

VOTING MATTERS

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Heaven forbid, some people want to change Mississippi

Dog-whistles fly as November 7th General Election draws near

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

We can say it’s just politics, and it is, but when the stakes are as high as they are in Mississippi, the political rhetoric can have grave consequences. Not his only time, but at the Mississippi Economic Council’s annual Hobnob at the Mississippi Coliseum on October 26, incumbent Governor Jonathan Tate Reeves did it again, claiming – “They don’t just want to change governors, they want to change Mississippi!” God forbid. Why on God’s green earth would anyone want to change Mississippi?

Gov. Reeves understands dog-whistles. He understands a certain Mississippi mindset, fortunately not held by all, that couldn’t care less that our state is last in just about everything. And he clearly understands that barking to the Republican base that out-of-state funders, pouring millions into a Democratic campaign, is an attempt to change Mississippi. By doing so, he taps into a level of fear so deeply felt that it runs through Mississippi’s soil – fear that is a first cousin to hate.

Mississippi knows about hate. We know too, who Mississippi hates most of all. The vast majority of African Americans vote Democrat. Reeves knows all about it. On June 10, 2020, acclaimed investigative reporter for the



MS Food Network during a drive-thru food pantry, COURTESY OF WEBSITE

COMMENTARY

Mississippi Center for Investigative Reporting, a nonprofit news organization, and the author of “Race Against Time,” Jerry Mitchell, submitted a guest column to the *Clarion Ledger*, entitled: “Pandemic of hate, racism still threatens America, but there is hope.” He artfully shared the original pandemic – “This pandemic struck us long ago, long before

COVID-19 came to the fore, infecting our hearts with a disease known as hate. The roots of racism can be found in this hate, a toxic mix of fear and prejudice. And when we down this deadly drink, we begin to dehumanize, giving ourselves permission to treat others as less than human, or even to destroy them.”

As Mississippi’s Conservative-in-Chief, with or without his fitness trainer, lemon trees and

meditation garden, Reeves – now visibly fearful in his shaky bid for reelection – dog whistles his faithful to stay the course with him despite evidence it is grossly undeserved, “They want to flip Mississippi blue. They don’t just want to change governors, they want to change Mississippi,” stated Reeves, as reported by WAPT’s Ross Adams.

There are many who want to see change in Mississippi, and lo and behold, they are not all Mississippians. Right-minded people, from all corners of the earth – people who believe in fairness and equity – are repulsed by what many in Mississippi view as the norm:

- Highest incarceration rate, and black people constituted 39% of state residents, but are 57% of people in jail and are 62% of people in prison, per www.vera.org.
- Highest rate for 18-64 year olds without insurance – 20%, per the CDC
- Life expectancy at birth is declining. Those born in Hawaii lives 8.8 years longer, per CDC
- Despite 44% minority population overall, Mississippi’s government awards just 5.5% of contracts for goods and services to minorities.
- Highest maternal mortality rate, per www.usafacts.org

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Sandra Howard and Company honors Phenomenal Black Girls Who Rock in the Capitol City

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

In 2014 Sandra Howard longed to celebrate women of color who shine with grace and dignity, while going about their daily tasks – showing love and respect to others. She chose to launch the celebration as Black Girls Who Rock. Later, the name was changed to Phenomenal Black Girls Who Rock. Since 2014, Sandra Howard and Company hosts the annual ceremony in October.

The venue for Phenomenal Black Girls Who Rock was New Horizon Church International (1750 Ellis Avenue, #200, Jackson, Miss. 39204) at 6 p.m., Saturday, October 24, 2023.

Geneva Durham James and Cassandra Moore served as program guides.

Criteria for nomination were: (1) outstanding community worker, (2) selfless giver, (3) integrity, (4) leadership and (5) extraordinary,



Phenomenal Black Girls Who Rock (2023) Lr - Dr. Marilyn Johnson-Luckett; Lushelia Thompson; Laurie Walker Hall; Sharon Moman; Sharon Gill; Jammayett Washington; Ronica Arnold Branson; Dr. Barbara Howard; Montyne King Clay; La Tisha Hunt; Dr. Loria Brown Gordon; Bridgett Archer; Maggie Wade-Dixon. FB PHOTO

professional accomplishments. Thirteen women of finesse were honored.

In the spirit of excellence, Dr.

Barbara L. Howard cherishes her passion – “helping those who have traditionally been oppressed through advocacy and education.”

A native of New Albany, Miss., she is the author of two books,

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Democrat Brandon Presley seeks big turnout in Nov. 7 bid to unseat Mississippi’s Republican governor

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

At a hotel overlooking the Mississippi River in Natchez, Democratic gubernatorial nominee Brandon Presley told a few dozen black and white supporters that Mississippi’s Republican governor, Tate Reeves, is trying to hold onto money and power by sowing racial division.

“They’re sitting up in that governor’s mansion tonight, I bet you money, tinkling their little glasses, smoking their cigars,” Presley said, imitating someone holding a tumbler of whiskey. “And they’re talking about how, ‘Well, nobody’s going to come vote.’ And particularly black Mississippians. They don’t think you’re going to commit.”

That brought murmurs from the crowd. One man called out: “We’re going to be there.”

Presley, the 46-year-old second cousin of rock ‘n’ roll legend Elvis Presley, will need a bipartisan, multiracial coalition to vote in unprecedented numbers to accomplish his goal of unseating Reeves. The state hasn’t wavered as a conservative stronghold in the modern era, and its last Democratic governor was denied a second term 20 years ago.

A former mayor of tiny Nettleton, Presley is wrapping up his fourth term as a state utility regulator for northern Mississippi. Seeking to pull off the improbable in the governor’s race, he has campaigned in all 82 counties – from vote-rich areas in metro Jackson to rural Issaquena County, where fewer than 1, 300 people live among cotton and soybean fields in a landmass the size of Los Angeles.

Presley is endorsed by the state’s most powerful black politician, U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson. One of the most famous black Mississippi residents, Oscar-winning actor Morgan Freeman, recently joined him at a campaign event.

Presley has raised more campaign cash than Reeves this year, and he’s attracting larger and more diverse crowds than any Democrat running for Mississippi governor in a generation.

Theresa Hall, a church administrative assistant, attended Presley’s campaign gathering in Natchez and said she plans



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to make phone calls for him. “A lot of people think their votes don’t count. But they do,” said Hall, who is black. “It’s important. If we don’t (vote), we’ll be like we were four years ago, which was disheartening to see.”

Reeves, 49, is seeking a second term as governor after two terms as lieutenant governor and two as state treasurer. During a multi-day trek to fish fries, festivals and businesses in several counties, Reeves spoke to an all-white crowd of about 40 people at a morning gathering at Kountry Kitchen in Columbus, near the Alabama state line.

Republican state Sen. Chuck Younger introduced the governor and warned against voting for Democrats.

“It’s been an honor working with Tate,” Younger said. “If we were to go any other way, it’d be like the old Bruce Springsteen song – one step forward and two steps back. But it wouldn’t be two steps, it’d be about five steps back.”

Reeves said Mississippi has momentum, with a low unemployment rate and improvements in public education.

“Liberal policies don’t work,” Reeves said. “Conservative policies do work.”

Presley is pushing for robust turnout among black voters, who comprise nearly 40% of the state’s population and are the base of the state Democratic Party. He also needs crossover votes from people who usually support Republicans but are disenchanted with conditions in one of the poorest states in the U.S.

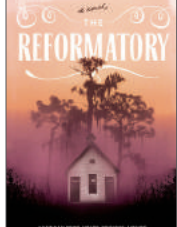
Others are making independent efforts to increase turnout. The Rev. William Barber, national head of the Poor People’s Campaign, recently spoke at churches in coastal Gulfport and Biloxi, encouraging

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Sweet Canaan Church of God in Christ celebrates 20th Anniversary of Pastor and First Lady Washington

By Cherisse Marshall-Harris
Guest Writer

Sweet Canaan Church of God in Christ church members, Church of God in Christ leadership, family and friends joined together in the banquet hall last Saturday for an evening of praise and honor celebrating Dr. Percy L. Washington and First Lady Glenda Washington’s 20th Pastoral Anniversary.

“They talk about the church all the time. They are always looking for a way to advance God’s Kingdom,” said their son Alan Washington.

Dr. Washington and First Lady Washington, elegantly adorned in gold and black, entered the room to a standing ovation by those in attendance which included Superintendent Samuel Sago of Victorious Faith Church of God in Christ in Itta Bena, Miss., Pastor Clarence Benson of St. James Temple Church of God in Christ in Cruger, Miss., Pastor Anthony Jones of Saint Luke Church of God in Christ, Pastor Frank Martin of Jerusalem



Dr. Percy L. Washington and First Lady Glenda Washington

Church of God in Christ and Pastor Stephen Johnson of Greater Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ all in Greenwood, Miss.

Deacon Tracy Harris, serving as host for the evening, started the celebration off with his personal testimony and noted that although the event was held in the banquet hall, “we are still going to have church.”



Pastor Johnny Gary Jr, First Lady Celia Gary, Pastor Washington and First Lady Washington

The celebration continued and flowed as the spirit led and included praise and worship, prayer, scripture reading, a children’s ministry tribute, dinner served by church members, and a Meet the Leaders Trivia Game where Pastor Washington and First Lady Washington answered trivia questions pertaining to the other.

Music softly played as attend-

ees enjoyed a delicious dinner. One of the songs included Dr. Washington’s new song “Ode to Emmett Till,” a tribute celebrating the life of Emmett Till.

Pastor Larry Lewis II of Greater St. Matthew Church of God in Christ in Lexington, Miss. brought the anniversary message of hope in God, “The Liability of the Gospel,” and shared how to always keep a kingdom mindset

sharing the gospel, and it will pay off.

“As long as you build on the foundation of God, God owes you,” Pastor Lewis said.

Pastor Lewis shared how Dr. Washington and First Lady Washington impacted his life growing up knowing their sons and said whatever the Washingtons sons did, he also did.

T.W. Cooper, a longtime classmate and friend of Dr. Washington for over 50 years, also shared stories of how Dr. Washington often inspired him in school and growing up. “He didn’t just start being a nice guy: he’s been nice,” Cooper said.

Throughout the evening, many expressed thanks and gratitude for Dr. Washington’s 20 years of unwavering and dedicated service to the church, as well as the community.

Dr. Washington & First Lady Washington both graduated from Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. Along with Dr. Washington’s 20 years of pastoral service, he also spent 37 years

as an educator in the school system. First Lady Washington is also a retired educator.

“I feel privileged to have served God’s people as the pastor of the historic Sweet Canaan Church of God in Christ,” said Dr. Washington.

“It is the second oldest COGIC in the world. The last 20 years seem to have passed so quickly. However, we have been able to accomplish many things at the church which is located 10 miles from Lexington, MS, on the countryside. We have been able to preserve the old sanctuary by enclosing it inside the multipurpose building. My 20-year experience at Sweet Canaan, has been as a preacher once said, “The church business is like driving a streetcar, as time goes on some people will get on and some will get off. Our vision for the next 20 years is to provide more services and activities for the historic Sweet Canaan community, as more members get on and some move on. I am blessed to be a part of this ministry.”



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Temptations Singing “My Girl.” PHOTOS BY JANICE NEAL-VINCENT



(L-R) Gail Smith and Belinda Hall did skit on being overlooked.

How to Heal Church Hurt and Wounded Sheep, and How to Calm a Storm. The Tennessee University alumna was inducted into the University of Mississippi’s School of Education Hall of Fame in 2021. Arnold also was honored with a \$100 cash gift for having received the most ticket donations (\$1000) for the occasion’s event.

Bridget D. Archer is a Jackson, Miss. native, but was raised in Frankfurt, Germany and Tacoma, Washington. Diversified in choreography, she owns The Bridget Archer Performing Arts Company which enhances cultural arts in Miss. and surrounding locales for awareness and training opportunities for inner city youth. A City of Jackson employee and Department of Parks and Recreation dance instructor, Archer teaches ages two and up while choreographing recitals and group production performances.

Dr. Loria Brown Gordon (reared in Markham, Illinois) is a 23-year Jackson State University educator with 27 years of leadership experience. The academician maintains, “A goal is nothing without a written plan detailing strategies to achieve it.” Gordon is involved in Mississippi and Southeastern Association of Education Opportunity Program Personnel and Young Life College Advisory Board.

Dr. LaTisha Michelle Hunt (native of Meridian, Miss.) has matriculated through two school districts as a special education learning specialist, case manager and director of special education. She currently is assistant director of Special Services and preschool principal of Madison County Schools.

A native of Utica, Miss., Jammayette Washington has served in ministry most of her life. The saxophonist, pianist and instrumental praise bandleader, serves White Oak MB Church and Faith Christian Center (Utica) and Mountain Ridge United Methodist Church (Brandon). Described as humble and compassionate, her favorite biblical scriptures are Psalm 23, Isaiah 43 and Philippians 4:13.

Laurie Walker Hall’s story is reflected in her song, “Epiphany.” She is a staunch advocate for mental health and a certified presenter with NAMI, the nation’s largest grass roots mental health organization. Hall was recently appointed board member of One Million Madly Motivated Moms (1m4), focusing on decriminalizing and destigmatizing mental illness.

A Canton, Miss. native, Dr. Marilyn Johnson-Luckett is founder/CEO of Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc. that serves communities locally and internationally by providing scholarships and historic preservations. She has led the organization in building a church in Malawi, providing school supplies for the village children, honoring women in Mississippi during Women History Month, building a tree house for Camp Pioneer in Pearl, Miss. and building a bomb shelter in Jerusalem. Johnson-Luckett is one of 2023’s 30 recipients of the President Joe Biden Lifetime Achieve-



Dr. Marilyn Johnson-Luckett expresses gratitude for serving as Connecting The Dots’ leader for local and international endeavors.

ment Award.

Montnye King Clay is a 33-year State Farm Insurance agent. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Jack and Jill of America, The Links Incorporated, Knights of Peter, Clarvier Ladies, Rotary Club and National Association of Insurance and Financial Services. Clay works with local and regional quilting guilds.

Dr. Ronica Arnold Branson is a Jackson, Miss. native who creates positive change as a mental health practitioner, tenured professor, author and scholar. She has helped contribute millions of dollars to fund students to serve children with disabilities in rural areas to get mental health resources. She also supports children and families affected by chronic illness and differing abilities in her private practice – Solutions Connecting, Coaching and Consulting, LLC, and her non-profit organization, Soulful Therapies, Inc. A multi-organ recipient, the honoree passionately advocates for organ donations.

Sharon Gill (Walnut Grove, Miss. native) relies on her favorite scriptural verse (Psalm 46:10): “Stand still and know that I am God.” She educates and provides free resources in a central location for effective and efficient service delivery to the community. She has worked 23 years at Piney Woods School with children and families from across the nation. Gill is currently employed at the Mississippi Department of Human Services for Region 1 in Hinds and Rankin Counties plus ESAP/MSCAP.

Sharon Moman, an associate minister of New Horizon Church International, is owner/broker of Moman Realty and an eight-year veteran of the Real Estate Industry. Moman’s inspiring memoir – Pardon, the Courage to be Set Free – was released in 2021. She has The Pardon Me YouTube Series. Moman is the democratic candidate for Mississippi candidate for Mississippi House District 56.

Maggie Wade-Dixon (Crystal Springs, Miss. native) is co-news anchor at WLBT. She has received more than 500 awards, including the Woman of the Year Award from the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women, Citizen of the Year with Wednesday’s Child, Legends for Children Award by Mississippi families and children in Mississippi, the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters, the Associated Press, a nine-year Best News Anchor, and Meritorious Leadership from Tougaloo College.

Jackson, Miss. native –Lushelia Dawn Thompson – is an advance medical support assistant at Sonny Montgomery Medical Center in the capitol city. With her women’s ministry D.I.V.A.s for God (Daughters Inspired Virtuous Anointed Sanctified for God), she helps local women shelters and hosts luncheons and conferences. Her most recent conference was held at Jackson Revival Center (Jackson, Miss.) where she utilized the theme, “Taking a Look at the Woman in the Mirror.”

Rendering talent were Buford Moore, Jr. (mime); Joe Hall, Felix Walker, Viory Frazier and Levell Harper (The Temptations), Harold Loving (keyboard); and Gail Smith and Belinda Hall (original, comical skit, (“I Should Have Been Honored”).

Members of Sandra Howard and Company are: Sandra Howard, founder/director, Gail Smith, Cassandra Moore, Belinda Hall and Geneva Durham James.

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Mississippi Governor’s Mansion. PHOTO: CHRIS YOUNG

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• Highest infant mortality rate, per Centers for Disease Control (CDC) September 12, 2023

• 2nd highest poverty rate – 19.4%, 49th in economic opportunity, per www.usnews.com

• 49th in healthcare, 50th healthcare quality, 45th healthcare access, per www.usnews.com

These facts and statistics, without any doubt, are a true picture of Mississippi’s suffering, but they don’t tell the whole story. The fuller, more complete story is that all of it is intentional; not only intentional but conjured and delivered by a majority of elected officials who claim to love all Mississippi and claim to be Christian – they are self-called lovers of God and the words of God – yet they deliver pain and inequality to our brothers and sisters with each new legislative session.

In their unquestionably racist zeal to keep the African-American Mississippian down, they also forsake the poor of all colors and creeds, and they forsake others who toil each day to experience a decent life. They are hypocrites without equal, and their kind keep being elected. Directly or indirectly, they issue the promise to keep Mississippi as it is – a boiling kettle of racism and oppression – and they deliver the goods.

Reeves has had his chances to undo the state’s 30-year history of proclaiming April as Confederate History Month and the fourth Monday in April as Confederate Memorial Day as a State Holiday – just like Christmas and Thanksgiving Day, but he has elected not to do so. He also elects not to have the state government recognize Black History Month, running contrary to the rest of the country.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation’s 2023 Kids Count Data Profile ranks Mississippi 48th overall. Twenty-eight percent of Mississippi’s children live in poverty. That number has not changed in the last five years. The Friends Committee on National Legislation, a nonpartisan Quaker organization, indicates that in 2021, 10.4% of American households experienced hunger, and that Mississippi’s rate is 15.3% – the highest in the nation. Heaven forbid that anyone would want to bring change to Mississippi.

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ing people of all races to support candidates who talk about improving lives of low-wealth residents.

“This election, any election, ought to be about what policies are needed to lift from the bottom,” Barber said.

In speeches and TV ads, Presley talks about being in third grade when his father was murdered and then being raised by a single mom who worked in a garment factory and struggled to pay bills.

Presley says rural hospitals are hurting because of Reeves’ refusal to expand Medicaid to people working jobs with no health insurance – roofing houses or waiting tables at the Waffle House. Reeves calls Medicaid “well-fare” and says he does not want more people on government-funded health insurance.

There’s evidence Presley is connecting with white working-class voters.

“Some people I know that are Trump supporters – they have Trump flags flying and a Brandon Presley sign in their yard,” said state Rep. Nick Bain, who lost a Republican primary this year in northeastern Mississippi.

Black voting rights were hard-won in Mississippi, where leaders including Medgar Evers and Vernon Dahmer were killed in the 1960s trying to secure ballot access, which for decades was routinely – and often violently – denied to black people. An integrated delegation from the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, including Fannie Lou Hamer, challenged the seating of an all-white state delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City in 1964, drawing attention that helped push the federal Voting Rights Act into law in 1965.

As black voter registration increased, black candidates won a significant number of local and legislative offices. No black candidate has won a statewide election in Mississippi, and it’s gotten harder for white Democrats to win.

Reeves won the four-person governor’s race in 2019 with 52% of the vote to 47% for Democrat Jim Hood, a four-term state attorney general. Reeves links Presley at every opportunity to Democratic President Joe Biden, who is deeply unpopular in Mississippi.

In a November 2018 special election for the U.S. Senate, Democrat Mike Espy tried to build the sort of coalition Presley’s working on now. Espy is a former congressman and was U.S. agriculture secretary. He received 46% of the vote to Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith’s 54%. Hyde-Smith had been appointed to temporarily fill the seat several months earlier, after longtime Republican Sen. Thad Cochran retired. In a 2020 rematch for a full Senate term, Hyde-Smith defeated Espy by a similar margin.

One source of optimism in the Presley camp is a change in how Mississippi elects its governor. Until this year, winning a governor’s race required overcoming a unique legal challenge that was written into the state constitution during the Jim Crow era and repealed by Mississippi voters in 2020.

Under the old method, a gubernatorial candidate had to win a majority of the statewide popular vote and prevail in a majority of the 122 state House districts. Without both, the race would be decided by the Mississippi House.

That process was written in 1890, when white politicians across the South were enacting laws to erase black political power gained during Reconstruction. The separate House vote allowed the white ruling class to have the final say in who holds office, and it fueled lingering cynicism among black Mississippians about whether their votes would ever matter.

Mississippi was the only state in the U.S. with this process for electing statewide officials, and the vote to repeal the provision came only after former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder sued the state on behalf of some Black residents.

Winning a governor’s race now requires a majority of the popular vote. If nobody receives that Nov. 7, the race goes to a Nov. 28 runoff. Although an independent candidate, Gwendolyn Gray, recently announced she is dropping out and endorsing Presley, she did so after the ballot had been set.

Presley says the new method of electing a governor gives him a better chance than the old one. He doesn’t have to strategize to win a majority of House districts mostly drawn to favor Republicans.

“For the first time, candidates of all political parties can truthfully emphasize voter turnout, where before it had to be such a scattered approach,” Presley said last week at Tougaloo College, an historically black school in Jackson. “This will be the first time particularly that black voters’ votes will count to an extent of 100%, where before, an argument could be made that they were very much diluted.”

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Bobby R. Henry, Sr

Letter to the Publisher

To: Jackie Hampton
Publisher
The Mississippi Link

I am writing to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you and *The Mississippi Link* on the remarkable achievement of 30 years of publishing black news and information to the world as noted in your October 26 publication.

Your invaluable contribution to the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and the Black Press of America in delivering relevant and informative content has

made a significant impact on the communities served.

The Mississippi Link's unwavering commitment to highlighting essential issues and being an active member of the NNPA is truly commendable.

Your publication's role in writing and defending our narrative by promoting the voices and stories of the African-American community has been instrumental in fostering understanding, unity and progress.

In this era of media, your three decades of consistent service and dedication are a testament to your

unwavering commitment to journalism and the community.

The Mississippi Link's role as a contributing member of the NNPA has undoubtedly strengthened the voice and reach of the Black Press nationwide.

We are indebted to you for your services, especially in your efforts in championing the established commitment to educate our youth, in your capacity as our scholarship chair.

You have served where your talents were needed both regionally and nationally, serving as the Na-

tional Secretary for four years and now currently, our National 2nd Vice Chair.

I look forward to witnessing the continued success and growth of *The Mississippi Link* as it continues to play a vital role in representing and informing the community. Please accept my warmest congratulations and best wishes on this significant milestone.

Yours in the struggle,
Bobby R. Henry
Chairman, NNPA

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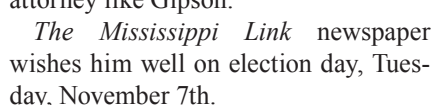
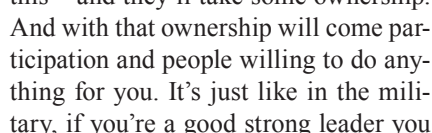


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Robert Bradford does a Q&A with The Mississippi Link newspaper before the General Election

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Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) announces 2023 holiday parking options at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN)

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) has announced its' 2023 holiday season parking options at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN), effective Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

They are offering passengers and visitors a convenient and secure parking experience to include parking in the multi-level covered terminal garage, the close-in surface lot, and the economy/remote parking lot w/complimentary shuttle service.

Parking rates at JAN (from November 1 onward) are as follows:

- Garage parking: \$16 per day
- Surface lot: \$14 per day
- East overflow lot: \$14 per day (close to the terminal; operates at peak Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year periods)
- Long-Term lot: \$10 per day (with free shuttle service)
- Free 10-minute parking in any lot; hourly fees begin at 11 minutes



For added convenience, JAN continues to provide free cell phone lot parking as folks await arriving passengers. This is located by turning left on Cross Street before International Drive splits at the surface lot. At JMAA, we remain dedicated to delivering an exceptional travel experience for all passengers and visi-

tors and will continue working to make your journey through JAN as seamless as possible.

For real-time holiday availability and any further information, you may contact the Parking Department directly at 601 360-8690 or you can visit the website at www.iFlyJackson.com.

US Judge Biggers, who ruled on funding for black universities in MS, dies at 88

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 2, for longtime U.S. District Judge Neal Brooks Biggers Jr. of Mississippi, who issued significant rulings about prayer in public schools and funding of historically black universities.

Biggers died Oct. 15 at his home in Oxford. He was 88.

Biggers was a Corinth native and served in the Navy before earning his law degree. He was elected as prosecuting attorney in Alcorn County, where Corinth is located; and as district attorney for part of northeast Mississippi. He was later elected as a state circuit judge.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan nominated Biggers to serve as a federal judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Two of the biggest cases Biggers handled as a federal judge in-



Biggers

volved racial disparities in state university funding and prayer in school.

In the 1970s racial disparities case, black plaintiffs argued that

Mississippi was maintaining a dual and unequal system of higher education with predominantly white universities receiving more money than historically black ones. In 2002, Biggers ordered the state to put an additional \$503 million over several years into the three historically black universities – Jackson State, Alcorn State and Mississippi Valley State.

In the 1990s, a mom sued her children's school district in Pontotoc County, where prayers and Christian devotionals were said over the intercom. Biggers ruled in 1996 that the practices violated the Constitution's prohibition on government establishment of religion.

Biggers served as chief judge for the Northern District of Mississippi for two years before he took senior status in 2000. He remained a senior district judge until his death.

In Mississippi, most voters will have no choice about who represents them in the Legislature

By David A. Lieb and Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

After being in office for over a decade, Mississippi state Sen. Dean Kirby got challenged in the Republican primary. He won with 70% of the vote.

That was in 2003 – and it remains the last time Kirby faced an opponent. The longtime Jackson-area senator is on the ballot again this year without either a Democratic or Republican challenger.

While the length of Kirby's uncontested streak is unusual, his situation is not. More than four-fifths of Mississippi's legislative candidates will have no major party opposition in the Nov. 7 general election. And more than half of this year's winners will have faced no other Republicans or Democrats in either the primary or the general election.

"I think people are happy with the state and the way things are going," Kirby, Mississippi's Senate president pro tem, said in explaining the lack of challengers.

Though Mississippi represents an extreme example, it highlights a national decline in competition for state legislative seats. New research suggests the reasons are more complex than mere voter satisfaction with incumbents. It also raises questions about the ability of American voters to hold their elected representatives accountable.

In Mississippi, the percentage of legislative seats with no major-party opposition in the general election has risen steadily from 63% in 2011 to 85% this year. The percentage with no Republican or Democratic challengers in either the primary or the general election has grown from 45% to 57% over that same time, according to data compiled for The Associated Press by Ballotpedia, a nonprofit organization that tracks elections.

Rogers' research found that legislative competition around the U.S. has been dwindling for decades. Though contested elections were common in the 1960s and 1970s, about 35% of incumbent state lawmakers did not face either a primary or general election challenger from 1991 to 2020, according to Rogers' new book, "Accountability in State Legislatures."

One reason is political gerrymandering – a process by which those in power draw voting districts to give their party's candidates an advantage.

Lawmakers are less likely to face challenges when one political party holds an overwhelming majority in the legislature and when district boundaries are drawn to include voters predominately favoring one party, Rogers found. Competition also is lower when lawmakers' salaries are lower.

And fewer challengers are likely to step forward when they are of the same party as an unpopular president.

All those factors are in play this year in Mississippi. Republicans currently hold lopsided legislative majorities. The vast majority of districts are packed with voters favoring one party. The legislative salary is \$23,500, plus a daily expense allowance when lawmakers are at work. And President Joe Biden is underwater in public opinion polls, adding to the challenge for fellow Democrats in Mississippi.

"Candidates don't want to run races they think they're going to lose," said Abhi Rahman, communications director for the national Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee.

The DLCC is spending a few thousand dollars this year on several legislative races in the largely uncompetitive Republican-leaning states of Mississippi and Louisiana. It's spending about \$100,000 in Democratic-controlled New Jersey, one of just four states with legislative elections this year. But it expects to spend about \$2.5 million on legislative races in Virginia.

"In Virginia, there's a sense that no matter what the district is, you at least have a puncher's chance," Rahman said. "Whereas in states like Mississippi and Louisiana, a lot of people feel like they're just running to get creamed."

Though Democrats are a minority in Mississippi, many of the districts they do win are packed with a large proportion of their voters.

Three Democratic lawmakers will be succeeded by their sons running in uncontested races this year. Sen. Barbara Blackmon and Rep. Ed Blackmon, who are married to each other, both initially qualified for reelection with one of their sons in the Senate race and one in the House race. After nobody else signed up to run, the incumbents dropped out and cleared the way for Bradford Blackmon to be elected to the Senate and Lawrence Blackmon to the House. Sen. Robert Jackson's son, Reginald Jackson, is unopposed for his father's seat.

Though he lacks such family ties, first-time Republican candidate Andy Berry also is getting an uncontested path to the state Senate after a two-term Republican incumbent chose not to seek reelection in a reconfigured district south of Jackson. Berry, who has worked the past nine years for the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association and the affiliated Mississippi Beef Council, has connections to three of the four counties in the district. He grew up in one, lives in another and has a cattle farm in a third.

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Denver court hears arguments on Trump’s eligibility for 2024 ballot

Lawsuit alleges violation of 14th Amendment, capitol attack involvement



Trump seated with lawyers in a court appearance.

By Stacy M. Brown
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Denver District Court is considering a lawsuit to prevent former President Donald Trump from appearing on Colorado’s 2024 ballot due to his alleged involvement in the U.S. Capitol attack on January 6, 2021. Colorado Judge Sarah Wallace recently rejected Trump’s attempt to dismiss the case, which was filed last month on behalf of six voters in the Denver district.

The lawsuit is based on Section 3 of the 14th Amendment. It argues that people who have participated in insurrection or rebellion after promising loyalty to the Constitution should not be able to hold office. Trump, who is currently facing 91 criminal charges after four federal and state indictments, could potentially receive a prison sentence of over 800 years. The lawsuit accuses him of breaking his promise as president by attempting to overturn the 2020 election, which ultimately led to the January 6 insurrection.

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), along with several law firms, filed a lawsuit on behalf of six voters from the Republican Party and independent voters. Eric Olson, from CREW, began his testimony by explaining what Trump did before January 6. This included a tweet he sent in December 2020 asking his supporters to come together in Washington, D.C. Olson highlighted Trump’s frequent mentions of January 6. He stated that Trump motivated his followers by making false allegations of election fraud.

Olson showed a video clip of Trump’s speech on the Ellipse on January 6. In the speech, the former president said, “Let’s go to the Capitol.” He argued that Trump was acutely aware of the influence of his words and that his speech before the Capitol riot exacerbated the situation.

Olson also pointed to a post-speech tweet where Trump criticized then-Vice President Mike Pence, asserting that Pence lacked

“the courage to do what he should have done.” That followed a clip of Trump supporters outside the Capitol chanting, “Hang Mike Pence.”

“We are here because Trump claims, after all that, that he has the right to be president again,” Olson asserted. “But our Constitution, the shared charter of our nation, says he cannot do so.”

During his opening arguments, Scott Gessler, Trump’s legal representative, decried the lawsuit as “antidemocratic” and said Monday’s hearing was “politicized.” Gessler argued that Trump used the word “peace” several times during his speech at the Ellipse on January 6, as well as in his tweets on the same day. He claimed that the lawsuit wants the court to approve the January 6 Committee’s report, which he described as a biased and harmful report.

Officer Daniel Hodges, from the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department, testified about his terrifying ordeal during the Capitol attack. Hodges described observing Capitol rioters donning tactical gear, an occurrence that left him “very uncomfortable.” He suffered many injuries when rioters attacked the Capitol, including bruises, a head injury, cuts on his face, and bleeding from his mouth. Hodges also attested that a rioter attempted to gouge his eye. He remembered protesters yelling that the election was stolen and encouraging others to fight for Trump. They also criticized law enforcement for being on the wrong side of history.

During his remote testimony, Rep. Eric Swalwell, a Democrat from California, stated that Trump had clearly indicated before the 2020 election that he would not acknowledge the results if he was not the winner. Swalwell claimed that Trump escalated his rhetoric after legal challenges to the election results were dismissed. He told the lawmakers’ increasing worry when Trump announced, “We’re going to the Capitol” in his

Ellipse speech. He then described the distressing experiences of himself and his colleagues as rioters entered the Capitol.

In her ruling last week, Wallace dismissed Trump’s argument that Congress, not the courts, can handle questions about ballot eligibility. She disagreed with Trump’s statement that state election officials cannot enforce Section 3 of the 14th Amendment.

Wallace argued that the clause allows Congress to remove a constitutional disability if a person is disqualified. However, the clause does not specify which government body would decide on such disability initially.

“The Court notes, however, it would be strange for Congress to be the only entity that is empowered to determine the disability and then also the entity that is empowered to remove it,” Wallace wrote. “States can, and have, applied Section 3 pursuant to state statutes without federal enforcement legislation,” Wallace said.

The judge’s ruling followed a decision by Chief U.S. District Judge Philip A. Brimmer to dismiss Trump’s request to move the Colorado ballot case to federal court. In a four-page order, Brimmer, a nominee of George W. Bush, stated that Trump, who was found responsible for sexually assaulting a journalist by a civil jury this year, did not properly follow the necessary procedures to involve Colorado’s Democratic Secretary of State, Jena Griswold, or get her approval to transfer the case to federal court. As a result, Trump’s attempt to move the case is considered “defective.”

Trump is also facing other challenges to his eligibility to appear on the 2024 presidential ballot. The Minnesota Supreme Court will hear arguments Thursday concerning a lawsuit to remove Trump from the ballot in Minnesota. The current lawsuit also references a lesser-known provision in the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. Similar legal challenges are underway in New Hampshire, Arizona and Michigan.

Richard Roundtree, trailblazing “Shaft” actor, dies at 81

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Richard Roundtree, the iconic actor renowned for portraying the suave private detective in the groundbreaking “Shaft” film series, has died at 81. His longtime manager, Patrick McMin, confirmed that Roundtree succumbed to pancreatic cancer at his residence in Los Angeles Tuesday. The legendary actor battled and triumphed over breast cancer in 1993 and underwent a double mastectomy. “Richard’s work and career served as a turning point for African-American leading men,” McMin said. “The impact he had on the industry cannot be overstated.”

Roundtree’s legacy extended beyond the 1970s classics. He reprised his iconic role in the 2000 “Shaft” film, sharing the screen with Samuel L. Jackson, who portrayed his nephew. The film was a revival that aimed to captivate a wider audience, and Roundtree and Jackson returned in the same roles for the 2019 rendition starring Jessie T. Usher.

In a heartfelt social media post, Jackson hailed Roundtree as the “prototype” and praised him as “the best ever to do it.” Jackson added, “SHAFT, as we know it, is & will always be his creation. His passing leaves a deep hole not only in my heart but I’m sure a lotta y’all’s, too.”

Born on July 9, 1942, in New Rochelle, New York, to John and Kathryn Roundtree, the young Roundtree showed prom-



Roundtree

ise in athletics and academics. He attended New Rochelle High School, earning recognition for his contributions to the school’s nationally-ranked football team. In 1961, Roundtree’s athletic prowess earned him a scholarship to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. However, his passion for acting and modeling prompted him to leave school in 1963.

Roundtree’s career took off when Eunice Johnson of Ebony magazine recruited him to model at the Ebony Fashion Fair in 1963. He joined the Negro Ensemble Company in 1967, where he delivered a memorable performance as boxing legend Jack Johnson in “The Great White Hope.”

The pivotal moment in Roundtree’s career came in 1971, when he landed the role of Shaft in the Gordon Parks-directed film. The film’s success catapulted Roundtree to stardom, culminating in two sequels: “Shaft’s Big Score” (1972) and “Shaft in Africa” (1973). In recognition of his exceptional

talent, Roundtree received the Golden Globe Most Promising Newcomer Award in 1972.

According to the HistoryMakers, throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Roundtree graced the silver screen in an array of films, including “Earthquake” (1974), “Escape to Athena” (1979), “A Game for Vultures” (1979), and “Day of The Assassin” (1979). He also made a memorable appearance in the 1977 ABC television miniseries “Roots.”

In the ensuing decades, Roundtree continued to leave an indelible mark in the entertainment industry, appearing in various television series such as “Soul Food,” “Desperate Housewives,” “Heroes” and “Grey’s Anatomy.” He secured a recurring role in the 2013 television show “Being Mary Jane” alongside Gabrielle Union and Margaret Avery. Roundtree further graced FOX’s television series “Star” with his presence in 2017 and 2018.

In 1993, Roundtree faced a rare form of male breast cancer with unwavering determination. His resilience led him to become a prominent advocate for breast cancer awareness, lending his voice to the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the Know Your Score Men’s Health Initiative.

Roundtree earned numerous awards, including the MTV Lifetime Achievement Award for his iconic portrayal of Shaft, an Image Award nomination in 1998, a Peabody Award in 2002, and a Black Theater Alliance Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010.

Flavor Flav’s viral National Anthem performance shakes the Internet

It’s not every day that a rap icon takes center stage to perform the national anthem at an NBA game, but Flavor Flav, whose real name is William Drayton, Jr., did just that, and he’s gone viral for it. The 64-year-old rapper and media personality delivered an unforgettable rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” at the Milwaukee Bucks game against the Atlanta Hawks on October 29, and the internet is still buzzing.

Flavor Flav, known for his signature clock necklace, sunglasses, and larger-than-life persona, stepped onto the court in a Bucks jersey, fulfilling a lifelong dream by singing the national anthem. “It’s been on my bucket list for a while,” Flavor Flav shared. “I’ve always wanted to do it, and I’m so glad I got the chance.”

The rapper’s appearance at the Bucks game was another milestone in his remarkable journey of redemption and resurgence. Flavor Flav has faced personal challenges and substance abuse battles in the past, but he’s come back stronger and more determined than ever. Even a public feud with Public Enemy’s Chuck D a few years ago couldn’t keep him down. The iconic duo, rap music’s quintessential Batman and Robin, have since quashed any perceived beef and continue to make music history.

Flavor Flav’s recent appearances have showcased his newfound positivity and love for life. He wowed audiences at a star-studded event in Los Angeles last



week honoring Lyor Cohen and delighted fans and fellow passengers by passing out snacks and goodies on a recent airline flight. His presence at Taylor Swift concerts and the premiere of her latest movie have brought a smile to many faces, with Flavor proudly declaring himself a “Swiftie.”

For his performance in Milwaukee, Flavor belted out the national anthem with his trademark energy and style, his clock necklace swinging as he sang. His performance took the internet by storm, with fans and viewers sharing their thoughts on X (formerly known as Twitter).

One user marveled at the unconventional choice of having Flavor Flav sing the national anthem, writing, “Flava Flav singing the national anthem at an NBA game just definitely convinced me I’m not dreaming big enough.” Another user playfully questioned the decision, asking, “I just wanna know, who in the meeting raised their hand and said, ‘let’s book Flava Flav.’”

Former football player turned

sports journalist Shannon Sharpe offered a critical opinion of the performance, but fans rallied to support him. Rapper and podcaster Memphis Jelks fired back with, “Flav has more talent in his pinky toe than Shannon has in his entire being!! Keep up the greatness Flav!!”

Flavor Flav’s performance even made its way to the National Newspaper Publishers Association’s morning show, “Let It Be Known,” where the rapper’s national anthem rendition received a dedicated segment alongside a 1983 clip of soul legend Marvin Gaye’s performance of the song at the NBA All-Star game. Flavor Flav gave Let It Be Known a thumbs up.

Flavor Flav’s journey of redemption and his viral national anthem performance have proven that it’s never too late for a comeback. His larger-than-life personality, unique style and undying passion for music continue to captivate audiences, and he remains a beloved figure in the entertainment world.

Osteoporosis and men

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Women have gotten the message when it comes to osteoporosis as they age. Most men don't worry about their bones. They should be very concerned.

Millions of American men have osteoporosis, the bone thinning disease according to the National Institutes of Health. Men over 50 are at greater risk for osteoporosis related fractures than developing prostate cancer. The National Osteoporosis Foundation reports that men over 50 have a one in eight chance of experiencing an osteoporosis related fracture. The morbidity rate for men one year after a hip fracture is twice that of women. Men lose bone slower than women until age 70. After age 70 men start losing bone at the rate as women.

Osteoporosis is a condition, which affects men and women. Though, it usually affects the elderly it begins at around age 30 for women and age 50 for men. Osteoporosis is associated with loss of bone mineral, which results in less density, mass and strength in bones. Normally, women have about 30% less bone than men and after menopause lose bone mass twice as fast as men. Chronic alcohol abuse, coffee, tea, candy, low calcium intake, lack of exercise and high levels of phosphorus, which is found in soda, all contribute to bone mineral loss.

Many people assume that once they become an adult the bones stop growing. This is not true. Bone tissue is always dissolving and reforming. Taking preventive measures against bone loss should start early. This is true for both men and women. From ages 11-18 bones grow quickly. From ages 19-24 they increase in density. To sustain and maintain growth you need

800-1500 mgs of calcium daily. Most teenagers don't get half this requirement.

Your bone is made up of living tissue that is constantly changing, with older bone being broken down and new bone formed in its place (remodeling). Almost all bone in an adult is remodeled every 10 years. Bone mass is lost when there is an imbalance between bone breakdown and bone formation. If more bone is broken down than is formed you have osteoporosis.

After age 50 or older, your bone mineral density test result will be a T-score. A T-score is the difference between your bone mineral density and the average bone mineral density of a healthy young adult. A T-score less than 2.5 usually indicate osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis is called the "silent" disease" because there are usually no symptoms until you have a broken bone. Symptoms of vertebral (spine) fracture include severe back pain, loss of height, or spine malformations such as a stooped or hunched posture (kyphosis).

Though osteoporosis doesn't become evident until after age 35 the groundwork for this deterioration is laid early in life if calcium requirements are not met. In women the deficiency becomes more evident after menopause due to a decrease in estrogen levels.

Currently there are no guidelines recommending that all men should have a bone density screening tests. Most men should have a bone density-screening test if they are over 55 and have lost two inches in height. Any man that has had a bone fracture not caused by a major accident should also get a bone density test.

There is no cure for osteoporosis but you can lower your risk. You

don't want to rely entirely on medication as the only treatment for your osteoporosis. Here are some tips:

- Exercise. Try doing weight-bearing exercises 30 minutes everyday. Weight-bearing exercises focus on carrying the weight of your body against gravity. Walking is a great weight-bearing activity, as are running, dancing, aerobics, hiking and tennis. Resistance exercises use an opposing force, such as weights, elastic bands to strengthen your muscles and build bone. Having strong muscles and good balance may also help you avoid falls or minimize injury. The more active and fit you are as you age, the less likely you are to fall and break a bone.

- Good nutrition. The average diet should consist of 15% fat, 20% protein and 65% complex carbohydrates. Saturated fats should make up less than 10% of your total fat intake. You should eat 4 to 5 small meals that include 3 to 4 servings of fruits, 3 to 4 servings of vegetables, 2 to 3 servings of whole grains and 2 servings of proteins everyday. Make sure you consume between 12 to 15 calories per pound of body weight daily. We should aim for at least 1600 calories daily. 1600 calories will allow you to get in all the protein, carbohydrate, fat, vitamins, fiber and minerals you need daily. You also need to understand portion size. We should also plan our meals.

- Quit smoking. Smoking cigarettes speeds up bone loss.

- Limit alcohol. If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation. For healthy women, that means up to one drink a day. For healthy men, it would be up to two drinks a day.

Before starting any health or fitness program consult your physician.

New COVID-19 variant HV.1 emerges as dominant strain in the U.S.

Experts advise caution but not alarm

By Stacy M. Brown
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As COVID-19 continues to evolve, a new variant has emerged, garnering attention from health officials across the United States. Known as HV.1, the latest variant has shown a significant surge in cases, raising questions about its potential impact on public health.

According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HV.1 was first identified in mid-summer, but it wasn't until September that cases began to spike, making it the cause of nearly 20% of all COVID-19 cases in the country.

Infectious disease experts, including Dr. Amesh A. Adalja and Dr. Thomas Russo, told the health and wellness website Prevention.com that they have classified HV.1 as an Omicron XBB variant, descending from the EG.5 variant. They said the lineage highlights its genetic connection to the original Omicron strain.

According to Prevention.com, one of the concerning features of HV.1 is its spike protein, which has undergone notable changes from the EG.5 variant. While the full implications of these alterations are not yet fully understood, the rapid increase in cases – from 0.5% in mid-July to nearly 20% in mid-October – suggests a high level of transmissibility.

Despite the rise in cases, experts remain cautiously optimistic. Dr. Adalja emphasized that new variants of SARS-CoV-2 are expected, and most may not pose a significant threat. Dr. William Schaffner told Prevention.com that, so far, HV.1 doesn't appear to cause more



severe illness than other circulating variants.

Symptoms associated with HV.1 largely mirror those of previous strains, including fever, cough, fatigue and loss of taste or smell. However, it tends to manifest as a more common cold-like illness, with symptoms like congestion and a runny nose being prominent.

Regarding prevention, the updated COVID-19 vaccine based on the XBB.1.5 variant is expected to protect individuals from HV.1. The new variant is considered a "grandchild" of XBB.1.5, and experts anticipate the vaccine will effectively mitigate severe cases.

While HV.1 is rising, health officials urge the public to maintain standard precautions. This includes vaccination, proper hand hygiene, and avoiding close contact with visibly unwell individuals. For added protection, N95 or Kn95 face masks are recommended.

"COVID is still with us. If you develop symptoms, test yourself ASAP and contact your doctor if you're positive. You may be a candidate for an antiviral medication," Dr. Russo underscored.

The Heart of Community: The importance of discussing hereditary heart conditions with our loved ones

By Randy Peters
Pfizer Voices for the Heart



Everyone has heard the advice to "listen to your heart." This holds true especially when it comes to heart conditions like hereditary transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy (or hATTR-CM). It took years for me to get diagnosed. My body was telling me something was off – but at the time, I didn't listen to it. Also, some doctors are not familiar with the disease. I saw six doctors before I was finally diagnosed with hATTR-CM – and my experience is not unusual. That's why I'm so passionate about sharing my story.

My symptoms started four years before I was diagnosed. I was experiencing shortness of breath during my routine jogs. I also developed carpal tunnel syndrome (a condition that causes numbness, tingling, or weakness in the fingers), which was diagnosed by my primary care doctor, but I thought it was the result of my days as a college professor. We didn't discuss ATTR-CM. I never imagined the carpal tunnel could be linked to the shortness of breath I was experiencing – and certainly not my heart.

One day, as my daughter watched me struggle to make it up the stairs, she insisted I go to the emergency room. A doctor there suggested I be tested for ATTR-CM and later I was diagnosed with ATTR-CM. Once I received my ATTR-CM diagnosis, I relied on my cardiologist for information. I also did a lot of

my own research to stay informed.

I learned that there are two types of ATTR-CM – wild type and hereditary. Wild type is associated with aging, mostly affecting older white men. The hereditary type of the disease, which I was diagnosed with through genetic testing, is more prevalent in Black, African American and Afro-Caribbean communities. It can be passed down from one generation to the next through specific genes. About three to four percent of African Americans carry a mutation in the TTR gene (V122i) that makes it more likely they'll develop hATTR-CM. However, not all people that have the mutation develop the disease. Also, ATTR-CM gets worse over time. That's why early diagnosis and appropriate disease management strategies are so important.

I never knew how much my life would change the day I was diagnosed. I am grateful to have an amazing support system and community around me. I work closely with my doctor to manage my hereditary ATTR-CM. My wife Priscilla is a big part of my disease management, and she helps me tremendously. I've had to make some changes: I watch my diet and how much salt I eat, but I still enjoy many of the things I love, including woodworking and staying fit.

I also found peace in discussing my diagnosis with my family. Now they know that with genetic testing and counseling, they have a chance to better understand their risk. It's important to remember that if you have hereditary ATTR-CM, it

is not your fault. It is caused by a change in the TTR gene, and not something you have done.

I hope my story will help other families get the right diagnosis and not have to go through what I did. This is why I am excited to be partnering with Pfizer on Voices for the Heart in Jackson – a community-based event that teams up with local organizations within Black, African American, and Afro-Caribbean communities around the country dedicated to raising awareness of hATTR-CM as an often underdiagnosed cause of heart failure.

As part of the Voices for the Heart effort, I am a featured speaker that will appear at a virtual event Sunday, November 5 at 5 p.m. At the event, people can learn more about hATTR-CM symptoms and diagnosis, and there will be additional educational resources on hATTR-CM available.

Let's work together to raise awareness of hATTR-CM among family members, friends, and neighbors and encourage those experiencing unresolved symptoms and with a history of heart failure to talk to their doctor. hereditary ATTR-CM, including a discussion guide to help conversations with your doctor, you can visit www.voicesfortheheart.com.

*A 7-year study in London, UK found a gene mutation (ATTR V122I) was the cause of heart failure in 211 out of 1392 Afro-Caribbean patients.

For additional information on the event, visit www.voicesfortheheart.com.



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Writing to the beat of God's heart

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A few years ago, I owned one of my most fun cars to drive: a silver 2003 Volkswagen Beetle. Even though it was small, the car had a state of the art (by 2003 standards) stereo system that included a remote control.

One day as I was getting ready to go to an appointment, I pressed the remote control on button, and nothing happened to the stereo. Then I turned it over and saw that the battery had fallen out. Since I'd dropped the remote control on the ground outside of my car earlier, I thought that the battery was probably still on the ground nearby. After a few minutes of searching around the car and not finding the missing

remote, I gave up and drove off a little frustrated because the only way I could adjust the radio volume was by using the remote.

Also, I felt a little foolish because it wasn't an issue of life or death, but I remember praying for God to show me exactly where it was. I then checked under the front seat mats and what did I find? The battery and the battery holder exactly where God had led me to look.

Needless to say, I was overjoyed that I could now turn down my radio, but I was also glad for another reason. This seemingly insignificant incident showed me that I could hear God's voice even though I been doubtful lately.

This incident also reminded me of the previous year when I had a serious case of writer's block. I thought I was following God's leading in my writing but couldn't un-

derstand why it was so hard to write even one page sometimes. Once I spent more time in prayer with God, the words and ideas flowed effortlessly like God's promises in Hebrews 8:10, "I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts."

Even though a few years have passed since that time, I sometimes still shrug off that "something" which is God's still small voice trying to give me direction. In the case of writing, the "something" is God trying to keep me on beat with his heart.

When faced with those difficulties, prayer has always helped me hear His voice, write to the beat of His heart, and stay focused as a writer.

The following is a prayer from my book of prayers for writers Writing to the Beat of God's Heart that helps me stay on track:

'I thank you God for giving

me greater confidence in the skills that you have given me as a writer. I will not second guess myself and my ability to hear your voice. I praise you God because you have opened my stopped-up ears and have sharpened my ability to hear your voice...As I spend more time in worship, prayer, and consecration, it will become easier to hear your voice and follow your direction in every area of my life.'

Happy writing!

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Keep your love for God strong

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



We are living in a time of high technology. Technology has made tremendous progress in the last few years, and many new things have been developed. We have to sort through it all and choose what is appropriate and what is not. We have to be extremely cautious and evaluate things biblically and make sure that our love does not become affected. God does not have a church that loves Him halfheartedly. His people love Him supremely or they are not His people at all.

Warning against these kinds of things requires judgement preaching. We read in Isaiah 1:27, "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness." In Revelation, Chapter 15, you can read about people who were standing on the sea of glass. They got there because the judgments of God were poured out. God loved them enough to tell them what to stay away. They were singing songs of victory, but not just by lying around doing nothing. Someone had been preaching the Gospel to them, and it enabled them to have a hallelujah time, singing songs of victory and rejoicing. Victory was theirs.

Again, James said in James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." You need to keep your love God strong. You have to watch those things that can creep in and take over your

life. You had better watch your interest in sports. Sports can get a big hold on you. I like to see my favorite team (Commander formerly Redskins), but I do not want to get carried away with my interest in sports. I do not want to get carried away with the things of this world. If you are not careful, things can get hold of you and become more important to you than the Word of God or serving God and keeping your life committed to Him. You must be careful.

Our Scripture text says if you will endure temptation and keep your love for God strong, then God has promised you a crown of life. Jesus said in John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

As a Child of God, you can enjoy living here on this earth even without the many things that others consider to be enjoyable. You do not need to have a million dollars to be happy. You do not even have to have two nickels in your pocket. If you have God blessing you with a crown of life, and bestowing upon you rich, abundant, spiritual life, you can be happy.

James said when you endure temptation, you will receive a crown of life. One with a crown is reigning. Abundant finances do not make people happy. Having perfect health and being fit and trim are not recipes for happiness. It is life from God that makes the difference. As long as you have Jesus, you can be incredibly happy and enjoy life and have a home in Heaven.

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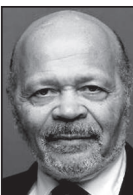
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Even in death, disrespect

By Oscar H. Blayton
Pres. Black Chamber of Commerce



There is something about how humans treat the remains of the dead that speaks to the nature of humanity.

Those who have gone on before us are celebrated, honored, and cloaked in a culture of sanctity and inviolability. And those places where their remains are placed take on that same status. It is a certainty that the many burial practices are, each in their own way, a form of recognizing the humanity of those laid to rest.

This practice of reverence for the dead goes back so far in human history that its origins are lost to our current awareness. And given the universal respect human beings give to their dead, it is more than troubling that glaring exceptions to this reverence can be found in certain instances.

In 2021, we learned that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission of the United Kingdom issued a formal apology for not commemorating as many as 350,000 African and Middle Eastern World War I casualties in the same manner as their white counterparts. This apology referred to the black and brown fallen as “comrades” of the white fallen, but their treatment in death did not evidence any camaraderie.

It took over one hundred years for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to acknowledge that pervasive racism had determined the treatment of the remains of soldiers of color who had made the ultimate sacrifice. And while the Commission acknowledged, “Most of these men were commemorated by memorials that did not carry their names,” it demonstrated the obligatory handwringing over the exposed wrongdoing and made an ambiguous promise to somehow make amends.

This racist disregard for the remains of people of color

is often found in the United States as well. One disturbing example is the burial grounds at Milliken’s Bend, Louisiana.

Milliken’s Bend is the site of an 1863 Civil War battle that was part of the Vicksburg Campaign. This battle, fought near the banks of the Mississippi River was one of the earliest encounters of the war between Confederates and the United States Colored Troops (U.S.C.T.). It was a vicious battle, that devolved into combatants using bayonets and clubbing each other with rifle butts. The ferocity of the fight was described by one *Harp-er’s Weekly* war correspondent as follows:

“Broken limbs, broken heads, the mangling of bodies, all prove that it was a contest between enraged men; on the one side from hatred to a race, and on the other, desire, for self-preservation, revenge for past grievances, and the inhumane murder of their comrades.”

By 1868, after the guns of war had been silenced for more than three years, Milliken’s Bend had become the site of a military burial ground. In that year, there were more than 15,000 reinterments of combatants from many different battles and both sides of the war. But of the more than 5,000 remains that were identified as “Negro,” only 130 (or 2%) of the black soldiers had been identified.

Battlefield conditions were chaotic during the Civil War and proper burials were often extremely difficult, if not impossible. Many soldiers were hastily buried in unmarked graves, especially after major battles like Vicksburg, or even Milliken’s Bend. But these problems were compounded for U.S.C.T. soldiers, who usually faced the additional challenges of racism within the Union Army’s Grave Registration Service that affected their treatment even in death.

African-American soldiers were usually buried in segregated cemeteries or plots that

received less attention than white cemeteries, making it harder to locate and identify them over the years.

It is a sad commentary that the U.S.C.T. troops who fell in the hard-fought battle of Milliken’s Bend were not given the dignity of being properly remembered in death.

The disregard for black burial grounds continues even today. In Richmond, Virginia, two African-American cemeteries have been disrespected by local, state and federal governments to the point where criminal investigations should now be warranted. Richmond’s East End Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery have historical significance, as well as being sacred resting places of many ancestors of the Richmond community.

East End Cemetery, founded in 1897 is the resting place of Oliver Ferguson Davidson who founded the first school for African-American children in Richmond and advocated for equal education between the races.

Rosa L. Dixon Bowser, who was the first African-American teacher hired in Richmond, and the organizer of the first organization representing black teachers in Virginia is also buried there.

Evergreen Cemetery is the resting place of Maggie L. Walker, the first woman of any race to charter a bank in the United States. It is also the burial site of the crusading newspaper publisher John Mitchell, Jr. and Sarah Garland Boyd Jones, a physician who was the first African-American woman to receive a certificate from the Virginia State Medical Examining Board. She also co-founded a hospital in Richmond with her husband, Miles Berkley Jones.

These two cemeteries are the resting places of many citizens of which Richmond is rightly proud. But over the years, both cemeteries fell into disrepair until a group of individuals, comprised mainly of African Americans, began to volunteer

their time and effort in a labor of love to restore these sacred sites. But when that group of volunteers approached the city seeking to acquire those cemeteries to maintain them, the City of Richmond, with the aid of the State of Virginia and the U.S. government, essentially delivered both cemeteries to an individual white man with no previous experience in maintaining cemeteries. This white individual was deemed to have the potential to be a better steward of these African-American cemeteries than the mainly African-American volunteers who had maintained the sites for years.

Within a few years of the delivery of these cemeteries to this individual, and the lavishing of hundreds of thousands of local, state and federal dollars upon him, he abandoned the cemeteries and their upkeep, leaving their ownership in question and large sums of money unaccounted for.

We must acknowledge that far too many black communities in America can point to similar instances of disregard and disrespect for their dead. Just as the past deeds of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission of the United Kingdom and the Union Army’s Grave Registration Service dishonored black folk in death, so too have the recent acts of the City of Richmond, the State of Virginia and the United States Government.

There are countless reports of black cemeteries across America being paved over, plowed up and otherwise desecrated; far too many to address in this short commentary. But it is past time for black communities to begin to blame and shame those governmental and private commercial entities that treat our dead with disregard and disrespect.

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Black community’s retirement woes leading to new ways to save money

By Hazel Trice Edney
Trice Edney News Wire



A recent study has outlined a disturbing trend across the nation: Increasing retirement woes among black people, coming from several angles that indicate some could choose to work longer or seek more palatable options for savings and income.

Either people aren’t feeling on-track to retire, they’re worried about outliving whatever savings they are able to accrue or their jobs don’t offer fair retirement plans for people of color. These being common fears in the black community, some just breeze over the thought of retirement as a pipe dream.

“Black and Hispanic workers have significantly less access to employer-sponsored retirement plans than do white counterparts, exacerbating economic inequity and hampering the ability of people of color to build financial security later in life, according to researchers,” AARP reports. “Among private sector employees ages 18 to 64, more than 53 percent of African Americans and about 64 percent of Latinos do not have access to a workplace retirement plan, compared with about 42 percent for white workers and 45 percent for Asian Americans,” a July 2022 report from the AARP Public Policy Institute found.

According to the latest U.S. Census data, more than 55.8 million adults are older than 65. That is nearly 17 percent of America’s population that is “retirement age.” Yet only half of Americans even have access to retirement plans. And although we know well what the gender gap is, what isn’t talked about enough is the retirement gap.

Generally, studies on savings show that the average black family has lower savings than the disparity between the average U.S. family. It’s unsurprising, then, that 54% of Black Americans don’t have enough savings to retire – whether it be from system inequalities or otherwise.

All studies and reports on retirement are saying the same thing: People are worried about outliving their retirement savings. The retirement crisis is hitting all of the country, but as usual, disproportionately impacting Black and other racial minority communities. Nearly 40 percent of independent savers, specifically, aren’t feeling on-track to retire.

Independent savers are individuals who do not have access to a retirement plan through their employers. Many in the Black and Latino communities fall under the independent saver category. Therefore, for many in these communities, retirement planning gets put on the backburner as more urgent expenses and matters arise.

But there are now new financial tools that every person can use to begin retirement savings. Recently, the financial industry recognized this issue and started to rollout new products that will open up access to professionally managed retirement vehicles at a lower cost and without the need for a workplace-based retirement plan.

For example, BlackRock recently launched the industry’s only suite of target date ETFs (Exchange-traded Funds), which is a new investment tool aimed at curbing the growing number of people who do not have any retirement savings plans, or access to such.

Investors that choose this new product will be able to easily select a fund closest to their target retirement date and make regular contributions as their own finances allow. This allows for recurring deposits, but also allows for more choice. Meaning if life happens and an unexpected expense comes up – which will certainly happen – and there’s nothing left over for the month to invest, that’s okay. However, this investment is professionally managed and is taken care of to make sure it’s stable as retirement nears.

According to BlackRock’s Read on Retirement report, 47 percent of independent savers lean on cash to build their retirement, creating a missed opportunity for potential investment growth which is important to achieving retirement goals. These new ETF funds allow for savers that might typically rely on stashing cash to instead put that into these ETF funds that will invest in a broad portfolio and turn out even more money.

Such strategies are often in line with initiatives such as Rev. Jesse Jackson’s Wall Street Project, which encourages the financial industry to open up and reach out to communities that may not necessarily be aware of alternatives to their personal savings that they may need from day to day.

“If Corporate America could see the vast potential within our underserved minority communities, would Wall Street provide access to opportunities for economic growth and stability?” Rev. Jackson asks in a statement.

All of these retirement tools are built off of the idea that in order to encourage more retirement saving, we need to make it as easy as possible for people to build their nest egg. Retirement tools like these are for the people that don’t have workplace retirement plans, those looking to complement their existing 401(k), or people that just want to boost their confidence in their retirement potential.

Most Americans are nervous; even stressed about retirement, savings, and finances in general. This is especially true for the black community. These products may be the first of many from Wall Street aimed at further providing transformational solutions to the retirement burdens many have been feeling over the years.

For equitable economic contributions to family and to American society regardless of race or age, retirement savings and income must become straightforward and possible for everyone.

“The road to shared economic security travels through two-way trade, where all are included, and none are left in the margins of the marketplace,” Rev. Jackson states. “Industry by industry, the quantifiable gaps in opportunity and in access to capital for people of color-owned businesses define our agenda.”

The Lewiston, Maine shootings indicate again that America must ban assault weapons

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



Have you ever heard the expression, “a hard head makes a soft behind?” Mothers back in the day made that one of their signature sayings.

There are some things in life where we know what’s right, but we won’t do what’s right. We are stubborn and set in our ways. It doesn’t matter how much proof we have to the contrary. Must we experience so much pain and suffering before we change?

Will this be the case with the mass shooting that happened last Wednesday in Lewiston, Maine? There were 18 people tragically killed at a bowling alley and restaurant. This is the deadliest mass shooting this year.

According to the Gun Violence Archive, there have been at least 565 mass shootings in America during 2023. This averages out to be almost 2 mass shootings per day. Reports indicate at this time last

year we had 559 mass shootings. We can all agree these numbers are staggering.

Some people suggest that mass shootings have become the American way. All of us know this is not the American way and needs to stop.

Robert Card, a US Army reservist was the shooter in this tragedy as 13 people were also injured. A 2-day man-hunt for Card ended Friday. Apparently, he took his own life, and his body was found inside a box trailer on recycling center property. He was 40 years of age. Mike Sauschuck, commissioner of the Maine Department of Public Safety has confirmed this information.

Maine Governor Janet Mills said, “Like many people I’m breathing a sigh of relief that Robert Card is no longer a threat to anyone.” President Joe Biden called it “a tragic two days not just for Lewiston, Maine but for our entire country.”

According to family reports, Card suffered from mental illness. He was hospitalized briefly some months ago because of it.

As we know, Card had purchased other weapons leading up to this vicious and vile attack on humanity. These weapons were purchased legally and did not raise any suspicion.

The weapon used by the shooter was an assault rifle. We know from other mass shootings that this has been the weapon used. As recently as July 20 of this year, law enforcement officials met at the White House to discuss getting their support for stronger legislation on how to reduce gun violence in this country. The focus was on assault weapons and getting stronger legislation passed.

Has this senseless crime changed the minds of any lawmakers in Congress? Yes, it has. Representative Jared Golden of Maine, a Democrat, has called for a ban on assault weapons. Reports say he asked for forgiveness and support from the people of Lewiston and the loved ones of the victims and survivors. That is a direct quote from him.

Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a Democrat

from New York applauded his comments and called them powerful, brave and moving. Will others join Golden and create a movement for change? This animus doesn’t have to exist.

Sadly, tragedy must happen in your own backyard before you see the consequences of your inaction. This is what happened to him.

As citizens, we must get our representatives who we elect to pass legislation which will ban assault weapons. How many lives must be lost, how much bloodshed, and tearful phone calls made before we do something about this American atrocity?

American families have been torn apart because of gun violence. This time, the families were in Lewiston, Maine.

We are haunted by our inability to act. This is a living nightmare which will only end when we take assault weapons off our streets. It was Lewiston, Maine this time. Where will it be next time? That will be the question until we have a ban on assault weapons.

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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 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 Mary Hayes, deceased, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs-at-law 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 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 heirs-at-law of Mary Hayes, 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 Betty Smith, Alice Byas, Clifton Miller, Delilah Gilmore, and Norma Stover should not be declared the only heirs-at-law of Mary Hayes, 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 16 day of October, 2023.

EDDIE JEAN CARR, CLERK
HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

BY: B. Robinson, D.C.

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

LEGAL

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Old Business
CASE NO. HPLD-23-2
LOCATION: 4920 ROBINSON RD (PARCEL 832-130)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: N/A APPLICANT: REV. KARL TAYLOR SR.
REQUEST: TO HAVE 4920 ROBINSON RD DESIGNATED AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.

New Business
CASE NO. HPNC-23-12
LOCATION: 1442 GREYMONT ST. (PARCEL 15-143-4)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: SHARON POLLARD
REQUEST: TO REPLACE SHAKE STYLE METAL ROOFING WITH CORRUGATED METAL ROOF.

CASE NO. HPNC-23-16
LOCATION: 904 PINEHURST PL. (PARCEL 15-22)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: TOMMY DUNLAP

REQUEST:
1. REPAIR WOOD FRAMED WINDOWS WITH MATCHING WOOD MATERIALS AND REPLACE BROKEN GLASS WITH CLEAR GLASS.
2. REPAIR ROTTED OVERHANG AND GABLE TRIM WITH LIKE MATERIALS.
3. REQUEST TO REMOVE TWO FRONT SCREEN DOORS AND BURGLAR BARS AROUND HOME.
4. PAINT FRONT PORCH RAILS BLACK.
5. REPAIR REAR ENTRY DOOR OR REPLACE WITH MATCHING WOOD DOOR.

Pre-existing rear addition- Request to bring into compliance with modifications
1. REMOVE EXISTING FLAT ROOF AND BUILD A 6 AND 12-INCH PITCH (SAME PITCH AS THE MAIN ROOF) HIP ROOF ON ADDITION AND TIE INTO MAIN ROOF.
2. REPLACE TRIM OVERHANG WITH A WOOD BOX CORNICE.
3. USE EXISTING WOOD SIDING ON ADDITION WITH 5" LAP EXPOSURE OR OPTION TO USE HARDIE PLANK SIDING WITH 7" LAP EXPOSURE
4. REMOVE ALUMINUM WINDOW ON REAR AND SPLICE IN MATCHING WOOD SIDING.
5. REPLACE EXISTING DOOR WITH A WOOD EXTERIOR DOOR. DOOR WILL HAVE A 3 VERTICAL LITE TOP AND A PANEL BOTTOM.
6. INSTALL WOOD LATTICE PANELS ON BOTTOM OF SIDING TO THE GROUND.
7. PAINT ADDITION SIDING A LIGHTER COLOR AS SHOWN ON THE PAINT SAMPLE.

CASE NO. HPNC-23-15
LOCATION: 1036 BELHAVEN ST. (PARCEL 11-66)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: KARA THORNTON
REQUEST: RE-ROOF AND CHANGE 3-TAB GRAY SHINGLES TO BLACK ARCHITECT SHINGLES.

CASE NO. HPNC-23-14
LOCATION: 1616 POPLAR BLVD. (PARCEL 15-112)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: ANN WILLIAMS
REQUEST:

1. REPLACE ROTTED DECKING WITH SAME MATERIAL (PRESSURE TREATED PINE).
2. EXTEND NORTHWESTERN SECTION (8'4") OF THE DECK TO MATCH THE CENTER STEP.
3. INSTALL BRACING SLATS TO PERGOLA ON DECK.

CASE NO. HPNC-23-17
LOCATION: 1315 OLIVE ST. (PARCEL 15-65-1)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: PATRICK WALLACE

REQUEST: RE-ROOF AND CHANGE 3-TAB HAZEL AND MULTI COLORED SHINGLES TO GRAY (WEATHERED WOOD) ARCHITECTURAL SHINGLES.

CASE NO. HPNC-23-9
LOCATION: 913 MADISON ST UNIT AC (PARCEL 21-49)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN HEIGHTS APPLICANT: TONY HESLION

REQUEST:
REMOVE AND REPLACE ALL ROTTED WOOD, ASPHALT SHINGLES
REPLACE DAMAGED ROOFING SECTIONS.
REBUILD THE DORMER ADDING NEW DECKING, FELT, FLASHING, HARDIE BOARD.
PRIME & PAINT THE DORMER.
INSTALL NEW OLD ENGLISH PEWTER ASPHALT SHINGLES

CASE NO. HPNC-23-21
LOCATION: 300 FARISH ST. (PARCEL 83-3-1)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: FARISH ST APPLICANT: ADERSON ERVIN

REQUEST: CONSTRUCT NEW TWO STORY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE AS A PERSON HOME ON PARCEL NUMBER 83-3-1. THE NEW RESIDENCE WITH MATCH THE AESTHETIC OF THE BUILDING LOCATED ON 83-3 WITH BRICK AS THE PRIMARY BUILDING MATERIAL FOR THE EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS, ARCH WINDOWS ON THE SECOND FLOOR, AND A LOW SLOPED ROOF TIED TO AN INTERNAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

11/2/2023, 11/9/2023, 11/16/2023, 11/23/2023

LEGAL

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' LEGAL SERVICES
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 001-24
Date of Notice: October 25, 2023

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority is requesting Statement of Qualifications to provide legal and related services to JMAA in connection with the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority Board of Commissioners' Legal Services at JMAA Project No. 001-24 at JAN.

Scope of Work:
The Services to be provided include but are not limited to the following:

- Representation for all Board Legal Matters
- Professional Management of Outside Legal Services on Board Related Matters
- Professional Legal Advice

All services will be performed as needed and directed by the JMAA Board and Executive Staff.

The Deadline for Questions is November 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). JMAA will respond to any questions in writing via Addendum No. 1 on November 10, 2023. JMAA will receive sealed electronic or printed submissions only. All submissions of Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services will be accepted until Friday, November 17, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). RFQ shall be accepted electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery as follows:

Electronically jmaabids.com
By mail or hand delivery JMAA's Administrative Office, Suite 300
Main Terminal Building
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers
International Airport 100 International Drive,
Jackson, Mississippi 39208

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA via JMAA's website: jmaabids.com.

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LEGAL

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE MYRA MAE REIN

NO. P 2022-188

MARK REIN
ADMINISTRATOR
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30th day of March, 2023 by the Chancery Court of Hinds County to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Myra Mae Rein, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate to present each claim to the Clerk of the Court for probate and registration according to law before ninety (90) days from the first date of publication of this notice has passed or such claim shall be forever barred.

/s/ Mark Rein
Mark Rein
Administrator of the Estate of Myra Mae Rein.

Sharon Henderson, Attorney
1003 Hallmark Dr.
Jackson, MS 39206
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Fax 601-510-1980
Sharonhenderson98@gmail.com

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LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF GEORGE ADAMS

NO 20-PR-433 O/3

LATANGLIA ADAMS,
ADMINISTRATRIX
AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 14th day of October, 2020 by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, MS to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of George Adams, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate to present each claim to the Clerk of the Court for probate and registration according to law before ninety (90) days from the first date of publication of this notice has passed or such claim shall be forever barred.

/s/ LaTanglia Adams
LaTanglia Adams
Administrator of the Estate of George Adams

Sharon Henderson, Attorney
1003 Hallmark Dr.
Jackson, MS 39206
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LEGAL

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

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, November 14, 2023, for disposal of non-hazardous liquid waste material for Transit Services located at 1785 Highway 80W, Jackson, MS 39204 (as specified) necessary for REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-07 (RE-ISSUE).

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

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

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

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 DISPOSAL OF NON-HAZARDOUS LIQUID WASTE MATERIAL, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-07 (RE-ISSUE)."

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

11/2/2023, 11/9/2023

LEGAL

Advertisement For Bids
SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM SOLUTIONS
CITY PROJECT NO. RFP#2023-02

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, November 28, 2023, from qualified providers interested in providing a Security Camera System Solutions which will function as an access control system by integrating alarm monitoring, digital video indoor and outdoor IP security cameras, ID badging, visitor badging and monitoring, and database management into a single platform.

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.

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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 SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM SOLUTIONS, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-02."

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.

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Christine Welch, Deputy Director
Office of Transportation

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ORDINANCE GRANTING REDEEMER CHURCH A REZONING OF THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 608 WELLINGTON DR. (PARCEL: 432-328), 616 WELLINGTON DR. (PARCEL: 431-20), 630 WELLINGTON DR. (PARCEL: 431-18), 638 WELLINGTON DR. (PARCEL: 431-17), 644 WELLINGTON DR. (PARCEL: 431-16), 654 WELLINGTON DR. (PARCEL: 431-15), 4638 LONDONDERRY DR. (PARCEL: 432-327) FROM R-1 AND R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO SUD - SPECIAL USE DISTRICT AND AN ORDER GRANTING A USE PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 706 E. NORTHSIDE DR. (PARCEL: 431-129) TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE CHURCH'S INSTITUTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACCESSORY PARKING. CASE NO. 4216.

WHEREAS, Redeemer Church has filed a petition to rezone the properties located at 608 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 432-328), 616 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-20), 630 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-18), 638 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-17), 644 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-16), 654 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-15), 4638 Londonderry Dr. (Parcel: 432-327) and 706 E. Northside Dr. (Parcel: 431-129), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-1 & R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to SUD - Special Use District to allow for the expansion of the church and school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the properties located at 608 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 432-328), 616 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-20), 630 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-18), 638 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-17), 644 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-16), 654 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-15), and 4638 Londonderry Dr. (Parcel: 432-327) from R-1 & R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to SUD - Special Use District and a Use Permit for the property located at 706 E. Northside Dr. (Parcel: 431-129) to allow for the expansion of the church's institutional and educational activities and accessory parking; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the Jackson City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2023 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on July 6, 2023 and July 20, 2023 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on July 26, 2023, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the properties located at 608 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 432-328), 616 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-20), 630 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-18), 638 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-17), 644 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-16), 654 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-15), 4638 Londonderry Dr. (Parcel: 432-327) from R-1 & R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to SUD - Special Use District and a Use Permit for the property located at 706 E. Northside Dr. (Parcel: 431-129); and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council, after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous Jackson City Council action for the properties at 608 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 432-328), 616 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-20), 630 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-18), 638 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-17), 644 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-16), 654 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-15), and 4638 Londonderry Dr. (Parcel: 432-327); and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council, after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that proposed use would not be detrimental to the continued use, value, or development of properties in the vicinity and that a Use Permit be granted to allow for the expansion of the church's institutional and educational activities and accessory parking within the existing R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District of the City of Jackson for the property at 706 E. Northside Dr. (Parcel: 431-129).

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

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

Parcel 432-328

Lot Four (4), Block X, Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6 at Page/Slide/Slot 34 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 431-20

Lot 12, and the West 35 feet of Lot 11, Block B, East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 1, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 7 at Page 45, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 431-18

Lot 10, and East 1/2 of Lot 11, Block B, East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 1, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 7 at Page 45, Reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 431-17

Lot 9, of Block B, East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 1; according to the map thereof which is of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 7 at Page 45, reference to which is made.

Parcel 431-16

Lot 8 of Block B, East Broadmoor*, a Subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book/Cabinet 7 at Page/Slide/Slot 45 thereof; reference to which is made in aid of and part of this description.

Parcel 431-15

Lot 7, Block B. East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 1, a Subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 7 at Page 45, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 432-327

Lot 3, Block X, Broadmoor Subdivision, Part Three, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6 at Page 34 reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 431-129

Lot 1, of Block M of East Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 2, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book/Cabinet 7 at Page/Slide/Slot 74 thereof; reference to which is made in aid of and part of this description.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the properties located at 608 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 432-328), 616 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-20), 630 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-18), 638 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-17), 644 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-16), 654 Wellington Dr. (Parcel: 431-15), 4638 Londonderry Dr. (Parcel: 432-327) from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to SUD - Special Use District and a Use Permit for the property located at 706 E. Northside Dr. (Parcel: 431-129) to allow for the expansion of the church and school facilities.

However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

resident Banks moved adoption; **Council Member Lindsay** seconded.

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

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Council Meeting August 21, 2023 and recorded in Minute Book "6X, Pgs. 697-700".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 25th day of September, 2023.



Angela Harris
Angela Harris Municipal Clerk

11/2/2023

LEGAL

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE

ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO DESIGN AND
ENGINEER JMAA PROJECTS AT THE JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT(JAN) AND HAWKINS FIELD AIRPORT (HKS)

JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 002-24

Date of Notice: November 1, 2023

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority is requesting a Statement of Qualifications to provide design and engineering services to JMAA in connection with the On-Call Professionals Consulting Services to Design and Engineer JMAA Projects at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) and Hawkins Field Airport (HKS) Project No. 002-24.

Scope of Work:
The Services to be provided include but are not limited to the following:

- Architectural
- Structural
- Environmental
- Master Planning
- Design
- Construction Oversight

Planned projects are shown on the Airport's current FAA Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) for fiscal years 2024-2028.

The deadline for questions is November 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). JMAA will respond to any questions in writing via Addendum No. 1 on December 6, 2023. JMAA will receive sealed electronic or printed submissions only. All submissions of Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services will be accepted until Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). RFQ shall be accepted electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery as follows:

Electronically jmaabids.com
By mail or hand delivery
JMAA's Administrative Office, Suite 300
Main Terminal Building
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers
International Airport 100 International Drive,
Jackson, Mississippi 39208

JMAA will hold an in-person Pre-Submission Conference on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. (CST). The Pre-Submission Conference will also be available virtually using the following login information:

Microsoft Teams Meeting Link: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 276 092 277 924
Passcode: ZVeqJC

Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is not mandatory for all those submitting Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the Services. However, interested firms are encouraged to attend. Immediately following the Pre-Submission Conference, JMAA will host a tour for potential prime consultants, sub-consultants, and subcontractors.

After evaluation in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFQ, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent marked first and second on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement, in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked and/or second-ranked Respondent. In that event, JMAA will follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all Statement of Qualifications, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services, and (2) waive any and all informalities and irregularities in the selection process.

The complete Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which includes detailed instructions for preparation and submission of proposals, can be found via JMAA's website: jmaabids.com.

11/2/2023, 11/9/23

LEGAL

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 Katie 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 Katie 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.

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Electronic Bidding Advertisement for Bids

Bid 3248 John Hopkins ESSER Canopy

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 Pre-vailing Time) December 5, 2023, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud A pre-bid conference for John Hopkins Elementary School will be held at 170 John Hopkins Road, Jackson, MS 39209 at 3:00 p.m. on November 16, 2023. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.jpdsdm-projects.com. A \$150.00 non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Charles Bunniran with Allen Hoshall

Phone: 601-977-8993
Email: cbunniran@allenhoshall.com

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

10/26/23, 11/2/2023, 11/9/2023

Also, until further notice, all bid openings will be recorded and uploaded to the JPSD web site at www.jackson.k12.ms.us at YouTube: /JPSITV for public viewing due to COVID 19, vendors will not be allowed to sit in on bids openings.

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The City of Jackson, Mississippi is considering Amendment Number 1 to its 2020 One-Year Action Plan and Amendment Number 2 to the 2021 One-Year Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan by:

1. Modifying the project description of the CDBG Funded Fire Department Project within the 2020 Action Plan. The current scope of work indicating the rehabilitation of Fire Station #23 will be replaced with providing essential equipment for Fire Station #23.

2. Modifying the project description of the CDBG Funded Fire Station Repair Project within the 2021 Action Plan. The current scope of work indicating the rehabilitation of Fire Station #7 will be replaced with providing essential equipment for Fire Station #7.

5. Reallocating funds in the amount of \$228,769.74, between two (2) projects within the 2021 Action Plan. The specified funds will be moved from the LEAD Grant Match Project to the CDBG-Limited Repair Project. This change will completely defund the LEAD Grant Match Project.

These amendments are necessary to ensure that funding is expended in a timely manner by providing funding for essential fire station equipment for the Jackson Fire Department and ensuring service delivery of housing rehabilitation programs for owner-occupied housing and related housing services for the City of Jackson.

If anyone would like to ask questions or make comments on these proposed amendments, they should email them to jefferson@jacksonms.gov. The City is required to provide a 30-day comment period on all proposed amendments to our one-year action plans, therefore, the comment period will begin on Wednesday November 8, 2023 and comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Friday December 8, 2023.

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

11/2/2023

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Hint: Quote by Christopher Cross

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Cryptogram Solution

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Jim Hill & Murrah standouts at recent marching band competitions

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson Public Schools hosted the Magnolia Marching Band Championships at Hughes Field Saturday, September 30. Twelve bands, including all seven JPS high schools and several from across the state, participated in the competition.

Jim Hill and Murrah stood out among JPS schools with overall Superior ratings at the end of judging. Additionally, Murrah received 1st place for Best Colorguard, and Jim Hill received 1st place for Best Drum Major.

Other JPS high schools also performed well at the Magnolia Marching Band competition, coming away with the following awards:

- Overall Awards
- 1st Place Colorguard – Murrah
 - 2nd Place Majorettes – Callaway
 - 3rd Place Majorettes – Lanier
 - 1st Place Percussion – Jim Hill & Murrah (Tied with Meridian and Southeast Lauderdale)
 - 1st Place Drum Major – Jim Hill
 - 2nd Place Band – Jim Hill
- Small Band Awards
- 1st Place Colorguard – Murrah
 - 1st Place Majorettes – Callaway
 - 2nd Place Majorettes - Lanier
 - 2nd Place Percussion – Forest Hill
 - 2nd Place Band – Murrah
- Large Band Awards
- 1st Place Percussion – Jim Hill (Tie with Meridian)
 - 1st Place Drum Major – Jim Hill
 - 2nd Place Band – Jim Hill

Following their outstanding showing at the Magnolia Championships, Jim Hill and Murrah delivered solid performances at the Region IV State Marching Competition in Pearl. Jim Hill received all Superiors, and Murrah garnered a respectable mix of Superior and Excellent ratings.



Jim Hill High School Marching Band at MHSAA Region IV 2023



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRYAN JEFFERSON



Murrah High School at MHSAA Region IV 2023



Callaway High School



Forest Hill High School

JSU student receives Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholarship for Public Service

Special to the Mississippi Link

Kennedy Pierce, a junior political science student at Jackson State University, will travel to Chicago Wednesday as a 2023-2025 recipient of the Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholarship for Public Service. The Voyager Scholarship was created by President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama and the Co-Founder and CEO of Airbnb, Brian Chesky, to help shape young leaders who can bridge divides and help solve the world’s biggest challenges.

“This scholarship will allow me to focus on a public service career instead of the burden of college debt. When I first found out, it felt unreal, and it still feels unreal. I don’t think I’m going to believe it until I’m in the same room as all of the leaders and, hopefully, President Obama and Brian Chesky,” said Pierce.

Pierce will join the second cohort of Voyagers to embark on meaningful travel experiences,



Pierce

network with mentors and leaders, and receive financial aid to alleviate any burdens of college debt.

Funded by a \$100 million personal contribution from Chesky to the Obama Foundation, the Voyager Scholarship is a two-year program for students across the U.S. in their junior and senior year of college who are committed to pursuing careers that serve the public and their communities.

Pierce, an aspiring president of the United States, seeks to pursue a graduate degree in public policy and ultimately earn a doctoral degree prior to running for office. Pierce is also interested in working in the office of the governor, in addition to becoming a member of the city council in her hometown of Chicago.

She believes that all of her hard work is finally paying off.

“That’s my ultimate goal. Ever since I was little, people would ask me what I wanted to do, and I would say, ‘I want to be president.’ I also want to start my own nonprofit organization that focuses on uplifting the black community in every aspect, whether it be leadership training, jobs, providing housing, and just overall giving back to the community,” said Pierce.

During the Voyager Summit in Chicago, Pierce will join fellow Chicago-based Voyagers as a panelist. She will share her experiences as a college student and

how her upbringing helped mold her into the scholar she is today.

The summit comprises the inaugural and second cohort of Voyager scholars, where they will network and share experiences, as well as attend workshops and other professional development opportunities.

The Voyager Scholarship is open to students entering their junior year of college at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. who have demonstrated a financial need and are U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or DACA recipients.

Furthermore, the scholarship will bring together 100 students from across the United States who share a curiosity about the world and the conviction to want to make positive change within it.

Scholarship recipients are also eligible for:

- Up to \$50,000 in financial aid
- Students will receive up to \$25,000 per year in “last dollar” financial aid for their junior

and senior college years. This financial aid should alleviate the burden of college debt so that students can afford to pursue a career in public service.

Summer Voyage

- Students will receive a \$10,000 stipend and free Airbnb housing to pursue a summer work-travel experience between their junior and senior years of college. The students will design their Summer Voyage to gain exposure to new communities and experience in a chosen field.

10-year travel stipend

- After graduation, Airbnb will give the students a \$2,000 Airbnb travel credit every year for 10 years, totaling \$20,000. This will allow students to broaden their horizons and forge new connections throughout their public service careers.

Fall Summit

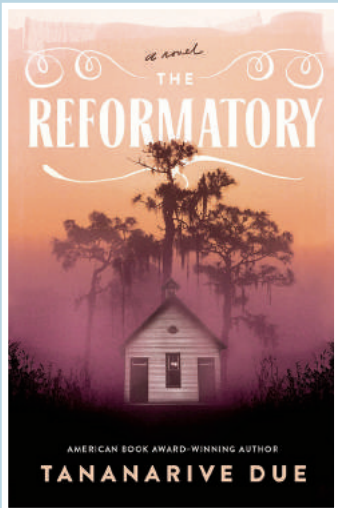
- Students will be invited each fall to an annual summit to help define and inspire their public service journey.

Network of leaders

- Throughout the program, students will be invited to an ongoing speaker series, giving them access to a network of leaders. This network of leaders will expose them to new areas of service and innovations happening in their fields. After graduation, they will join the Obama Foundation’s global community, providing them with foundation resources and programming.

“It feels like this was meant for me. I can’t believe it. I want my peers, Jackson, Mississippi, and the world to know that Thee I Love was and is a great aid in the upbringing of a young black intellectual that is creating positive change within her school and her own community in Chicago,” said Pierce.

Pierce is a member of the Jackson State University W.E.B. DuBois Honors College, Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, and the Service Ambassador organization.



BOOK REVIEW: THE REFORMATORY

BY TANANARIVE DUE
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You'll do better next time. You're sorry, deeply sorry, sincere in your apology, and it won't happen again.

You had a chance to think about your transgressions and you were wrong. What can you do or say to make things better? How can you properly make amends? As in the new book "The Reformatory" by Tananarive Due, how long should you pay for something you didn't do?

The north Florida countryside

was passing by fast as Robert Stephens sat small in the passenger seat of the fancy car. Any other time, he'd be enjoying himself but not now. No, this time, he was on his way to The Reformatory, a school for boys who'd broken the law.

How did things get this far, this fast? It wasn't but a day or so that Robert and his sister Gloria were walking down the road when Lyle McCormack, son of Gracetown's richest man, tried to kiss Gloria and Robert kicked Lyle, in defense of his sister. It

was 1950 and every black person knew that you didn't do that to somebody who was white, but Robert kicked before he could stop himself and he was arrested. And here he was, twelve years old, on his way to a place where Papa said was where the killing started.

But Papa wasn't around anymore, having been run out of town for his union work. It was just Gloria, Robert and old Miz Lottie, and Robert was terrified.

Ever since he was little, he'd been able to see things nobody

else could see. He told Gloria that Mama visited him sometimes, even though she'd been dead for months. He knew things, too; the closer the car got to The Reformatory, the more he knew he couldn't stay there for the next six months.

The place smelled like smoke, but there were no fires. It smelled like death and fear.

He had to trust that Gloria would get him home. He'd trust Mama to watch over him.

He could see "haints" at The Reformatory. The place was full

of them...

Though it might look like one, "The Reformatory" is not just a ghost story. It's tighter, scarier, more ominous because this tale has deep roots based in truth.

Like the tentacles belonging to some sort of evil creature, Jim Crow laws ooze into every corner of this book, wrapping tendrils around the characters and their lives. That's a terror that's told authentically and is (un) easy to imagine, but then author Tananarive Due kicks the frights into maximum overdrive with

ghosts and madmen that you can sometimes barely tell apart. Even scarier: they're inside The Reformatory, and outside it, and they want revenge – both of the otherworldly kind and based in reality. Scarier still: they're willing to make deals.

If you have a heart condition, you might want to pass on this book because it'll raise your pulse rate to the roof. If you're healthy and brave, though, look for "The Reformatory." When it comes to scary novels, you'll never do better.



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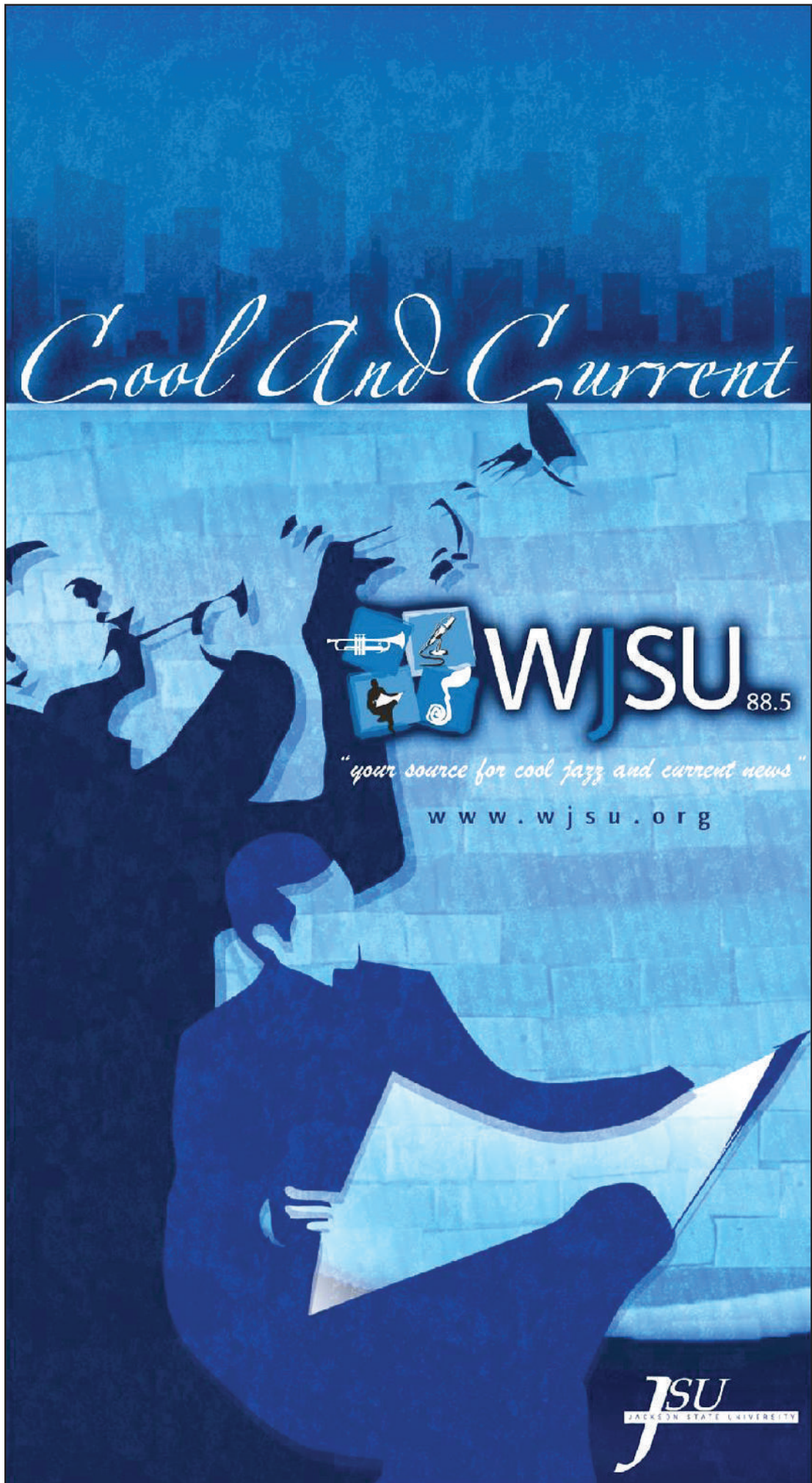
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Jackson State defeats Arkansas Pine Bluff

By Tim Ward
Sports Writer

Jacobian Morgan started his second consecutive game for JSU last Saturday and he looked very comfortable. Morgan completed 26 of 36 passes for 373 yards, 5 touchdowns, and 1 interception.

On the opening drive, while fans were still finding their way to their seats, the Tigers scored a touchdown.

Quarterback Jacobian Morgan hit tight end D.J. Stevens for a 70 yard touchdown pass. Stevens caught the pass and turned on the speed, outracing the UAPB defenders to the endzone. Later in the first quarter, Morgan would complete a touchdown pass to another tight end. Hayden Hagler scored on a four yard pass, giving JSU a 13-0 first quarter lead.

The scoring prowess continued into the second quarter. D.J. Stevens scored again. Stevens hauled in a 25 yard touchdown pass from Morgan. After Stevens, scored, coach TC Taylor sent out Leilani Armenta to kick the extra point. Armenta is the female field goal kicker for Jackson State. Armenta's kick was good, making her the first female to score in an HBCU college football game. Armenta, Coach Taylor, and her teammates were ecstatic.

After adding a few field goals, JSU lead 26 to 7 at halftime.

Arkansas Pine Bluff scores on a 20 yard run from running back Mekhi Hagens in the 3rd quarter, reducing JSU'S lead to 12 points. Quarterback Mekhi Hagens completed 4 of 9 passes for 38 yards, in addition to running for 9 times for 59 yards and 1 touchdown.

However, the game was never

in doubt. Early in the 4th quarter, Jacobian hit Fabian McCray for a 32 yard touchdown pass. Morgan's 5th touchdown pass of the game would go to DJ Stevens from four yards out. Stevens finished the game with 3 catches for 99 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Stevens was picked pre-season all SWAC 2nd team at tight end before the season began.

Leilana Armenta kicked her 3rd successful extra point successfully after the final touchdown by Stevens. JSU wins 40 to 14.

J.D. Martin played last Saturday. Martin gained 73 yards on 9 carries. His very first carry went for 35 yards. JSU rushed as a team for 102 yards, their aerial assault from Morgan was the offensive breadwinner for the game.

More importantly, no fumbles this week. "I think with the offense, it has been the turnovers," Taylor said. "The fumbles have been a thorn in our side. They (offense) eliminated that today. Fabian McCray, J.D. Martin came back and gave us a spark today. I am very pleased with that and our tight ends."

The Darkside Defense registered 5 quarterback sacks and caught 1 interception. As a whole, it was JSU's best overall game of the season.

Taylor said, "That is what we have been looking for all season. We were looking for a complete game in all three phases from our football team. Our special teams were lights out today."

Jacobian Morgan was named SWAC Offensive Player of the Week Monday and Leilani Armenta was named SWAC Specialist of the week.



Tight end DJ Stevens scored 3 touchdowns



Jacobian Morgan won SWAC offensive Player of the week



Sonny the Tiger



Sonic Boom PHOTOS BY TIM WARD



TC Taylor has JSU with 6 wins

Jackson State will be hosting Texas Southern this Saturday.

Texas Southern is 2-6 overall and 1-4 in the SWAC.

Jackson State improves to 6-3 overall and 4-2 in the SWAC.

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

Chastain Warriors win 2023 JPS Middle School Football Championship

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Congratulations are extended to the Chastain Warriors on winning the 2023 JPS Middle School Football Championship and to Blackburn Middle School Panthers who are the runners-iup.

The Warriors defeated the Blackburn Panthers by a score of 38-13 October 25 at Hughes Field. They finished the season undefeated with a record of 8-0. Jeronimo Williams is Chastain's head coach.

The Blackburn Panthers finished the season with a record of 7-1. Kevin Goss is Blackburn's head coach.



Chastain Middle School Warriors – 2023 JPS Middle School Football Champions



Blackburn Middle School Panthers – JPS Middle School Football Runners-up

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

HINDS COUNTY SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Hinds County School District held a recognition program to reward students in the district who scored perfect scale scores in all tested areas on the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) assessment to include students in grades 3-8, and End of Course testing for high schools. Additionally, students who scored proficient and advanced on the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP-A) assessment were also recognized. Another group who was recognized was the students who tested out of the English Language Proficiency Test program. We also recognized the ACT 25 Plus Club for students who scored a 25 or higher on the ACT as well as students who earned certifications through various programs implemented under our Career and Technical Education programs. The Superintendent, Dr. Robert Sanders, and administrators recognized students from each school in the district who accomplished this tremendous accomplishment at the Raymond High School Performing Arts Center. Parents and family were in attendance to witness these outstanding students, who receive certificates in recognition of their great accomplishment!



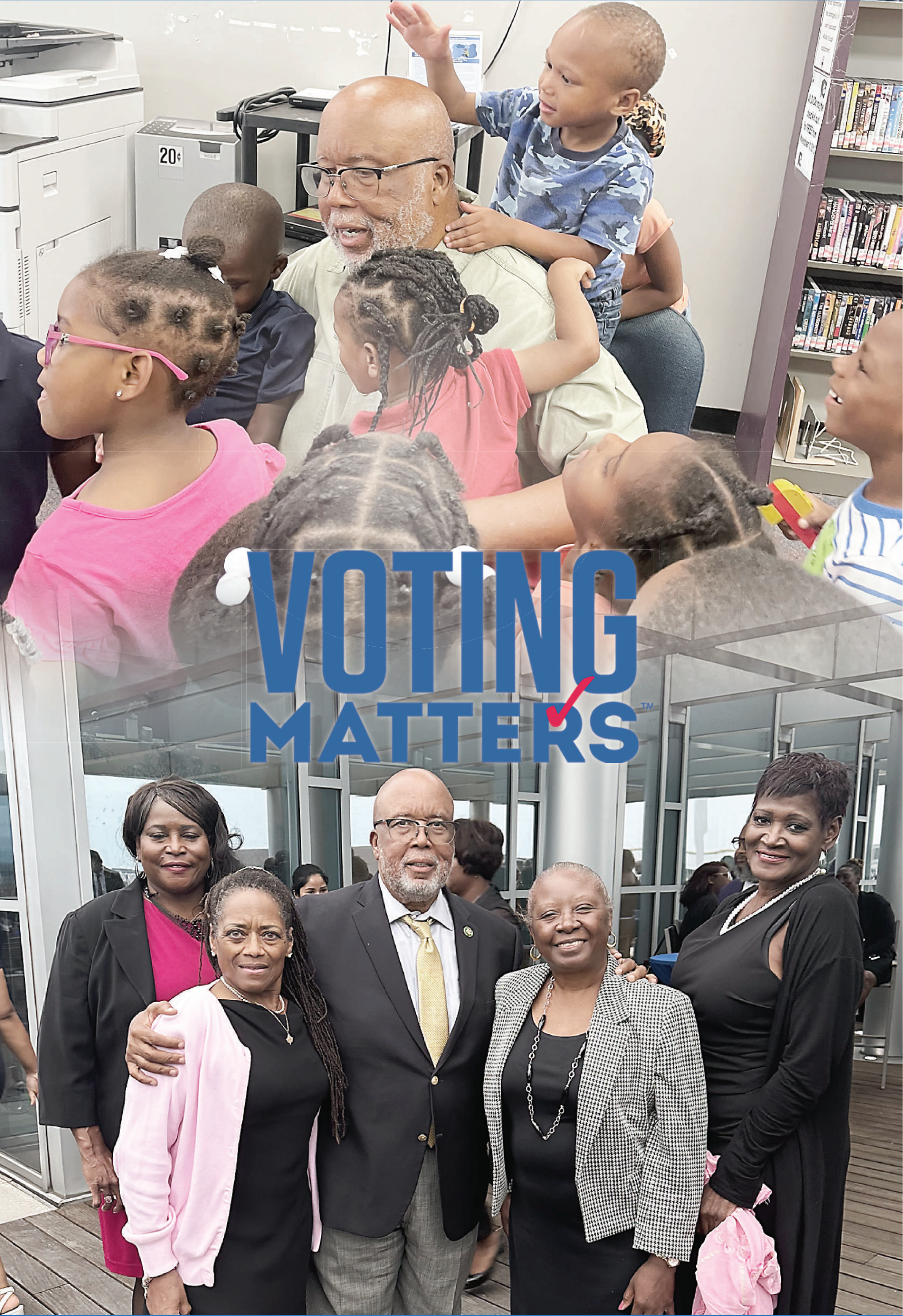
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