach Eddie Robinson Jr. and then JSU head coach Deion Sanders. At the press conference, Robinson Jr. said, “He ain’t SWAC and I’m SWAC...”. That press conference lead to memes, tshirts, songs, etc all being created from those simple words.

Saturday, some of the support staff for the Alabama State Hornets, wore paraphernalia with the phrase, “I am SWAC” on it.

Jackson State defeated Alabama State last year, 26 to 12 on Alabama State’s homecoming. Coach Eddie Robinson also stated last year, that he hoped to play Jackson State this year for their homecoming. He got this wish and he won.

Turnovers and penalties lead to JSU’s demise. JSU fumbled 3 times stopping potential scoring drives. JSU was penalized 10 times for 70 yards. While that doesn’t seem earth shattering, the timing of the penalties were. Jackson State’s defense intercepted Alabama State twice. Bama St took advantage of the turnovers because it often times gave them a short field.

Quarterback Jason Brown completed 30 of 44 passes for 234 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions. He was also

sacked twice. Pretty good numbers for the day.

Jacobian Morgan came in as quarterback, but his role was merely to be a runner in short yardage. Morgan ran 4 times for 13 yards with 1 touchdown. Offensively, the Tigers’ numbers looked good, however the turnovers killed the drives. Brown’s 234 yards to go along with the 182 yards rushing on the ground, seemed like a winning combination.

Alabama State jumped out to a 10-0 first quarter lead. The Hornets were having early success running the ball and putting the defense on its heels. JSU would tighten up defensively and the offense put two scoring drives together. Jackson State managed to tie the game at 10 by halftime.

In the second half, the Hornets would get back to their running game. Runningback Marcus Harris II and quarterback Damon Stewart scored rushing touchdowns. Those touchdowns put Alabama State up 24 to 13. Stewart didn’t have a stellar passing game. He completed 5 of 12 passes for 80 yards with 1 interception. He carried the ball 4 times for 33 yards with 1 touchdown.

Jackson State’s Irv Mulligan was injured in the game. Mulligan is the SWAC’s leading rusher with 668 yard on the season thus far with 5 touchdowns in seven games averaging 5.6 yards per carry.

Jackson State would rally in the fourth quarter. A two yard run by Desmond Moultrie, who replaced Mulligan, cut the lead to 24 to 19. Jackson State failed at the two point conversion attempt. The defense would stiffen up and force Alabama State



JSU Tiger nation

PHOTOS BY TIM WARD

to punt the ball.

Jackson State got the ball with no timeouts with the clock ticking. Brown and Jacobian Morgan tagged team to get Jackson State to within scoring position.

After seemingly the last play of the game, Alabama State rushed the field. However, the refs reset the game clock to 3 seconds giving JSU one last play. Brown drops back, looks, scrambles and fires into the endzone. Incomplete.

Hornet fans erupt and Tiger nation was distraught. Final score: Bama State 24 JSU 19.

Next up for Jackson State is a trip to Itta Bena to play Mississippi Valley State. Valley defeated Arkansas Pine Bluff last Saturday for their homecoming 42 to 17. The win was the first one for Valley this season.

Jackson State falls to 4-3 and third place in the East. It appears the Tigers won’t be a three peat SWAC champion this season.



JSU Cheerleaders



Desmond Moultrie



Head Coach TC Taylor



Jacobian Morgan



JSU Alumni Cheerleaders



Jason Brown