

General election results dash hopes for many

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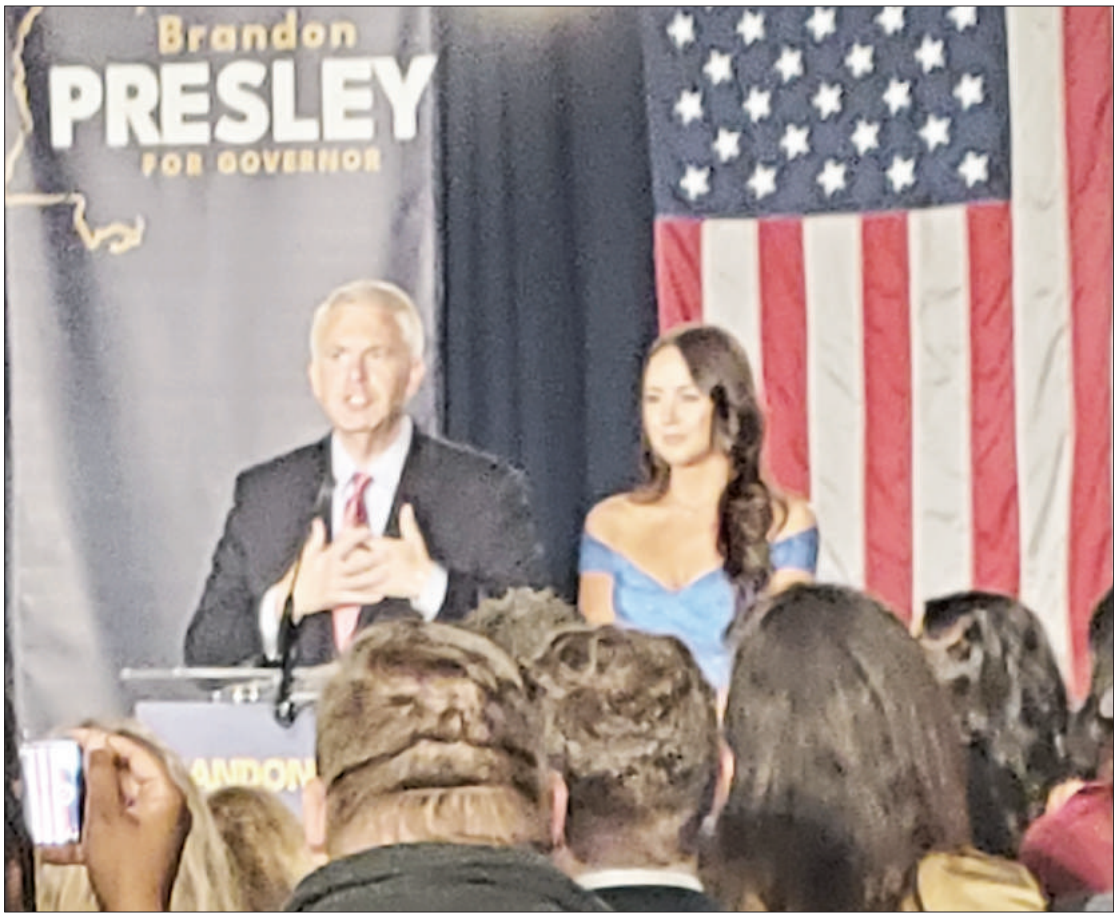
Several hundred supporters gathered at The Falkner, on Capitol Street in Jackson, for the election night watch party for Democratic gubernatorial challenger Brandon Presley.

The evening started upbeat and hopeful, drinks were flowing, small plates were plentiful, and many were hopeful of turning Mississippi blue – so much excitement in the air. At 10:45 p.m. that all changed when Presley came to the lectern, with his wife Katelyn at his side, and gave a brief concession speech – dashing the hopes of many near and far.

What does it say about so many in Mississippi, that even when the down-ballot races had been called for Republican incumbents, hope was still surging that somehow, a change was going to come in the Governor’s mansion?

“People in Mississippi on both sides of the aisle, Republicans, Democrats and Independents represent the good parts of our state. They represent the good parts of who we are, and I will always be appreciative of that. I know that you are as disappointed as I am.”

“Mississippi is a wonderful state that welcomed me and Katelyn into all 82 counties over this campaign. While tonight’s result wasn’t what we wanted, I’m more confident than ever in our people. May God bless Governor Reeves in his victory and this great state,”



Democratic challenger Brandon Presley and wife Katelyn.

PHOTO BY CHRIS YOUNG

Presley said in concession, in part. Based on reporting by The Associated Press, the general election results were as follows:

Governor Tate Reeves defeated Democrat Brandon Presley 51.8 to 46.9%

Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann defeated Democrat D. Ryan Grover 61.6 to 38.4%

Attorney General Lynn Fitch

defeated Democrat Greta Kemp Martin 58.9 to 41.1%

Secretary of State Michael Watson defeated Democrat Ty Pinkins 60.3 to 39.7%

State Treasurer David McRae defeated Democrat Addie Green 59.2 to 40.8%

State Auditor Shadrack White defeated Democrat Larry Bradford 59.4 to 40.7%

Commissioner of Agriculture & Commerce Andy Gipson defeated Democrat Robert Bradford 58.6 to 41.4%

Commissioner of Insurance Mike Chaney defeated Democrat Bruce Burton 60.2 to 39.8%

The only contested Public Service Commission race appears to

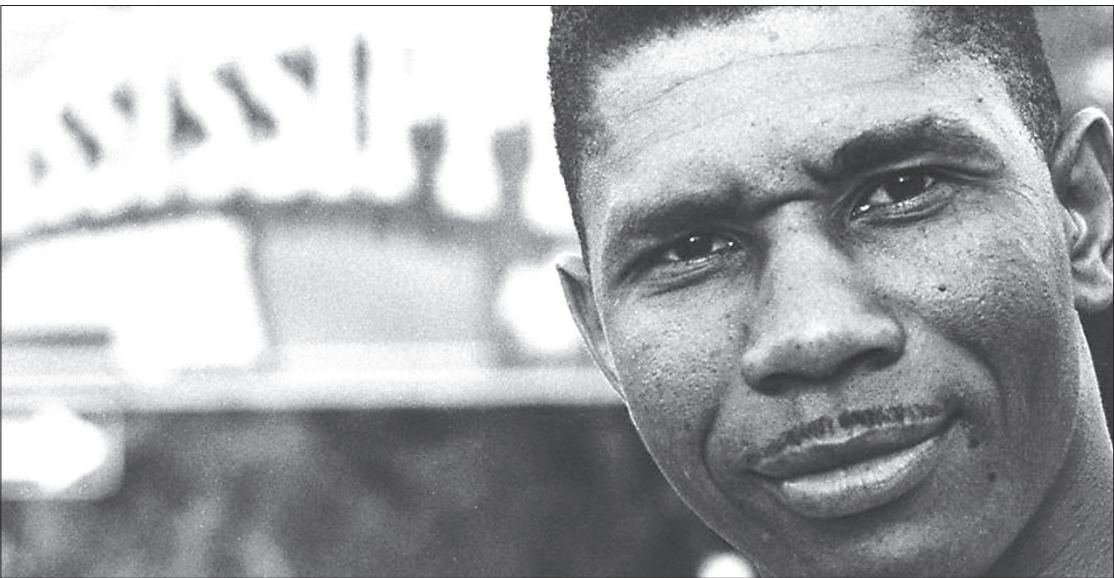
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Mississippi leaders unite in plea to honor Medgar Evers with Medal of Freedom

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

Mississippi’s congressional delegation has called on President Joe Biden to posthumously award civil rights icon Medgar Wiley Evers with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Senators Roger Wicker and Cindy Hyde-Smith, as well as Representatives Bennie Thompson, Trent Kelly, Michael Guest and Mike Ezell, penned a heartfelt letter to President Biden, imploring him to bestow the honor upon Evers, whose unwavering dedication to equality, voting rights, and social justice culminated in his tragic assassination outside his Jackson, Mississippi, home, June 12, 1963.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the highest civilian honor in the United States, recognizing those who have made an indelible mark through “an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural, or other significant public or private endeavors.” The



Evers. Congressional delegation seeks the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States, recognizing those who have made an indelible mark through “an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States for Evers.

President personally chooses the recipients of the award.

Throughout his brief life, Evers stood as a beacon of courage against the entrenched racism of the segregated South. He waged a tireless battle against the oppressive Jim Crow laws, championed the desegregation of

education and boldly probed into the horrific Emmett Till lynching.

His pivotal role as the inaugural field officer for the NAACP in Mississippi allowed him to forge new local chapters, organize crucial voter registration drives, and lead historic protests for desegre-

gation in public schools, parks, and the iconic Mississippi Gold Coast beaches.

Evers’ journey as a civil rights activist began with a harrowing encounter when he and five friends were forcibly turned

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Lawyer wants federal probe of why MS police waited months to tell a mother her son was killed

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

A civil rights attorney said Monday he will ask the U.S. Justice Department to investigate why authorities in Mississippi’s capital city waited several months to tell a woman that her son died after being hit by a police SUV driven by an off-duty officer.

Bettersten Wade last saw 37-year-old Dexter Wade when he left home March 5, attorney Ben Crump said during a news conference in Jackson. She filed a missing-person report a few days later.

Bettersten Wade said it was late August before she learned her son had been killed by a Jackson Police Department vehicle as he crossed Interstate 55 the day she last saw him.

Dexter Wade was buried in a pauper’s cemetery near the Hinds County Penal Farm in the Jackson suburb of Raymond before the family was notified of his death, NBC News reported last week.

Crump said he and other attorneys will petition a court to have the body exhumed and an autopsy done. He also said Wade will be given a proper funeral.

“In our community, in the Black community, it is a very religious occasion when we return a body to the earth,” Crump said.

Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba mentioned Wade’s death during the State of the City speech last week.

“The accident was investigated, and it was determined that it was, in fact, an accident and that there was no malicious intent,” Lumumba said.

A coroner identified Wade partly from a bottle of prescription medication Wade had with him, and the coroner called a medical clinic to get information about Wade’s next of kin, Crump said. The coroner was unable to reach Bettersten Wade but told Jackson police multiple times to contact her, Crump said.

Crump also said the Jackson Police Department should have had contact information for her because Bettersten Wade had filed lawsuits against the department after her brother, 62-year-old George Robin-



Crump

son, died following a police encounter in January 2019.

Three Jackson officers were accused of pulling Robinson from a car, body-slammng him on pavement and striking him in the head and chest as police were searching for a murder suspect. Robinson had been hospitalized for a stroke days before the police encounter and was on medication. He had a seizure hours after he was beaten, and he died two days later from bleeding on his brain.

Crump said Bettersten Wade attended the criminal trial of Anthony Fox, one of the Jackson officers charged in Robinson’s death. In August 2022, a Hinds County jury convicted Fox of culpable negligence manslaughter. Second-degree murder charges against two officers were dropped.

In July of this year, Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch asked the state Court of Appeals to overturn Fox’s conviction. Fitch, a Republican, argued that prosecutors failed to prove the core element of culpable negligence manslaughter, which is “wanton disregard of, or utter indifference to, the safety of human life.”

Crump said Wade has ample reason to be skeptical about receiving fair treatment in Mississippi as she seeks answers about her son’s death.

“If this was your loved one, and they had killed another loved one, and they knew you were filing a major wrongful-death lawsuit if it was you in Bettersten’s shoes, what would you believe?” Crump said.



Celebrating the life of

Atty. Monique Montgomery

July 12, 1966 - October 28, 2023



Montgomery

Monique Brooks Montgomery was born in Brooksville, MS on July 12, 1966, to Joe Louis Brooks and the late Susie Will Stallings Brooks. Monique’s mother Susie Will Stallings Brooks and her brother Romeo Brooks preceded her in death. On October 28, 2023, Monique entered into eternal rest at 9:13 p.m.

During her early childhood, the family moved to Columbus where she received her primary education at Demonstration School and in the Columbus Municipal School District. Montgomery joined the

Missionary Union Baptist Church at an early age and spent her middle school and high school years playing the piano at various churches throughout the city and the Golden Triangle Area. Monique is a 1984 graduate of Stephen D. Lee High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Paralegal Studies and Speech Communications, and her Juris Doctorate degree from Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, MS.

During law school, she was a recipient of the Magnolia Bar Foundation Scholarship and the Magnolia Bar Association Scholarship. She also held guest student status at Georgia State University School of Law where she was selected to serve as an Assistant City Prosecutor for the Atlanta Solicitor’s Office.

Montgomery was the recipient of the Mississippi Young Careerist Award given by the MS Business and Professional Women Organization and served as coach of the Magnolia Bar Associational Mock Trial High School Competition and the MSMS coach of the Mississippi Bar Association Mock Trial High School Competition.

Subsequent to passing the Mississippi Bar, she practiced law in North Mississippi for 15 years and managed her own law practice for seven years. She also served as public defender in Clay County, MS and served as a city prosecutor in Noxubee County, MS. In the midst of her time in North Mississippi, Monique was the owner of Columbus Cheer Company, a competition cheer company that travelled

throughout the southeast.

Subsequent to moving to Jackson in 2015, Montgomery was the director of Mississippi Employee Appeals Board with Mississippi State Personnel Board. In November 2021 she went back into private practice as a partner at the prestigious law practice of Gibb Travis PLLC in Jackson, MS.

Montgomery was actively involved in her hometown of Columbus, MS. She served alongside her husband as the First Lady of Missionary Union Baptist Church, her childhood church home.

Her other community involvements included Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Columbus/Lowndes County Alumnae Chapter where she has served as vice president and president of the chapter. She also served as advisor to Delta Gems and Delta Academy.

Montgomery spent a lot of time mentoring children at Columbus High School’s McKellar Technology Center. Her passion for children does not stop there, she was also heavily involved with a group home for boys, the sunbeam choir at her church, easily filling the room for youth Wednesday Night Bible Study class, facilitator for the Missionary Union Summer Enrichment Program and she was passionate about Vacation Bible School music. She served as a Girl Scout Daisy Troop leader at Annunciation Catholic School. She consistently opened her home to young people feeding them breakfast, lunch, dinner, and we can’t forget the snacks.

When Montgomery moved to Jackson, she con-

tinued her service to the community. She has hosted several political forums and was selected to serve as the lead host of the weekly podcast, “Legally Speaking” sponsored by the Women for Progress Organization.

Her other community service involvements include Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Jackson Alumnae Chapter, where she has served as second vice president. She is also a recipient of the Unita Blackwell Trailblazer Award which highlights members of the organization who display strong Social Action involvement throughout the state of Mississippi.

Additionally, she was a member of Sister First Ladies, Inc., a pastor’s wives’ organization that provides community service projects and uplifts the community. She was a member of The Mississippi Jackson Metro Women Lawyers Organization and Ask for More Jackson, Inc., where she served as secretary; and she also served as a trustee and board member of the Mississippi Museum of Arts.

She was a member of Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, MS, where her husband serves as pastor.

She leaves to cherish her memories her husband, Rev. Tony A. Montgomery, Sr.; three children, Sarah, Dylan (Brooke), and Tony II (TJ); her father, Joe Louis Brooks; her sister, Wanda Brooks Anthony; and several aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and an immeasurable number of friends.

Services were held Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Southside MB Church in Columbus, MS



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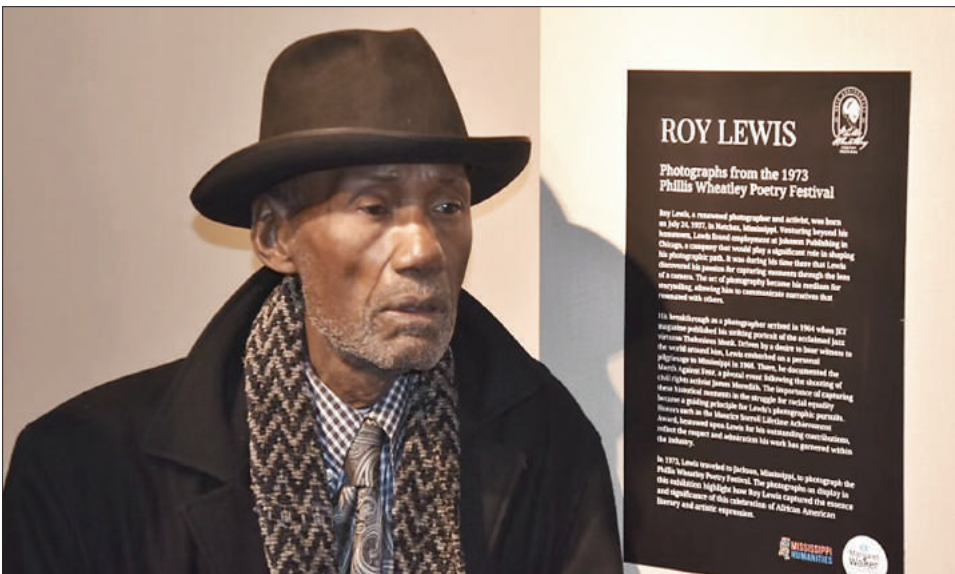
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Photographer and filmmaker Roy Lewis

Exhibit held during JSU's Phillis Wheatley Poetry Festival



Lewis PHOTOS BY KEVIN BRADLEY

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Jackson state University's Margaret Walker Center celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Phillis Wheatley Poetry Festival (PWPR) with some of the nation's top literary change agents. The sold out 4-day event was held Nov. 1-4, 2023. Ebony Lumumba, Ph.D. served as Festival chair.

Fifty years ago, educator and novelist Margaret Walker organized a conference at JSU centered on innovative Black women writers, making the bicentennial of pioneering poet Phillis Wheatley. Roy Lewis captured the 1973 event on film.

The reconvening of the festival welcomed back several of the original festival attendees, including Sonia Sanchez and Charlayne-Gault, serving as honorary co-chairs. Actress Tommie "Tonea" Stewart, who was one of the original participants offered reflections Wednesday night at the Westin Jackson Hotel Ballroom, on the inaugural event.

Lewis, a U.S. veteran, was born in Natchez, Mississippi. He left Natchez at the age of 19. He resided in Chicago, IL and New Orleans, LA prior to settling down in Washington DC, where he has lived since 1979. He is a well-known filmmaker and photographer, having worked with The Black Press of America for countless years. His photo and film documentation of civil rights marches, landmark events, musicians, religious leaders and sports legends has earned his work a place in the National Museum of African Ameri-

can History and Culture, as well as having received numerous awards.

Lewis stated he was honored to be invited to participate in the Phillis Wheatley Poetry Festival. Lewis had a reception and exhibition opening Thursday night at the Gibbs-Green Memorial Plaza & Johnson Hall on the JSU campus.

Prior to attendees strolling from the plaza to the reception and exhibit, Lewis and a full plaza of attendees were able to participate in an outdoor conversation with panelists, Nikole Hannah-Jones, Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of the 1619 Project; Eve L. Ewing, writer, scholar and cultural organizer, and Dana A. Williams, professor of African American Literature and Dean of the Graduate School at Howard University.

Acting JSU President Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D. attended many of the events during the week. She brought opening remarks Thursday evening.

Hayne-Anthony told *The Mississippi Link* that the exhibit by Lewis was absolutely fantastic. "It showed an assimilation of history, tradition and culture, all of which we needed to display at Jackson State University, she said."

She continued, "I am so glad that the students and the community had the opportunity to see the exhibit."

When asked about the panelists Hayes-Anthony said, "The panelists were absolutely fantastic. They took us back in time and moved us to the current. They also gave us a sneak-peak at the future."



Roy Lewis and Mark Geil, Head of JSU Art Department



Allen Stewart, Tommie "Tonea" Stewart, Elaine Hayes-Anthony



Panelists Nikole Hannah-Jones, Dana A. Williams and Eve L. Ewing



(L to R) KB Turner, Ebony Lumumba, Nikole Hannah-Jones, Elaine Hayes-Anthony, Eve Ewing, Dana Williams

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away from a local election at gunpoint. The intensely personal experience, coupled with his service in the Battle of Normandy during World War II, drove Evers to confront the painful reality that even defending his nation did not shield him from the scourge of racism or guarantee him equal rights.

According to his official NAACP bio, following his studies at the historically Black Alcorn State University and his tenure selling life insurance in Mound Bayou, a predominantly Black community, Evers assumed leadership of the Regional Council of Negro Leadership (RCNL). Under his guidance, the RCNL launched a successful boycott of gas stations that denied restroom access to Black patrons, distributing bumper stickers emblazoned with the rallying cry, "Don't Buy Gas Where You Can't Use the Restroom." The annual conferences held between 1952 and 1954 in Mound Bayou drew tens of thousands, underscoring Evers' magnetic ability to inspire collective action.

The NAACP said Evers' relentless pursuit of desegregation at the University of Mississippi Law School culminated in the landmark 1962 enrollment of James

Meredith, eight years after he initiated that battle. On that fateful June 12, 1963 evening, Evers, bearing NAACP T-shirts emblazoned with the defiant slogan "Jim Crow Must Go," was shot in the back upon entering his driveway. He succumbed to his wounds at a local hospital, a martyr for the cause of civil rights. His assassination, occurring mere hours after President John F. Kennedy's historic televised address in support of civil rights, sent shockwaves through the nation.

Though Byron De La Beckwith, a member of the Ku Klux Klan, was arrested for Evers' murder, he remained free after all-white juries twice failed to reach a verdict on his guilt. It would take three decades for justice to prevail, as De La Beckwith was finally convicted.

Evers was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, honored with full military rites and in the presence of over 3,000 mourners.

Evers' legacy endures, echoed in the music of luminaries like Bob Dylan and Phil Ochs, and immortalized in the 1996 film "The Ghosts of Mississippi." His family, including his wife, Myrlie Evers-Williams, continued to carry forth his torch.

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have gone to De'Keither Stamps over Republican Brent Bailey 50.5 to 49.5%, with 96% of precincts reporting. Central District Transportation Commissioner Incumbent Democrat Willie Simmons defeated Republican Ricky Pennington 54.4 to 45.6%.

There were numerous local candidates for House Districts who ran unopposed: District 63 – Democrat Stephanie Foster, District 65 –Democrat Christopher Bell, District 66 – Democrat Fabian Nelson, District 67 – Democrat Earle Banks, District 68 – Democrat Zakiya Summers, District 69 – Democrat Tamarra Bultler-Washington, District 70 – Democrat William "Bo" Brown, District 71 – Democrat Ronnie Crupdup, Jr., and District 72 – Democrat Justis Gibbs.

In House District 56, the race to fill the seat held by Republican Philip Gunn was won by Republican Clay Mansell over Democrat Sharon Moman 66.3 to 33.7%. District 64 Incumbent Independent Shanda Yates was reelected over Republican Amile Wilson 61.9 to 38.1%. District 76 Incumbent Democrat Gregory Holloway defeated Republican Rickey Smiley 73-27%.

In the Upper Chamber, only local District 29 Incumbent Democrat David Blount faced competition, and defeated Republican Michael Carson 77.7 to 22.3%. The following Incumbents ran unopposed: District 25 Republican J. Walter Michel, District 26 Democrat John Horhn, District 27 Democrat Hillman Frazier, and District 28 Democrat Sollie Norwood.

Broadcast news stations in Jackson reported that at least nine polling stations had ballot shortages, one as early as 11 a.m. on election day, causing voters to stand in long lines for even longer periods of time as more bal-

lots were obtained.

Per WLBT, "On Tuesday, the Mississippi Democratic Party filed an emergency petition asking the Hinds County Chancery Court to keep polls open an hour longer, saying numerous precincts had run out of ballots. Chancery Judge Dewayne Thomas granted that request shortly after the petition was filed. "It takes time to deliver more ballots to the precincts," he wrote. "Because of the disruption this has caused, the court grants the motion of the plaintiff to extend the closing hours... to 8 p.m."

Mississippi Today reported, "But in a separate case filed by Mississippi Votes, a Jackson nonprofit, in Hinds Circuit Court, the state Supreme Court appointed a special judge, former Supreme Court Judge Jess Dickinson, to hear the matter. Dickinson issued an order repeating existing state law: that people who were in line when the polls closed at 7 p.m. could vote if they remained in line."

WLBT quoted Hinds County Administrator Kenny Wayne Jones saying the Board of Supervisors "Went above and beyond" to ensure the 2023 election was a success and blamed the Election Commission for Tuesday's complications."

"It is so disheartening and frustrating that the Hinds County Election Commission would drop the ball to this magnitude on one of the most critical elections in Mississippi history," said Jones.

The Secretary of State website indicates there are 165,498 active voters in Hinds County. Mississippi Today indicates, with 95% of precincts reporting, that 64,372 votes were cast in Hinds County – a voter participation rate of 38.89%.

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Third Annual T.W. Lewis Lecture Series on Jesus and a Just Society

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

The 3rd Annual T.W. Lewis Lecture Series on Jesus and a Just Society was held at Galloway United Methodist Church in downtown Jackson on October 27th and 28th. The theme of this year’s lecture series was Gospel Response: Access to Health Care. A team of six distinguished speakers shared their perspectives before a crowd of over 100 people eager to learn more.

Galloway’s senior pastor Reverend Cary Stockett introduced the event and paid special homage to series namesake, Reverend T.W. Lewis. “As a minister, an ordained elder in the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church and as a teacher, T.W. Lewis has lived out his calling in three worlds; the church, the academy and the culture at large – a pastor and beloved professor of Religious Studies at Millsaps College.” He went on to mention a book by the late Eugene Peterson, whose title - A Long Obedience in the Same Direction, best describes the life of T.W. Lewis.

The Reverend Dr. Chuck Poole, twice the former pastor of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson and now with the Together for Hope organization, spoke on the topic: Concerning the Way Scripture Leans on Friday evening and then Concerning the Way Jesus Leans on Saturday morning.

“In my work for healthcare justice, access and equity...I find myself saying on a near daily



L-R: Rev. Dr. Chuck Poole, Dr. Dan Jones, Vondarius Gordon, Dr. Michelle Owens, Dr. Sandra Melvin, Rev. Dr. Jason Coker. PHOTO BY CHRIS YOUNG

basis that we are advocating for healthcare access and equity not as a partisan political issue but as a moral justice imperative... it’s not a red and blue thing but a moral right and true thing,” Poole said.

He drew examples of this imperative from Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Amos, Micah, Hebrews, James and 1st John – “a bible-wide chorus of voices, joining those of other faiths...in calling persons of good faith in all faiths to a life of empathy, solidarity, compassion and care... that does not even include the four Gospels.”

Dr. Sandra Melvin, Doctor of Public Health and CEO and founder of the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health, spoke on the topic: Walking in Our Faith to Create Healthier Communities.

Her remarks included in part, I’m often reminded of Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities – it was the best of times, it was the worst of times...that’s what Mississippi is when it comes to

healthcare.”

She emphasized through charts “the three factors that are linked to the leading cause of death are hypertension (US 32.4%; MS 43.9%), diabetes (US 10.9%; MS 15.2%0), obesity (US 33.9%; MS 31%). When factoring in race, the statistics are 47% of black non-Hispanic Mississippians versus about 27% white non-Hispanic Mississippians for hypertension, and the trend is the same for diabetes and obesity. 80% of these deaths are preventable.”

Vondarius Gordon, executive director of The Alluvial Collective (formerly known as The William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation) spoke on the topic: Sacred Creations in Unhealthy Cultures. He spoke about the frameworks that we operationalize that make it difficult for us to get to the ideal that we seek. He quoted James Baldwin, “Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

He shared nine guideposts that can aid groups in improv-

ing relationships – “Be present and welcoming, listen deeply to learn, no fixing, suspend judgement and assumptions and seek understanding, speak your truth and respect the truth of others, maintain confidentiality, respect silence, when things get difficult turn to wonder, and lastly – trust the circle.”

Reverend Dr. Jason Coker, president, and director of Together for Hope, headquartered in Jackson, a nationwide coalition of 338 counties to address rural poverty, spoke on the topic: Hope is a Four-letter Word, not a Wish but an Action. His remarks included, “Do we live in a just society? When discussing rural poverty, giving an example of Sidon, Mississippi, we said that we are asking the wrong question. We ask who deserves our help, when we should be asking do we care?”

Against the backdrop of chilling statistics of poverty in our state, he states, “If the answer is yes, then we must take action: direct action/intervention, alter-

native solutions/innovations, systemic changes/advocacy.

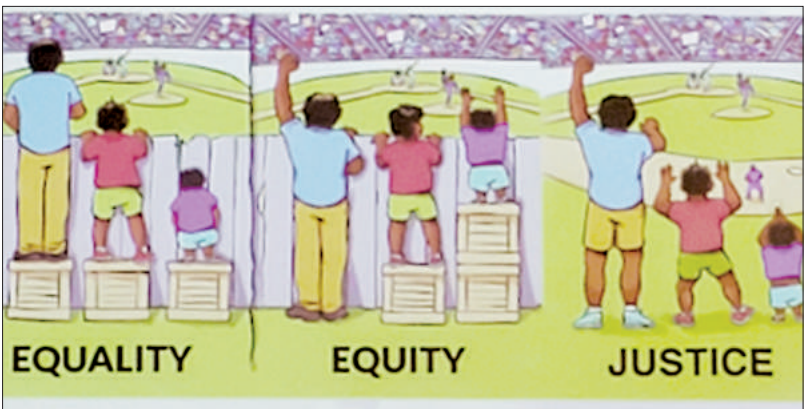
Dr. Dan Jones, former Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, and former Dean of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, focused his remarks on the topic: Has the Greatest Commission Church Lost its Passion for the Greatest Commandment? “In my remarks today, I will be critical of my country, my state, my profession, myself, and most importantly – my church.” He shared numerous stories that left bare the inadequate thinking, approach to health care, and grossly ineffective resources not commensurate to the reality we face, both in Mississippi and other areas.

Dr Michelle Owens, a practicing OB/GYN in Jackson and the president of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure spoke on the topic: Our Sisters’ Keepers: Meeting the Challenges of Maternal Health in Mississippi. Providing data on Mississippi maternal and infant mortality, and also on birthing in health

deserts, she provided her own quote: “You shouldn’t have to choose between living and your health. You should be able to live healthy.” She provided a diagram (above) illustrating the differences between equality, equity and justice.

In closing the event, a panel discussion was facilitated by Deidra Bell featuring all the presenters responding to many questions from the attendees. The final comments ended up being provided by Rev Poole – “The two states which annually vie for buckle of The Bible Belt are among the ten states which have yet to take substantive action to bridge the healthcare coverage gap is the ultimate incongruity... we’ve allowed popular culture to redefine Jesus and Christianity...the most Christian states are spiritually furthest from the spirit of the Jesus of the four Gospels.”

The entire lecture series can be viewed at the Galloway Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@gallowayunitedmethodistchu6302/streams>.



Depiction of equality, equity and justice PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. MICHELLE OWENS

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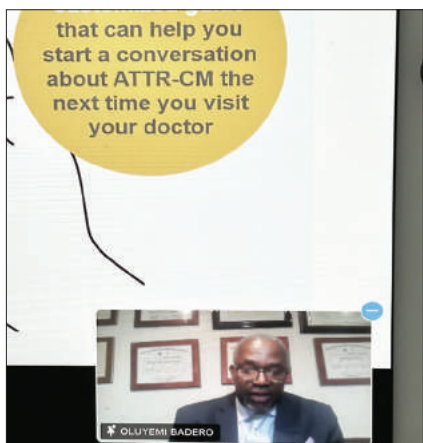
NNPA and Pfizer sound an important heart health alert

By Gail H. Marshall Brown, Ph.D.
Contributing Writer

Are you, or someone you love, experiencing any combination of the following signs and symptoms:

- Irregular heartbeat (cardiac arrhythmia)
- Fatigue (excessive tiredness)
- Shortness of breath
- Swelling in lower legs (peripheral edema)
- Numbness, tingling, or pain in your fingers (bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome)
- Pain or numbness in your lower back or legs due to narrowing of lower spine (lumbar spinal stenosis)
- Eye disorders, such as glaucoma Intended only for residents of the United States
- Or other related symptoms?

Or have you been diagnosed with and is being treated for heart failure, but your symptoms are still unresolved? If yes, according to educational information provided via the National Newspapers Publishers Association (NNPA)- Pfizer, Inc.



Dr. Badero lead ATTR-CM discussion.

Awareness Campaign on ATTR-CM, it is important that you talk with your doctor (preferably your cardiologist) about the possibility of being tested for the “rare” heart condition, hereditary transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy, or ATTR-CM.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and Pfizer Inc. have been working with partners in various cities in the U.S. to raise awareness of this

African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans, be aware of ATTR-CM!

“serious but under-diagnosed condition that causes heart failure among African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans.”

These events, according to the partnership, will continue throughout 2023 to educate communities so they have the necessary information to talk to their doctors. This past Sunday, Nov. 5, NNPA and Pfizer, Inc. teamed with Voices for the Heart and the Sunday School Ministries of Jackson, Mississippi to hold the virtual, touring webinar for the citizens of Mississippi.

The discussion was lead by Oluwemi Badero, MD, invasive and interventional cardiologist.

Edison Brown, Jr. of Clinton, Miss. was among more than 100 citizens who “zoomed in” to watch and listen to the important heart health event on his family laptop computer.

“I was actually glued in on every word presented,” Brown said. An African-American U.S. Army veteran who suffers with several chronic health issues, Brown

said after what he has learned via the webinar, he plans to talk with his doctor about some of the signs and symptoms discussed during the presentation. “I urge anyone else who is concerned to do the same,” he said. “We don’t always know what type of hereditary health problems we have lurking in our bodies from generation to generation of our families.”

An in-depth testimony that really got Brown’s attention, and no doubt other virtual viewers and listeners, during the presentation came from Randy Peters, a patient living with ATTR-CM. Below are snippets of Peters’ testimony:

“I saw six doctors before I was finally diagnosed with ATTR-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, tin-

gling, 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...

“I hope my story will help other families get the right diagnosis and not have to go through what I did,” said Peters.

During the ZOOM presentation, 100% of webinar participants stated they personally knew someone suffering with a heart condition.

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Eudora's Mississippi Brasserie now open in The District at Eastover

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Eudora's Mississippi Brasserie will be hosting its grand opening Wednesday, November 15, inviting residents in the greater Jackson area to experience its one-of-a-kind fare and atmosphere. The upscale restaurant offering Southern cuisine with French influence is located in The District at Eastover in the space previously occupied by Fine & Dandy.

After being a part of multiple successful restaurants across the country, Tyler Alford, who attended Millsaps, along with his wife Sara, took the leap to move to Jackson to bring their vision to life.

"We recognized the flourishing restaurant community here and wanted to play a part," said Tyler Alford. "With that said, we are incredibly proud of our executive chef, Tab Fuqua, and his exceptional ability to offer delicious food with the locally sourced ingredients he values so much."

Alford's career in the food and beverage industry has seen him most recently as president of the hospitality group overseeing the award-winning Copper Whiskey Bar & Grill and Brigade Restaurant in Montana. Additionally, he served as a vice president of operations and beverage director, opening 12 locations for Tupelo Honey. Prior to that, he was the bar manager at Commander's Palace Restaurant, a New Orleans staple. Now, his years of experience bring him to his career's zenith with the grand opening of Eudora's.

Boasting a theme of classic Southern dishes with an elegant twist coupled with specialty craft cocktails infused with fresh, local ingredients, the once-vacant space at The District has experienced a metamorphosis into what the Alfords consider to be a living, breathing space that amplifies the customer experience with its dishes and nature-themed decor.

"Jackson holds a special place in our hearts," said Sara Alford, "we hope that our space creates a welcoming atmosphere for members of the community to gather. With a range of unique dining spaces and with dishes at varying price



Alford

points, we hope guests will always find a reason to return."

The restaurant is also staffed by a dedicated team that the Alfords have hand-selected. Eudora's has become the first restaurant in Mississippi to be "Living Wage Certified," as designated by the Living Wage Network. "Employees are the backbone of any restaurant and their value cannot be overstated," said Alford. "Our entire concept is built on honoring our team and their families."

Guests can enjoy Eudora's seven days a week for lunch and dinner

from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Brunch begins at 9 a.m. on weekends and breakfast items such as coffee and burritos are served at a walk-up "grab & go" window on weekdays beginning at 8 a.m. Happy Hour is 3 p.m.-6 p.m. each day, all day on Mondays, and features \$4 martinis, 1/2 off bottles of wine, 2 for \$4 oysters, and \$4 off draft beer, small plates, and starters.

To learn more and to make a reservation, visit their website at eudoras.com and follow them on Facebook and Instagram at @eudorasms.

Transportation to Health: new program offered by the Mississippi State Department of Health

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The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is proud to announce the new program, Transportation to Health. Addressing transportation barriers in both rural and urban areas is a step in the right direction toward moving Mississippi up.

Beginning November 1, 2023, this new federal-grant funded demonstration program will provide patient transportation to and from county health departments and offices for health services. In addition, patients will have the opportunity to pick up prescriptions at partnering pharmacies if they were prescribed during their health department appointment.

State Health Officer Dr. Edney explains, "Improving and protecting the health of all Mississippians is the mission of our agency. This new program will assist us in achieving the mission. Creating access to health care is always the best choice."

For new or existing appointments, pa-

tients will contact the MSDH call center at 855-767-0170 to request transportation. The Office of Health Equity will coordinate an Uber ride at no cost to the patient, and no need to download the app.

"Transportation to Health can eliminate delayed or missed appointments by the most vulnerable people in Mississippi," said Victor D. Sutton, Chief of Community Health and Clinical Services at the Mississippi State Department of Health. "With Mississippi being a rural state, this initiative will also allow the opportunity for community and economic development by creating jobs. Uber will support MSDH in creating a plan to support driver availability within the program service area," he said.

For more information about the new Transportation to Health program, visit HealthyMS.com/rides. Follow MSDH by email and social media at HealthyMS.com/connect



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The Interconnected Struggles: Black American and Palestinian Solidarity



Historians said the connection between the Black American and Palestinian struggles has been evident for many years.

By Stacy M. Brown
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Writer, speaker and author Leron L. Barton recently encapsulated the essence of solidarity between black Americans and Palestinians, comments that offer one potential reason America continues to see pro-Palestine demonstrations at the White House and in locations throughout the nation. Importantly, Barton’s op-ed in *Newsweek* is a reminder of why President Joe Biden will continue to struggle to obtain the type of support from the black community that helped propel him into office in 2020.

“Black American and Palestinian solidarity is not only rooted in struggle but hope, fighting, resilience, laughter, endless battling, sadness, and doing it all over again the next day,” Barton observed. “This is what I see for my Palestinian brothers and sisters trying to hold on to a land that does everything it can to make them let go.”

Barton’s words resonate with many, capturing the indomitable spirit that defines both communities’ quests for justice and self-determination. His sentiment extends to his sorrow for the lives lost on all sides of the conflict. He stressed the importance of seeing the situation not just as “The Conflict,” but as “The Occupation,” recognizing the power dynamics involved.

The author underscored his belief that the struggles faced by black Americans and Palestinians are intertwined. “This is why I cry for the deaths of Palestinian and Israeli people,” he declared. “This is why I do not refer to it as ‘The Conflict,’ but as ‘The Occupation.’ This why I have hope for and will continue to support Palestine as they fight to be recognized as people, human beings that deserve freedom and equal treatment as their Israeli neighbors, just as I, a black man, will continue to fight for the freedom of my people in America. Our struggle is intertwined. When they win, we win.”

The 2018 book “Black Power and Palestine: Transnational Countries of Color” by Michael Fishbach, echoes the sentiments put forth by Barton. Fishbach delves into how conflicts in the Middle East significantly influenced the American Civil Rights Movement. He asserts, “Much about how American peoples of color create political strategies, a sense of self, and a place within U.S. and global communities.”

According to Fishbach, the events of the 1960s and 1970s continue to have a profound, structural impact on the United States. This historical perspective underscores the enduring influence of these interconnected

struggles.

Recent controversies have illuminated the complexities of solidarity movements. Black Lives Matter Chicago received criticism for posting a graphic that appeared to celebrate Hamas’ violent attack on civilians at a concert. The graphic has since been deleted. The image featured a paraglider with the Palestinian flag and the words “I stand with Palestine.” The incident prompted a nuanced conversation about the expression of support for a cause. The group later clarified, stating, “We stand with Palestine and the people who will do what they must to live free.”

Historians said the connection between the black American and Palestinian struggles has been evident for many years. The proximity of protests over the Gaza war and the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, led to a cross-cultural exchange of advice on dealing with tear gas that included Bassem Masri, a prominent activist in Ferguson and a Palestinian American. In 2015, Black activists and Palestinian advocates displayed their support for each other by visiting occupied territories and making public statements of solidarity.

In 2020, George Floyd’s murder by the police led to protests across the U.S., with comparisons made to the situation faced by Palestinians.

Sam Klug, an expert in African American History, highlighted the resonance of the phrase “I can’t breathe” in both contexts. “People were painting George Floyd murals in Palestine,” Klug explained. “Palestinians were being attacked by Israeli security services, and saying, ‘I can’t breathe.’ Over time, African Americans have looked at Palestine, and Palestinians have also looked at what is going on in the United States.”

Against this backdrop, Democrats have grown increasingly attuned to the challenges facing Biden’s reelection campaign. Concerns, and even alarms, have sounded regarding Biden’s support among Black voters, a pivotal demographic in his 2020 victory.

Cliff Albright, co-founder of the Black Voters Matter Fund, said that supporting Biden for practical reasons might not mean being equally enthusiastic. Disillusionment over policies and stances, including Biden’s stance on Israel, may influence voter engagement in the upcoming 2024 election, Albright told the *Washington Post*.

“People fundamentally misunderstood what Black voters said in 2020,” Albright said. “The depth of support was never there. The enthusiasm was never there for Biden. We were very pragmatic. We knew he was the best chance to beat Trump.”

Washington Association of Black Journalists presents its Second Annual Honors & Scholarship Gala

Black Press of America

The Washington Association of Black Journalists (WABJ) annual Special Honors & Scholarship Gala is back — this time at the Armour J. Blackburn University Center on the campus of Howard University Saturday, December 2.

The event starts at 6 p.m. This year’s gala honors eight distinguished professionals for excellence in journalism, communications, newsroom leadership and community service.

Honorees:

Journalist of the Year – Kristen Welker, the new moderator of NBC News’ Meet the Press and the first African-American woman to hold the post. A public affairs program, Meet the Press is the longest-running program on broadcast television.

Young Journalist of Excellence – Phil Lewis, senior front-page editor at *HuffPost*
Legacy Award – Sonya Ross, founder and editor-in-chief of *Black Women Unmuted*

Lifetime Achievement Award – Pat Lawson Muse, anchor emeritus at NBC 4 Washington

Excellence in Communications – Erica Loewe, chief of staff, White House Office of Public Engagement

President’s Award – Denise Rolark Barnes, the publisher and second-generation owner of *The Washington Informer*

Dr. Sheila Brooks Community



nity Impact Award – Street Sense Media, a renowned nonprofit recognized for its exceptional coverage of homelessness issues. This new award is named in honor of DC journalist turned communications entrepreneur Dr. Sheila Brooks.

Dorothy Butler Gilliam Trailblazer Award – Krissah

Williams Thompson, a managing editor at *The Washington Post*. Thompson is the first African-American woman to be named managing editor. This new award is named to honor Gilliam, the first African-American woman reporter hired at *The Washington Post*.

This event will be hosted

by Anna-Lysa Gayle of DC News Now and Lorenzo Hall of WUSA9.

The WABJ Special Honors & Scholarship Gala is a fundraiser to support our longstanding Urban Journalism Workshop for local high school students and to sustain our scholarship programs and year-round programming.

Virginia Democrats secure legislative control as party achieves major wins nationwide

By Stacy M. Brown
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Virginia Democrats achieved a political turnaround in Tuesday’s legislative elections, successfully flipping the House of Delegates while narrowly retaining control of the State Senate. The outcomes significantly impact the future of Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin’s agenda, specifically his hopes of passing a 15-week abortion ban.

The results also have far-reaching implications for the Republican Party, as Youngkin’s aspirations for a presidential run dimmed. The governor had previously touted his abortion stance as a sensible middle ground within his party. However, with Democrats now firmly in control of both legislative chambers in Virginia, his ability to advance this agenda likely has been stymied.

The Democratic Party scored victories in Virginia Tuesday that not only saw them maintain their narrow hold on the State Senate but secure control of the House of Delegates. Since 2021, Republicans had held a 48-to-46 majority in the House.

Democrats also celebrated significant victories in states like New Jersey, where they will retain their comfortable majorities in the state legislature, with Republican candidates facing losses even in traditionally conservative areas of the state.

In Pennsylvania, Democrats secured a seat on the state Supreme Court, strengthening



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their majority. The court’s jurisdiction over lawsuits related to the 2024 election in a key swing state adds to the significance of this victory.

Nationally, Democrats continued to build on their recent electoral successes, which began with last year’s midterms and persisted through most of this year’s special elections, held to fill unexpectedly vacant posts.

The Party enjoyed a solid political performance despite President Joe Biden’s relatively low approval ratings.

In Kentucky, Governor Andy Beshear was re-elected in a predominantly red state, emphasizing his support for abortion rights and the economic benefits of Biden administration policies.

The election saw Beshear secure 53 percent of the vote

against his Republican opponent, Daniel Cameron’s 48 percent.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and former President Donald Trump backed Cameron’s bid.

The Republican secretary of state easily won re-election in Kentucky after previously rejecting false claims of voter fraud from Trump.

In Derby, Conn., a Republican facing trespassing charges at the U.S. Capitol on January 6 lost his bid for the mayoral office.

In Ohio, an increasingly conservative state, voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment allowing abortion until roughly 23 weeks of pregnancy, with a 57 percent to 43 percent vote. Ohio also became the 24th state to legalize recreational marijuana.

Perhaps one of the most sensational electoral victories occurred in New York, where Yusef Salaam, one of the “Central Park Five,” secured a seat on the New York City Council. Salaam, wrongfully convicted for a 1989 attack on a jogger, won the election without opposition after easily winning the Democratic primary earlier this year.

Salaam, along with four other Black and Latino men, was wrongfully convicted for the 1989 rape and beating of a white jogger in Central Park, an incident that gained national attention, including the involvement of Trump, then a New York-based real estate magnate, who had called for the reinstatement of the death penalty in response to the attack. DNA evidence later exonerated Salaam and his co-defendants.

Health disparities among the many unique challenges for people in rural America

The American Heart Association is celebrating the promise of healthier rural living in recognition of National Rural Health Day Nov. 16

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Where you live should not determine how long you live, particularly if you're one of the 61 million people – nearly 20% of the U.S. population – living in rural America. According to a 2020 presidential advisory from the American Heart Association, the leading voluntary health organization devoted to a world of longer, healthier lives for all, people who live in rural communities live three fewer years than people in urban areas and death rates from heart disease and stroke are noticeably higher among people who live in rural versus metropolitan and urban areas of the country.

According to data reported in the Call to Action: Rural Health: A Presidential Advisory From the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, people living in rural parts of the U.S. are 40% more likely to develop heart disease and have a 30% higher risk of stroke than people who live in urban areas. Unique health challenges related to individual risk factors, social determinants of health and lack of access to health care drive these disparities.

The advisory notes that some of the factors that attribute to poor health among people in rural areas include:

Physical access to health care, including clinical and mental health care providers, is often difficult in rural areas due to geographical terrain and a lack of local public transportation.

Health behaviors that increase cardiovascular risks, such as tobacco use and lack of physical activity, are more common among rural populations, as is poorer mental health.

In recent years, the opioid crisis has contributed to soaring rates of drug use and overdose in rural communities, with opioid-related mortality substantially higher in some rural regions of the country compared to urban areas.

Social determinants of health contribute to poor cardiovascular outcomes in rural populations as compared to urban populations. Income, education, employment, housing, transportation, food insecurity all contribute to one's health – rural populations fare less well on average for all these indicators.

The American Heart Association is working to help increase healthy life expectancy in the rural U.S. by bringing awareness to hypertension prevention, improving access to care and addressing CPR training and cardiac response times in outlying communities. Telehealth and digitally enabled health care is leveraged for patients in communities with broadband, though technology is



American Heart Association

lagging in the most remote areas.

"The American Heart Association is cognizant to the fact that America's rural regions are very unique and that there's not a one-size-fits-all approach to eliminating rural health disparities," said Joseph C. Wu, M.D., Ph.D., FAHA, American Heart Association volunteer president, director of the Stanford Cardiovascular Institute and Simon H. Stertz Professor of Medicine & Radiology at the Stanford School of Medicine. "While there are some commonalities among rural areas, we must tailor our strategies to meet the needs of all communities from the Arkansas Delta to the prairies of Wyoming, the plains of Texas, the mountains of Appalachia and beyond. Within a matter of miles, people can have vastly different experiences that impact their health outcomes."

While most rural communities are predominantly white (80%), there are significant race and ethnicity differences across the country. According to a report from the Pew Research Center, the rural South has a large population of non-Hispanic black individuals, the rural Southwest is home to many Hispanic individuals and rural Oklahoma, Alaska, the Great Plains and the Southwest are home to high percentages of American Indian/Alaska Native individuals. Rural areas also have a higher percentage of elderly individuals and experience lower population growth and higher rates of poverty compared to urban and suburban populations.

"Addressing the unique needs of rural populations to improve health and well-being is critically important for the overall health and well-being of the nation," Wu said. "Broad, innovative and sustained approaches are needed that address the tough underlying structural, social and policy issues that have challenged other areas of the country and health care systems and have manifested themselves as particularly severe and vexing in rural areas and populations."

The American Heart Association has an ongoing commitment to improving the health and health care access of people living in rural America and continues to add new initiatives target-

ing these special challenges.

With support from the Helmsley Charitable Trust and from Public Health AmeriCorps, a partnership between AmeriCorps and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Association launched HeartCorps, an initiative to support the recruitment, training and development of a new generation of public health leaders. Plans call for 100 HeartCorps members to be deployed to many rural communities comprising 30 states across the country. The program will prioritize areas with high rates of uncontrolled blood pressure or cardiovascular disease, increased social vulnerability and shortages of health professionals.

In June, the Association awarded \$20 million in research funding through the Health Equity Research Network on Improving Access to Care and other Health Inequities in Rural America. The research initiative comprises a network of special projects focused on advancing the understanding of the factors that impact health in rural America.

Last year, the American Heart Association launched its Rural Health Care Outcomes Accelerator to provide up to 700 rural hospitals with no-cost access to Get With The Guidelines® quality programs for coronary artery disease, heart failure and stroke. In addition, the Association established a rural recognition program for these hospitals to assist in communicating their commitment to care excellence with the communities they serve.

Learn more about how the American Heart Association is working to improve health and health care in rural areas of the U.S. and around the world at heart.org.

Additional Resources:

Spanish news release

AHA report: Mortality in Rural America

AHA News article: Telehealth helps Latino communities in rural areas, but access can still be challenging

AHA journal report: Telehealth: Lessons Learned From the Pandemic and Keys to Effective Research and Policy Design

AHA Advocacy resources: Telehealth Access for America

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Leading cardiologist says prohibiting menthol cigarettes, flavored cigars would save lives in communities targeted by Big Tobacco

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Action by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to prohibit the sale of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars would save lives and improve health in communities long targeted by the tobacco industry, according to renowned cardiologist Michelle A. Albert, M.D., M.P.H., FAHA.

Albert, the immediate past president of the American Heart Association, a past president of the Association of Black Cardiologists and the Walter A Haas-Lucie Stern Endowed Chair in Cardiology at the University of California, San Francisco, published an opinion column in Essence magazine asserting that the FDA should stop the sale of these dangerous products.

"Removing menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars from the market will save lives, improve health and reduce health care costs," said Albert in her column. "It also will help close serious racial disparities in health. The FDA should move forward to prohibit the sale of menthol cigarettes and all flavored cigars – a move that would constitute an enormous step forward to protect public health, especially among marginalized communities."

Earlier this month, the FDA sent rules that would end the sale of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars to the White House for final regulatory review. This followed a lengthy rulemaking process during which the American Heart Association and numerous other public health groups strongly



Michelle A. Albert

urged the agency to quickly issue final rules and remove these harmful products from the market.

Tobacco companies have long targeted specific populations with menthol and other flavored products. A report from Stanford Research into the Impact of Tobacco Advertising (SRITA), a research unit of Stanford Medicine, and the American Heart Association released last year detailed Big Tobacco's decades of marketing menthol products especially to Black communities, women and youth.

Today, 85% of all black people who smoke use menthol, and menthol use is high in Hispanic, Asian American, American Indian/Alaska Native and LGBTQ+ communities. Black youth are also more likely to smoke cigars than cigarettes and smoke cigars at a higher rate than other racial and ethnic groups. Youth and young adults are more likely to smoke menthol than any other age

group and nearly 75% of young people who smoke cigars report that they use the products because they come in flavors the like, such as strawberry, chocolate brownie and banana split.

In her column, Albert also emphasized the need to provide support to people who use these products by helping them manage stress and anxiety and providing resources for quitting tobacco use altogether and adopting healthy habits.

If the administration follows through with its commitment to remove menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars from the shelves, "the public health community should work to ensure that all communities, especially populations who are systematically disadvantaged, have healthy, effective ways of reducing stress so they can stand up against the dangerous lure of tobacco use," Albert wrote.

About the American Heart Association

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

Colon cancer and drinking alcohol

By Vince Faust

Tips to Be Fit

Researchers found that people that consumed drinks that contained distilled spirits, such as vodka, rum and whiskey had a greater risk of developing colon cancer. The study group included an equal number of men and women with an average age of 57 years.

Research found that those participants who drink more than nine beverages containing hard alcohol per week had three times the risk of developing cancer or suspicious lesion on the colon compared to people who didn't drink at all. Participants that drank beer faced an even higher risk.

According to the American Cancer Society the following are the symptoms for colorectal cancer:

Bowel Habits

A change in bowel habits, such as diarrhea, constipation, or narrowing of the stool, that lasts for more than a few days; a feeling that you need to have a bowel movement that's not relieved by having one; rectal bleeding with bright red blood; blood in the stool, which might make the stool look dark brown or black; cramping or abdominal (belly) pain; weakness and fatigue and unintended weight loss.

Having a strong family history of colorectal polyps or cancer increases your risk for colon cancer. You should get genetic counseling to review your family medical tree to see how likely it is that you have a family cancer syndrome. If you have diabetes you are at greater risk in developing colorectal cancer.

There are a number of lifestyle changes you can make to reduce your risk of colorectal cancer:

Get Screened

Get screened starting at age 40. If you are at high risk talk to your doctor about getting screened even earlier. You can also get an annual fecal occult blood test (FOBT).

This test can detect hidden blood in the stool, which can signal cancer. When ever a polyp is discovered you should get a colonoscopy every three years. Before scheduling a colonoscopy ask your doctor for their adenoma detection rate (ADR). Choose a doctor with an ADR of at least 20%. Remember that means that doctor will only find polyps in one in five people.

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. The body needs carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins, minerals, fiber and water to be healthy. Without proper nutrition and exercise, optimal health cannot be attained. Carbohydrates, fats and proteins supply energy (calories) necessary for work and normal body functions. Vitamins, minerals, fiber and water do not have caloric value but are still necessary for normal body functions. Make sure you consume between 12 to 15 calories per pound of body weight daily.

Exercise

You need at least 30 minutes of exercise everyday. A complete workout should include exercises for each body part. Start with 2 or 3 different exercises for each body part. Gradually work up to 8-12 repetitions for each exercise. Do each exercise 1-3 times to start. If you can do more than 12 repetitions for a set the weight is too light. If you can't do at least 8 repetitions for a set the weight is too heavy. Don't forget the cardio conditioning. I strongly recommend that you have a professional show you what to include in your routine and that you get an OK from your physician before you start. If you have chronic conditions such as, congestive heart failure, hypertension, arrhythmias, angina or diabetes they must be stable before starting an exercise program.

Stress

Stress can increase the risk for coronary heart disease, hypertension, eating disorders, ulcers, diabetes, asthma, migraine headaches, sleep disorders, depression, chronic fatigue and colorectal cancer. Stress accumulated from our daily life can also aggravate many illnesses. There are books and pamphlets, which explain how to practice techniques of dealing with stress. These include breathing techniques for relaxation, meditation, progressive muscle relaxation and autogenic training, which is a form of self-suggestion. Other ways of dealing with stress include changing or improving personal character traits. These can include behavior changes such as assertiveness training, self-esteem enhancement, being flexible, improving organizational skills, and time management.

Sleep

We all need at least 8 hours or more of sleep daily. Sleep helps to give your body a better advantage to fight off illness even cancer. To find out what you need keep a diary of your sleeping habits. Record the time you go to bed, the time you wake-up, the total hours you sleep, your mental and physical state during the day, any naps and what you ate or drank before bed. After a few weeks review your diary. You should be able to get a good idea of what helps or hinders you from getting the sleep you need.

Smoking and Drinking

Smoking and drinking are two of the cultural habits that make for a very dangerous mix. Ninety five percent of people who consume alcohol smoke cigarettes, which is three times higher than the general population. Smoking and drinking contributes to the development of a number of cancers including colorectal cancer. To reduce your risk don't smoke or live in a smoke environment.

Before starting any health or fitness program consult your physician.

P R E S E R V E D

The hardest thing to say about friendship

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A number of years ago, my heart sank as I once again heard the words, “I didn’t want to say anything but...” from a close friend about another friend. My friend didn’t realize it but his words once again exposed yet another disappointing and mind-blowing truth about a close friend. In fact, I’d heard the same thing at least 5 times in the previous 3 months. As much as I wanted to believe otherwise, this was another confirmation that I had to make a heartbreaking decision concerning that friendship. The decision was to end it.

I shook my head and closed my eyes as I braced myself, once again, for the blow by blow account of how this “friend” had shown how little she valued herself and our friendship.

When I continued to press him on why he hadn’t told me sooner, his reply was that at first he didn’t want to say anything because she was my friend and I’d always spoken highly of her. “Did you ever think I was the same way?” I asked.

He hesitated before his reply. “No..but...well, I wasn’t sure at first,” he finally stammered. His response reminded me of what someone else once stated about how your friends are often a reflection of you. For example, if you see a preacher and a drunk hanging out together, you are either going to think that the preacher is a drunk or the drunk is trying to be a preacher. More than likely, you are going to think that the preacher is a drunk.

In other words, “birds of a feather flock together.”

Proverbs 22:24-25 even provides advice on choosing our friends, “Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one eas-

ily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.”

Keeping this in mind, I knew that this time I couldn’t excuse away the behavior because the behavior was inexcusable. I’d been through situations like this before, so I knew that the worst thing to do was to do nothing. But doing something would put me in a place where I’d have to face some things that I didn’t want to or think I’d have to revisit.

Even though I struggled with letting go of what was once a very close friendship, more than anything I’m thankful because God warned me of this shift nearly one year prior while in prayer.

I couldn’t pinpoint one specific reason why this new information affected me so. There were feelings of betrayal, disappointment, hurt and anger that I was trying to deal with it. Maybe I’m just a coward and didn’t want to deal with

the reality that we placed a different value on our friendship. Charles Caleb Colton wisely said, “True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it be lost.”

What I learned in that situation is a lesson that I still cling to now: When a friendship ends, it’s not about you or the other person; it’s about the next season of your life and God preparing you to have the right people in your life. In other words, friendships ending are not a punishment but preparation.

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Be what God wants us to be

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



In 2nd Timothy 2:20-21, we read: “But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.”

There aren’t any two of us created exactly alike. Even identical twins have different fingerprints and differences in personalities. We may not all be molded into vessels of gold and silver but may be of wood and of earth. However, we all can be purged, sanctified, and be meet for the master’s use. Our desire should simply be what God wants us to be.

We often get focused on the “unchangeables” about ourselves, and if the Lord would ask us just how we would like to be, we would probably have a few suggestions. We may be discontented about our ethnicity, height, eye or hair color, complexion, features or many other things. However, we read in Isaiah 45:9, “Woe unto him that striveth with his maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherd of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, what makes thou? Or thy work, He hath no hands?” There was no mistake in the way God created us. We are made for a purpose.

It’s really not even about ourselves. In 2nd Corinthians 4:5-7 we read: “For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But

we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.” May the Lord help us to keep the right perspective and be a vessel of honor. No matter if we are young, middle-aged, or older, there is much work to be done, and God is needing empty vessels to fill and work through.

We need to see others as a vessel created by God. We should see their value and appreciate their uniqueness. Sometimes it’s easy to look at the outward appearance and make judgements. However, we don’t know where they are in God’s molding process. They may seem broken or marred. But, in Jeremiah 18:1-6 it shares with us, “The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter’s house, and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.”

The Lord is such a loving God! If it weren’t for His great love, grace, and patience with all of us, we would be vessels of dishonor. When seeing others, we need to see their potential and know that God has a special plan for their lives. As long as we are all here on earth, God is molding and making each one of us.

May we each have a desire to stay on the Master Potter’s wheel and continue to be molded and made into a vessel of honor – a vessel that can be filled with His Spirit and be useful to Him!

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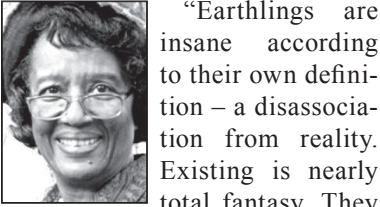


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Old wounds festering and exploding

By Jannie Johnson
Caring n' Sharing



“Earthlings are insane according to their own definition – a disassociation from reality. Existing is nearly total fantasy. They

murder each other over imaginary icons and destroy segments of their societies over beliefs found in myths.” – Gerry Spence

When I heard of the tragedy in Charlottesville, VA, I was dumb with silence and my sorrow was stirred.

Why aren’t old wounds of racism healing? Why do they keep festering up and exploding? What are we going to do? What are we allowed to do or say if the truth, God’s truth, is not allowed to be a part of the conversation?

Decades have passed; new laws and policies are in place. Now, what’s happening and what’s the problem?

We are entering a time of famine; not a famine of bread and water, but a famine of the truth.

The passing of time, the making of new laws and policies, the re-writing of our history and the removal of statues and the Ten Commandments from public places can change outward behavior, for a while, but neither has the power to change the matters of the heart.

The business of being kind to one another, tenderhearted and forgiving is a matter of the heart. Repentance, forgiveness and respect for each other are not the products of man’s laws. Fixing the matters of the heart is a God-

thing.

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.” – Ralph W. Emerson

We are prisoners of our experiences and our environments. Our beliefs, convictions and general outlook on life were formed and nurtured by those in our homes and in our environment.

I grew up as a child in south Madison County, in the late ‘40s and ‘50s, when segregation was clearly defined by separatism and injustices. It was obvious. I did not interpret my experience as something positive. I believed what I saw; believed what I heard and I believed what I experienced in my environment.

For years, I was unhappy, angry and bitter, too. Naturally, some form of retaliation was my intended reaction. But....God aborted those thoughts.

The enlightenment came to me in one of my college psychology classes. My professor said something that caused me to do some objective thinking. I realized that day that the idea of segregation because of race was not of God but of man. That day, I decided to give up my bitterness and desire to get revenge.

As a youngster, I wanted to be a Christian from within and without. I never wanted to be a hypocrite. I knew what that looked like; something I did not want. Giving up my hurt, anger and resentment was not easy for me because I knew directly and indirectly the injustices my people suffered for generations, without recovery.

It has been 55 years since that college experience. I asked God to create in me a forgiving heart and renew a right spirit within, the spirit of love. Today, I am a witness that God’s love can stop the festering, defuse the explosions and heal old wounds and give us peace within.

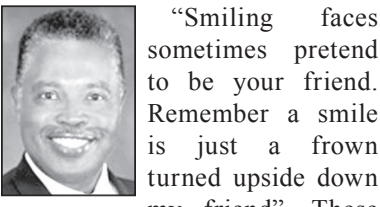
If we want racial unrest to go away, we will have to start with self and tell the truth. If we have unresolved racial issues within, there will be no solution without. Our emotions will continue to fester and explode making us feel a need to take down statues, remove the flags, re-write portions of history and devalue the importance of the old institutions: marriage, family, home, school, church and government.

If we sincerely want to bring some calmness to the racial unrest, we have to face the truth ourselves, first. Then, we will be in the position to speak peace to those who still feel pain or guilt?

“The truth about childhood is stored up in our bodies and lives in the depths of our souls. Our intellect can be deceived, our feelings can be numbed and manipulated, our perceptions shamed and confused, our bodies tricked with medication, but our soul never forgets. And because we are one, one whole soul in one body, someday our body will present its bill. The wounded and lost child is only in hiding; the soul is still whole in spirit. Ultimately, our deepest self will accept no compromises or excuses. And it will not stop tormenting or contaminating us until we stop evading the truth,” – Alice Miller

Can Speaker Mike Johnson bring consensus to the House or further divide it?

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



“Smiling faces sometimes pretend to be your friend. Remember a smile is just a frown turned upside down my friend”. These

lyrics were made famous by the singing groups, The Temptations and War.

The song had a simple message which was everyone that smiles at you is not necessarily in your corner or is your friend.

We are living in a period of history where mistrust is at an all-time high. Sadly, we cannot trust a smile. This is a fact that makes you want to do a background check on everyone that you meet.

Recently the House of Representatives elected Representative Mike Johnson to be the 56th Speaker of the US House of Representatives. He is from Louisiana. Remember now the Bayou State is the same state that has Steve Scalise as a fellow House member and John Kennedy as a US Senator. We know that they are a part of Trump’s brand.

Is America troubled by having an elected leader who still believes that Trump won the 2020 election? We must ask the question – Can Johnson lead with fairness and integrity knowing what we know about him?

Many are saying that Representative Johnson has a more pleasant demeanor and has a nice smile. Will his disposition and smile win votes and influence lawmakers across the aisle? We will see in the weeks and months to come.

Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader said, “I don’t know Mike Johnson well. Based on his track record, he appears to be an extreme right-wing ideologue.” These comments were made during a CNN interview.

New Speaker Johnson, on paper at least, seems to be no different than Kevin McCarthy or Jim Jordan. It could be that when he smiles you want to believe otherwise. Remember smiling faces .

Some critics are saying that he is sending mixed signals. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) said, “I’m still trying to figure out what his real priorities are. Obviously, we know he is a strong right-to-life supporter, but whether or not he would work to advance abortion restrictions remains to be seen.”

Speaker Johnson said, “Go pick up a Bible off the shelf and read it. That’s my world view. That’s what I believe.” That same Bible also says that we must feed the hungry and clothe the naked. We will see how all of this plays out.

After becoming the speaker, Johnson talked about the importance of an aid package for Israel.

Last week, the House approved a plan for \$14.3 billion dollars for Israel in its fight against Hamas. However, reports are that the Senate will not go along with this plan and that President Biden plans to veto it if it gets to his desk.

Some Democrats and Republicans favor President Biden’s bill of \$106 billion which includes funding for Israel, Ukraine, increased border security and humanitarian aid. Ukraine funding is an important piece because of Russia’s war in the region.

Efforts regarding gun control, the current rule about removing the House Speaker and social services spending will be issues that Johnson and the House will debate in the coming weeks.

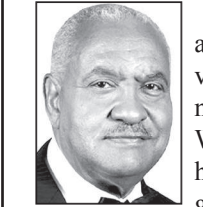
Regarding gun control, Speaker Johnson said, “At the end of the day, the problem is the human heart; it’s not guns, not weapons. We have to protect the right of citizens to protect themselves and that’s the Second Amendment.”

He makes the assertion about it being a heart problem. However, we must make it more difficult for people to obtain weapons that are used to kill innocent people.

The Speaker has had a conservative past during his time as a legislator. Will he decide to work with Democrats on getting legislation passed which will help the American people? I don’t know. Quite honestly, I don’t know if he knows yet.

Blacks, Veteran’s Day and Critical Race Theory

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



Veterans Day was created as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. It became a national holiday by an act of Congress in 1938. As we honor the memory of those who served in this great conflict, separately and apart from other occasions honoring our War service members, let us not forget the special struggles of Black veterans, especially during the years following World War I.

We have seen from history that African Americans who fought for the freedom of others on distant shores, came home to disenfranchisement, segregation and subhuman treatment where they should have received respect and equality for having served.

We have seen from a historical point that a Black soldier named Charles Lewis, recently discharged from the military, was lynched in uniform in Hichman, Kentucky; in 1944, four Black soldiers were lynched after a white store owner claimed they tried to take over his place; in 1947, we repeat how Joe Nathan Roberts, a Black Navy Veteran, studying at Temple University on the G.I. Bill

was abducted and shot because he wouldn’t say “Sir” to white men.

What is so important about these stories today is that if “Critical Race Theory” is allowed to be implemented on the scale white legislatures and school boards are trying to do, to sanitize all discussion of America’s racist past, these stories will be lost along with the racist history they represent.

Let us not forget that we have over 99 African-American servicemen who earned and received the Medal of Honor in battle, fighting, and in some cases dying for a country who would only honor them when the flag was draped over their coffins and taps played at their graveside.

It is up to us to remember and honor our own, in spite of what this nation does or how it seeks to change or erase the history that we bled and sacrificed to build. Yes, this Veterans Day, let’s remember our own; and not by running out to catch the latest sales. How about reflecting on how we can individually build on what they left? Things like registering to vote, spending money with those who support us, demanding respect for ourselves and our elders, and remembering that we are still “Black” to America whether we are rich, poor, educated, homeless, or ignorant.

We must honor ourselves before we can demand that others do so.

Greener grass does burn

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
Guest Writer



Unfortunately, parts of our country’s grasslands have been endowed with wildfires for hundreds of years. Wildfires are typically out of control fires that burn in wildland vegetation, mostly

in rural areas. Further, wildfires can burn in various ecosystems like forests, savannahs and grasslands.

Mississippi has also had its share of grass burnings and wildfires. In fact, the Mississippi Forestry Commission has urged Mississippians to adhere to the recent burn bans due to the droughts and/or wildfire conditions in Mississippi. There is no doubt that grass can burn whether it is green grass, greener grass, or brown grass – it burns. However, many like spouses have been led to believe that even the grass that appears to be greener on the other side doesn’t burn, but it burns.

I know we live in a culture that promotes that you can have what and who you want especially if you are not content with your current spouse. However, my father once said, “If getting what you want is not what you need, you will lose what you got.”

Husbands and wives please know that although, you feel that the other man or other woman is better than your current spouse for whatever reasons, such as attraction, money, popularity, etc. – he or she can take you down a wildfire path of destruction that can result in you losing everything and everyone that truly matters.

I wish that husbands and wives knew the following when they meet these women and men – in most cases, the greener grass is not real – it’s turf. Yes, that’s correct – the other man or other woman is turf – a fraud, a fake, not the real deal – he or she is not your spouse and can’t replace your spouse especially if you are married to an imperfect, overall good woman, or good man.

There are many spouses currently contemplating trying what they perceive to be the greener grass but let me reassure you it’s not worth it. Some of you have encountered this turf on your jobs, in stores, the gym, the mall, parking lots, hospitals, and even church, and so many other places.

The turf has convinced you of the following:

- They are more equipped to meet your sexual desires
- They are in love with you
- They will be true to you
- They would be a better parent.

The turf tries to reassure you in other words, that they will be better than your spouse in every way. Yes, I don’t doubt that he or she will have some better qualities but in many cases these qualities are not real. These temporary qualities exist long enough to entice you to leave your wife and/or husband, to abandon your children, to abandon your home, to stop pastoring your churches (yes, there are pastors who leave their families and churches to pursue the greener grass or the turf) and they will convince you to sell your home.

Moreover, the greener grass/turf will persuade you to walk away from your families, walk away from your careers, walk away from your jobs, they will even convince you to harm your spouse so that you two can be together. If you have entertained this turf – run, run as fast as you can. First Corinthians 6:18 states: Flee sexual immorality... Please, husbands and wives flee – run quickly. You must think about it – anyone that convinces you to live a lie and plan your life centered around a lie is a fraud.

In conclusion, marriage is not easy and yes, you will have rough seasons throughout your marriage. However, pursuing greener grass/turf is not a solution. Your wife and husband are the real grass – may not be perfectly manicured grass but their grass have grown out of a seed of love and vows that you took together, and their grass have endured every storm in marriage – the droughts, dry seasons, wet seasons, the rain, the sunshine, the cutting, the trimming, and the pruning, etc. The greener grass, which is really turf, will easily burn like wildfire – because it hasn’t been planted on nothing real – it’s artificial – turf is not made to withstand the seasons of life and marriage.

Love your spouse and fight for your marriage because the greener grass (turf) does burn.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4232

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Robinson Industries, Inc. has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to R-5 (Multi-family) Residential District to allow for a multifamily residential development for the property located on 5420 Lynch St. Ext. (Parcel 825-483) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

TRACT I: A parcel of land situated in the West half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 1 West and also part of Lot 1 5, Westhaven Subdivision according to a map or plat on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi at Jackson, in plat Book B at Page 71. and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast Corner of Lot 10, Westside Industrial Heights according to a map or plat on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 18 at Page 19 and from said point run Easterly along the North line of Lynch Street and on the Easterly extension of the South line of said Westside Industrial Heights, for a distance of 161.68 feet to the East line of Peach Place; continue thence Easterly along the North line of Lynch Street on an extension of the last mentioned course, for a distance of 100 feet; turn thence to the right through and angle of 00 degrees 37 minutes and continue Easterly along the North line of Lynch Street, parallel with the 30 feet North of the centerline thereof, for the distance of 100 feet; turn thence to the right through an angle of 2 degrees 03 minutes and continue Easterly along the North line of Lynch Street; 30 feet North of and parallel with the centerline thereof, for a distance of 100 feet; turn thence to the left through and angle of 80 degrees 54 minutes and run Northerly and parallel with the East line of Peach Place for a distance of 200 feet; turn thence to the left through an angle of 99 degrees 29 minutes and run Westerly and parallel with the North line of Lynch Street for a distance of 100 feet; turn thence to the left through an angle of 80 degrees 31 minutes and run Southerly 200 feet to the point of beginning.

TRACT II: A parcel situated in the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi, and also a part of Lot 15 Westhaven Subdivision according to a map or plat on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book B at Page 71 and being more particularly described as follows:

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Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

Christine Welch, Deputy Director
Office of Transportation

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Electronic Bidding
Advertisement for Bids
Bid 3249 Capital City Alternative ESSER Improvements

Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Pre-vailing Time) December 11, 2023, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conferences concerning this project will be held at 2221 Boling Street, Jackson, MS 39213 on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conferences is non-mandatory but strongly encouraged. 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.jpssdm-projects.com. A \$250.00 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 at Allen & Hoshall, Phone: 601-977-8993, or 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.

All bid openings will be recorded and uploaded to the JPSPD web site at www.jackson.k12.ms.us at YouTube: JPSPITV for public viewing due to COVID 19, vendors will not be allowed to sit in on bids openings.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4234

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Community Animal Rescue & Adoption has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for a veterinarian clinic and kennels for the property located on Parcel 835-46 on Highway 18 in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 15, 16, 21 AND 22, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE LINE BETWEEN SAID SECTIONS 15 AND 16 FOR A DISTANCE OF 76.1 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OFWAY OF NEW HIGHWAY 18; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 58 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF NEW HIGHWAY 18 A DISTANCE OF 676.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEINNING OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 07 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG AN OLD FENCE LINE, 1202.25 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG AN OLD FENCE LINE, 664.9 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 44 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, 740.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 58 MINUTES WEST, 190.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 44 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, 470.0 FEET TO THE AFOREMENTIONED NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF NEW HIGHWAY 18; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 58 MINUTES WEST ALONG NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF NEW HIGHWAY 18 FOR A DISTANCE OF 462.7 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 16.18 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 8, 2023.

WITNESS my signature this 23rd day of October 2023.

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

10/26/23, 11/9/23

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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

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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

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
LEGAL PUBLICATIONS FOR 2024

Pursuant to Section 21-39-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), seeks competitive bids for the City of Jackson's annual contract for legal publications.

Sealed bids will be received in the Department of Municipal Clerk at City Hall in the City of Jackson, until 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2023 for the publication of the City of Jackson's proceedings, ordinances, resolutions, and other notices required to be published. All submitted bids should be sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Legal Publications" on the outside of the envelope.

Each bidder is responsible for documenting its bid with the necessary attachments evidencing its qualifications and compliance with all relevant criteria set forth in Section 13-3-31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Each bid must be submitted on the bid form provided by the Department of Municipal Clerk. Bid forms may be obtained from the Department of Municipal Clerk. Each bidder must quote a per word rate of a one-hundred-word advertisement to the nearest one dollar, e.g., 0.005 x 100= \$5.00. The quoted per word rate must be for a first, second and third publication. Bidders must also include a flat rate for supplying a proof of publication.

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at: www.centralbidding.com and the City of Jackson's website: www.jacksonms.gov under Bid Opportunities. Electronic bids and/or reverse auction bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

The determination of the low bidder will be based on a per word rate of a one-hundred-word advertisement, published three (3) times and a single proof of publication. The successful bidder will be awarded a one-year contract for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

By: Angela Harris, City Clerk

11/9/23 11/16/23

Professional Paralegal
Legal Advocate
James Scott
769-990-3874

11/9/23

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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 Oversite

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING
ZONING CASE NO. 4233

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Clifton Burns has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from from C3 (General) Commercial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District to allow for the adaptive reuse of the property located on 3243 Medgar Evers Blvd. (Parcel 409-4) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

BEG SW COR LOT 16BLK A SHADY OAKS SUBD NE ALONG LOTS 16 & 3.200. 16 FT TO DELTA DR NW 239.6. FT SW 128.2 FT TO WHITFIELD MILLRD SE 233.5 TO POB PT SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC 28 T6N R1E PT LOTS 1 2 3 16 & 17 BLK A SHADY OAKS SUBD

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 8, 2023.

WITNESS my signature this 24th day of October 2023.

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

10/26/23, 11/9/23

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE
CITY OF JACKSON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anywise affected thereby, that the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, will be conducting a public hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Jackson Comprehensive Plan as adopted on March 2, 2004 and the City of Jackson Official Zoning Ordinance as adopted on May 29, 1974 and subsequently amended.

Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance are intended to provide for and establish more effective land use and zoning regulations for the City of Jackson. Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for review at the Office of City Planning 200 S President Street, Suite 204, Jackson, and MS 39201. For additional information please submit an email to eainsworth@city.jackson.ms.us.

The said amendments will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this the 23RD day of October 2023.

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

10/26/23, 11/9/23

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4231

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

Being situated in the SW ¼ of Section 9, T5N, R1 E, City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the West right of way line of Old U. S. Highway No. 51 (now Terry Road) with the South line of Lot 49 of Mississippi Addition, a subdivision, the map or plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 4 at page 90 of the Chancery records of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, said intersection being the point of beginning for the parcel herein described; thence run 44.338 feet along the arc of a 6615.93 foot radius curve to the right in the said West right of way line, said arc having a 44.338 foot chord which bears S 400 39'05" W, thence S 400 56' 25" W for a distance of 11.84' along the West right of way line; thence N 60 0 48' 35" W for a distance of 3575 ' along the said West right of way line; thence S 400 56' 25" W for a distance of 225.10' along the said West right of way line; thence leave said West right of way line and run N 670 03' 35" W for a distance of 335.45' to an iron pin which marks the Southwest corner of the T. R. Evans property as described in Deed Book 699 at page 366 of the said Chancery Clerk Records of Hinds County; thence N 18 0 34' 21" E for a distance of 351.885' to the South right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 80; thence S 820 46' 00" E for a distance of 349.515' along the said South right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 80; thence run 36.243 feet along the arc of a 3173.50 foot radius curve to the left, said arc having a 36.43 foot chord which bears S 290 23' 58" W; thence S 290 04' 20" W for a distance of 78.70'; thence S 600 55' 40" E for a distance of 60.0' along the Westerly extension of the South right of way line of Somme Street; thence S 290 04' 20" W for a distance of 50.0' along the West line of the said Mississippi Addition to the Southwest corner of the said Lot 49 of Mississippi Addition; thence S 600 55' 40" E for a distance of 106.81' along the said South line of Lot 49 to the point of beginning, containing 3.488 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 24th day of October 2023.

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

10/26/23, 11/9/23

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CHUNG JOHNNY LEE

NO. 19-PR-566

PAT DEWET
EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 24th day of May, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, MS to the undersigned executrix of the Estate of Chung Johnny Lee, 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 within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or such claim shall be forever barred.

/s/ Pat DeWet
Pat DeWet
Executrix of the Estate of Chung Johnny Lee

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Electronic Bidding
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Tougaloo holds Mass Comm Day: History has met the future



Former Tougaloo College students of the Mass Comm Department share their work experiences since graduating. PHOTOS BY CARLA SMITH

By Carla Smith
Tougaloo Mass Comm Major

The Tougaloo College Mass Communication Department hosted their 2023 Mass Comm Day Fri., Oct. 27. This event was created for the department's students to socialize and learn from alumni of the department and media experts.

After a brief hiatus since the pandemic, the annual Mass Comm Day is now back and better than ever. The daylong event was filled with panel discussions, workshops and media presentations. Current students got a chance to converse and learn about the media arena from industry professionals who once sat in their same seats at Tougaloo.

The guests who attended this event believed that this tactic was a great way to give students a taste of the real world.

"Being able to connect with people who do exactly what you want to do every day, I don't think there is any-

thing better than that," said Carmen Poe, a WLBT anchor, reporter and Tougaloo College Mass Comm alum.

Quentin Smith, a WLBT journalist, emphasized why Mass Comm Day is needed. He said, "It is really important because you may have an idea of... 'I want to go into this industry, and I want to do this, but having a Communications Day like this where you can speak to professionals like Carmen kind of gives you a better idea.'"

Students of the department had a blast during the day's events and learned crucial information that will lead them to future success.

Raniah Bracelet, a Mass Communication senior, said, "Being that this was my first-time attending Mass Comm Day after the pandemic, I found it very beneficial to see people sitting in the same seat that I sat in and have made something of themselves. So, I think it was very eventful and very empowering and uplifting; it really got students thinking."

Professors in the Department believe this annual event is a great way to help students practice their craft and to allow students to see the importance of their chosen majors.

Public Relations and Advertising professor Aleesha Smith said, "The more you do something, the more comfortable you become. And the more comfortable you become, the easier it is to do those things. Practicing your skills daily and repeating those steps over and over again helps you become more comfortable with your craft."

The journalism newsprint students were addressed by Jackie Hampton, publisher of *The Mississippi Link* newspaper and a board member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). She emphasized the skills needed for a newsprint journalist with a video clip walk-through and abridged segment of the Associated Press guidelines in writing for news.

The NNPA Scholarship Fund issues scholarships to journalism students



Students in Public Relations perform mock defense of PR client.



Broadcast students hold mock press conference.

locally and nationally. Hampton has served as scholarship chair.

Other areas covered were creating a website resume and directions on becoming an entrepreneur. Also, a huge public relation conference "competition" took place to wrap up the day's events, which was created to allow current students to be placed in a real-world press conference scenario.

It gave broadcast students and PR students a chance to exercise the skills they learned from the classroom. The battle of the PR and broadcast students pursued, but the broadcast students

came out victorious.

Tougaloo's Mass Comm Department offers four emphasis areas including the above clearly defined Broadcast program; the other three are Journalism (print journalism, specializing in writing and publications); Public Relations (practice of Public Relations, focusing on written material, media kits, and communications that will be designed, edited and distributed by students); Advertising (emphasizing principles, ad copy and layout, media planning and advertising campaigns).

Wells APAC scholars recognized for coin designs

Jackson Public Schools newswire

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) Mississippi State Office hosted the Defenders of Democracy Coin Design Celebration and Postcard Party at the Wells Academic and Performing Arts Complex (APAC) October 26, 2023, to announce the winners of the Activate Mississippi Defenders of Democracy Challenge Coin design contest. The event also featured the unveiling of the winning designs chosen to engage Mississippi teens and college students in the voting process.

Winners received a monetary prize and a pizza party for their homeroom class.

Alexis Gypson – 1st Place (\$1,000)
Simms Powell – 2nd Place (\$500)
Meona Powell – 3rd Place (\$250)
"Through art, these students



Alexis Gypson – 1st Place



Simms Powell – 2nd Place



Meona Powell – 3rd Place

are putting positive change in motion across the state of Mississippi," said Waikinya Clanton, SPLC Mississippi State Office director. "We are excited to recognize them for their contribution to centering in on the power of voting through their creativity."

Students will mail over 3,000 postcards to low propensity voters within the city of Jackson that feature the winning designs.

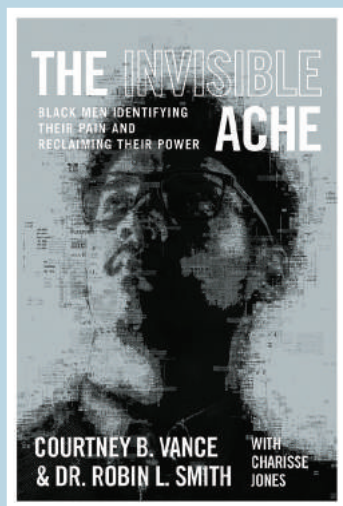
Additionally, SPLC Mississippi State Office partnered with Mississippi Votes and the Mississippi School of the Arts to launch Defenders of Democracy, a voter engagement and awareness comic book, to serve as an education tool to inform voters of the recent changes to legislation and to alert them of any potential challenges they may experience when going to vote.

"Gen Z is more racially and ethnically diverse than any previous generation and are on track to be the most well-educated generation yet," said Clanton.

"The comic book is a nod to that diversity and is an anchor in the overall Defenders of Democracy campaign and provides a way for students to use their artistic talents to connect the arts with the importance of civic engagement."



Teachers were presented with gifts for their support by the SPLC: (L to R) Jarita Frazier-King, SPLC State Community Organizer and lead for the Defenders of Democracy/Coin Design Competition; APAC teachers Elise Payne, Renna Moore-Edwards, Rebecca Wilkinson; and Waikinya Clanton, SPLC MS State director.



BOOK REVIEW: THE INVISIBLE ACHE

BY COURTNEY B. VANCE & DR. ROBIN L. SMITH WITH CHARISSE JONES
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Your skin was not even broken. No cuts, no scratches, no stitches needed. There was no blood and no bruise, either, not even the least bit of soreness. And yet, you're wounded, raw, wincing.

You're absolutely not okay right now, and in the new book "The Invisible Ache" by Courtney B. Vance & Dr. Robin L. Smith, with Charisse Jones, it's from a hurt you cannot see.

The phone call came early in

the morning in the middle of the week.

Courtney Vance's father had taken his own life, leaving his adult children and a wife who was all but paralyzed with grief. Vance "felt like a boy suddenly dealing with big man stuff" but he helped his mother who, after the funeral, insisted that Vance and his sister seek therapy.

Vance had known that his father was in emotional pain for a long time, for a variety of reasons – and he came to understand that he was, too. It was almost like

a legacy, one that he says many Black men suffer.

Says Vance's co-author, "Society's mirror doesn't reflect how varied Black men really are..." Black boys are not supposed to cry or be vulnerable, although Smith says that "To be vulnerable is to be strong." Black men are taught to deal with their problems alone, in silence, but Smith says that talking through trauma allows room for reclaiming power.

Seek support, she says, and remember that "life isn't virtual," so draw boundaries and step

back from social media sometimes. Don't be afraid "to talk to young men [and] young women, about the sanctity of their bodies." Find your sense of gratitude and remember that church isn't the only place to pray.

"Feel free to frolic. Walk barefoot through a mud patch if it makes you happy. Plant a garden. Pick up a hula hoop. Plunge into a pool."

And remember: when it comes to mental self-care, "silence isn't golden. It is actually deadly. So let's talk it out."


Have you hit your discomfort level yet? If not, well, just wait. Authors Courtney B. Vance and Dr. Robin L. Smith will take you there soon enough – and in "The Invisible Ache," they'll bring you back whole.

Part autobiography, part advice, this book is like getting poked and prodded until a deep self-inspection is performed – and then being asked to look again. It's very raw, like removing the bandages the day after cutting off a piece of yourself, but it's oddly cathartic.

Vance tells his tale and that of his father in a calm way that makes readers want to keep going, despite that it hurts; Smith then takes over and soothes the pain with leading statements that feel like having your hand held. It's a nice mix, and very helpful.

While this book is primarily meant for Black men, young and old, it's not a bad read for a woman who wants to help, understand, or do some introspection of her own.

Find it; "The Invisible Ache" is not just for the broken.



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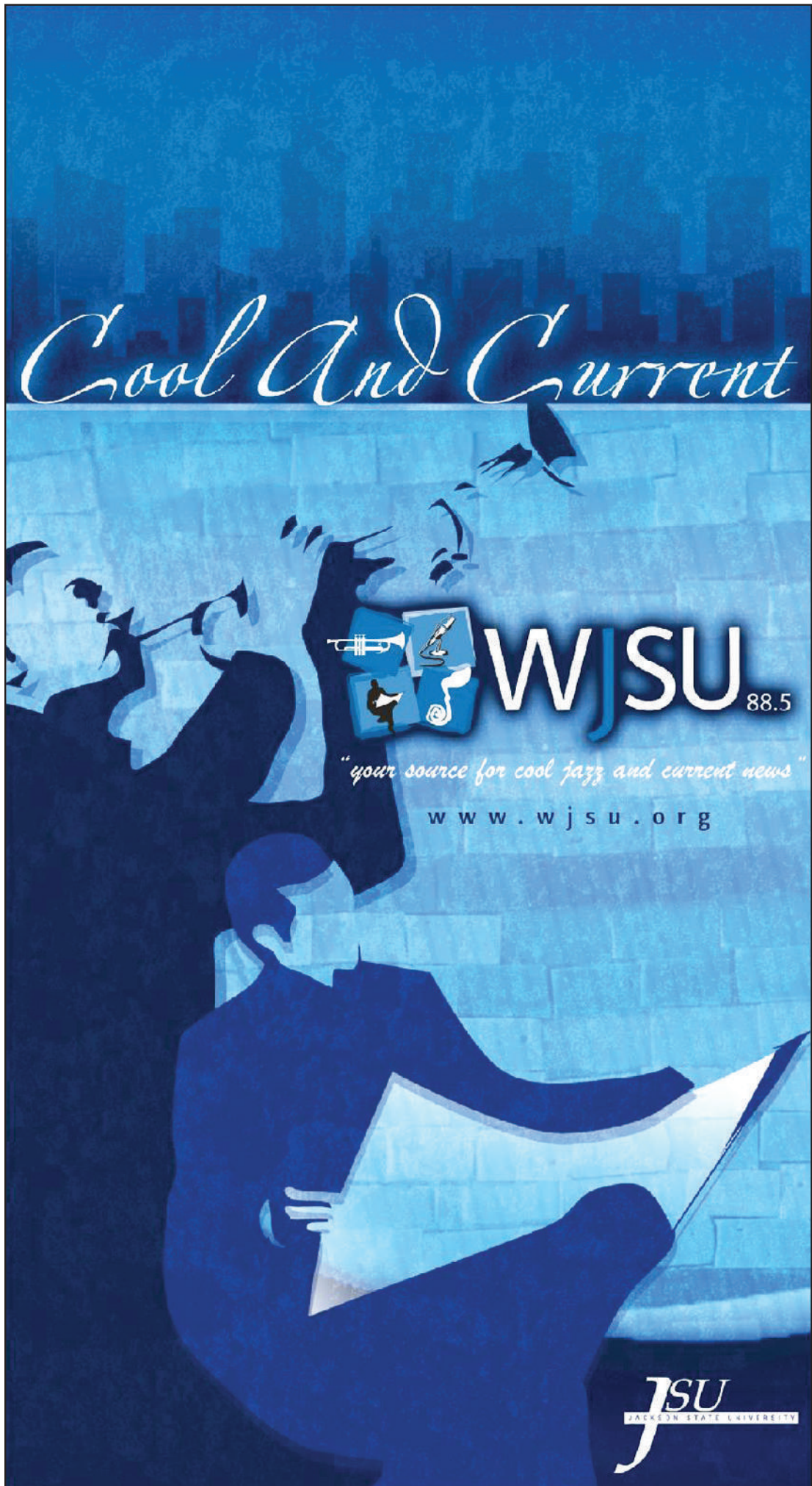
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Smith

Former District 27 Representative and Leake County Supervisor Ferr Smith passed away on November 5, 2023 in Jackson, Mississippi.

Smith was born on September 10, 1941, to Junior McKinley “J.M.” Smith and Birdie Gee Smith, in Ofahoma, Mississippi.

Rep. Smith’s outstanding career included outstanding service as school teacher, Leake County Supervisor, enlisted service in the U.S. Army and as a farmer and practicing lawyer in the firm Ferr Smith and Associates in Canton, Mississippi.

He was a graduate of Mississippi Valley State University, and the University of Mississippi School of Law. He was a practicing attorney in Canton, Mississippi from 1973 until his passing.

Smith was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives as a Democrat, and represented District 27 from 1994 to 2016. He served on the Agriculture, County Affairs, Fees and Salaries of Public Officers, Judiciary B, Judiciary En Banc, Railway Development, Ways and Means and other committees. He did not seek reelection in 2015.

Remembering Attorney Ferr Smith

September 10, 1941 - November 5, 2023

He participated in numerous organizations which included serving as the former president of the Mississippi Valley State National Alumni Association; East Madison Water Association; and Leake County Development, Inc.; and as a member of the Leake County Chamber of Commerce; East Central Community Planning and Developmental District; Inter-Alumni Council of Institutions of Higher Learning; Central Mississippi Legal Services, and Mississippi Bar Association. He was a dedicated member and deacon of Free Mission Baptist Church in Ofahoma where he accepted Christ at an early age.

His wife Shirley McFarland Smith preceded him in death. He is survived by his children: Anthony Smith of Yazoo City, Mississippi; Cassie Holt of Paris, Texas; Lastasha Edwards of Waynesboro, Virginia; Ferri Smith of San Jose, California; and Rochelle Williams of Jackson, Mississippi; sisters Myra Peyton of Yazoo City, Mississippi; Carrie Weddle of Brown Deer, Wisconsin; and brother Terry Fox Smith, of Ofahoma, Mississippi.

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REP. FERR SMITH, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING:

WHEREAS, it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that “To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose

under the Heaven,” and as such, on November 5, 2023, the immaculate author and finisher of our soul’s destiny summoned the mortal presence of dearly beloved, Rep. Ferr Smith, to eternal rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to his family, friends and community; and

WHEREAS, born on September 10, 1941, to Mr. Junior McKinley “J.M.” Smith and Mrs. Birdie Gee Smith, in Ofahoma, Mississippi. Rep. Smith’s outstanding career included outstanding service as school teacher, Leake County Supervisor, enlisted service in the U.S. Army and in practice as a lawyer for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to academic excellence, Rep. Smith graduated from the Mississippi Valley State University, and later graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Smith was a practicing attorney in Canton, Mississippi, from 1973, until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Smith, as a Democrat, was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives, representing District 27 from 1994 to 2016, and served on the Agriculture, County Affairs, Fees and Salaries of Public Officers, Judiciary B, Judiciary En Banc, Railway Development, Ways and Means and other committees, and did not seek reelection in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Smith was a former president of the Mississippi Valley State National Alumni Association;

East Madison Water Association, and Leake County Development, Inc.; and member of Leake County Chamber of Commerce, East Central Community Planning and Developmental District, Inter-Alumni Council of Institutions of Higher Learning; Central Mississippi Legal Services, and Mississippi Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Smith was a proud resident of Ofahoma, Mississippi, and gave back to his community and to others, and his faith and light shone brightly and touched everyone he encountered, and he was also a dedicated member of Free Mission Baptist Church in Ofahoma where he accepted Christ at an early age and was a member and a deacon; and

WHEREAS, though he has traversed the river of life to reunite with those who answered God’s summons to life eternal and now beckon his arrival to the celestial shores of Heaven’s grandeur to reunite with his wife Shirley McFarland who predeceased him, the legacy of Rep. Smith’s indelible imprint upon our lives will continue to refresh the hearts and fond memories of his loved ones, five children; 8 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Smith will forever be loved, cherished and missed by all who knew him, and since it is written in 2 Corinthians 5:8, that to be “absent from the body is to be present with the

Lord,” his family and friends can find peace and comfort during this difficult time; and

WHEREAS, a genuine and loving man of exceptional character, Rep. Smith’s outstanding legacy will continue for generations to come, and precious memories of time spent with him will hopefully continue to provide warmth, peace and comfort to his loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to recognize and honor the lives of great Mississippians, especially those such as Rep. Smith, a wonderful man whose life’s light illuminated the path of hope for all he encountered along this earthly sojourn:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby mourn the loss and honor the life and legacy of Rep. Ferr Smith, and express deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to the family of Rep. Ferr Smith, and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

Visitation will be held at Whithead Funeral Home, 1600 Old Canton Road, Carthage, MS, Friday, November 10.

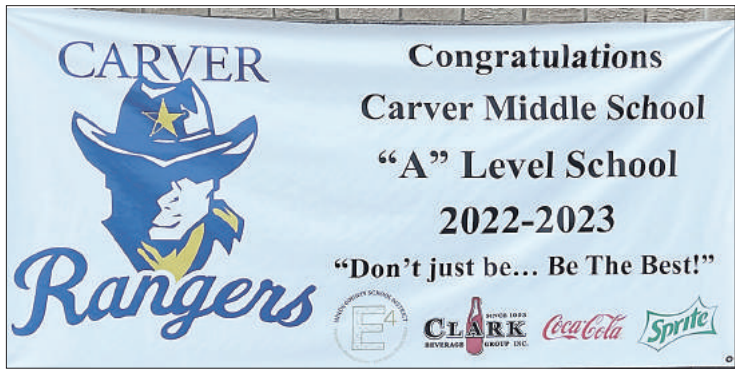
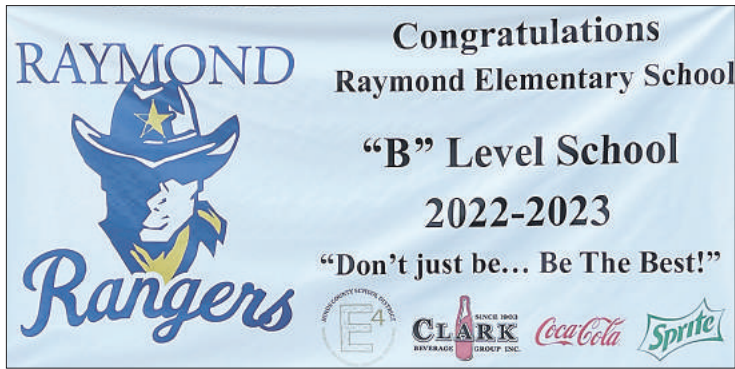
Funeral service will be held at Leake Central High School Gymnasium, 704 North Jordan Street, Carthage, MS, Saturday, November 11, 2023.

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

Superintendent Dr. Robert Sanders hosted two community celebrations to celebrate the successes of our individual schools and district accountability rating. We celebrated on the Raymond High School Campus on October 24th including Raymond/Carver Elementary/Middle School, Bolton/Edwards Elementary/Middle School, Utica Elementary/Middle School, Main Street Restart Center & Life Skills, Career and Technical Center, and the Raymond High School. Several Food Trucks came to support our District and there was plenty of food and music to celebrate this great accomplishment. We are so proud to be a “B” District and we want to celebrate with the parents and students, faculty, and staff, that made this great accomplishment possible. Let’s continue to strive for perfection so we can reach an “A” Level and go from “Good to Great.”



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JSU seals victory on the final play

By Tim Ward
Sports Writer

Many Tiger fans expected a blowout win last Saturday against 2-6 Texas Southern. A little under 23,000 fans attended the game. Jacobian Morgan started his third consecutive game as quarterback. He completed 25 of 34 passes for 182 yards with 1 touchdown. He was sacked 4 times also. Running back J.D. Martin electrified the crowd gaining 69 yards on 6 carries. Desmond Moultrie rushed for 61 yards on 14 carries.

Jackson State would get on the scoreboard late in the first quarter. Jacobian Morgan would score on a 7 yard run. The offense wasn't as crisp as you would like to see. It wasn't a dominating performance. But, they got the job done.

Early in the second quarter, Morgan would connect with Seven McGee for a 3 yard touchdown pass, putting JSU up 14 to 0. Seemingly breezing to an easy win.

Texas Southern would bounce back on the next drive. Quarterback Jace Wilson would throw a 25 yard touchdown pass to Jyrin Johnson. Wilson completed 15 of 28 passes for 182 yards with 2 touchdowns and 2 interceptions. Wilson also ran for 59 yards on 9 carries.

Seconds before halftime, Jacobian Morgan would score again on a 6 yard touchdown run, giving JSU a 21 to 7 halftime lead.

Texas Southern's running game is what kept them in the game. The Darkside defense struggled against stopping it. LaDarius Owens rushed for 106 yards on 21 carries. Jacory Howard rushed 4 times for 80 yards. Add Jace Wilson's 59 yards and the Texas Southern rushed for a total of 232 yards. In the second half, they made a point to run the ball to keep JSU on their heels. Although they picked off Jace Wilson twice, the run game gave them problems.

Late in the third quarter, Jacorey Howard broke loose for a 34 yard touchdown. The extra point was missed, JSU lead 21 to 13

heading into the fourth quarter. Jackson State had trouble moving the ball in the second half. The team seemed lethargic and Texas Southern turned up the defensive pressure.

The game would come down to the last drive.

Texas Southern starts the drive at their own 16 yard line with 4 minutes left in the game. They run the ball the first two plays gaining 7 yards. On third down, Wilson throws an incomplete pass. Texas Southern is forced to punt. Jackson State is penalized for having too many players on the field.

A 5 yard penalty gives Texas Southern a first down. Texas Southern methodically marches down the field. Running the back and completing short passes. Clock is ticking, coaches calling out instructions, and the fans in the stands are getting antsy.

Texas Southern makes it down to JSU's 15 yard line, 41 seconds left, and the defense gets a sack! Devonta Davis was able to sack Jace Wilson. 10 seconds left in the game. Wilson is in the shotgun, looks at JSU's defense, and claps his hands, the ball is snapped, the crowd is yelling, and Wilson throws a touchdown pass to C'ing Blandon! Score is 21-19. Texas Southern scores 12 unanswered points in the second half.

Head coach TC Taylor is telling his players, to stay calm, they just have to make one play and JSU wins.

With the game on the line, Texas Southern snaps the ball, Jace Wilson throws into the endzone, intercepted! Tim Steward picks off Jace Wilson to seal the victory for JSU.

Crowd erupts, JSU coaches exhale. With the win, JSU improves to 7-3 overall and 5-2 in the SWAC. Texas Southern fell to 2-7 and 1-5 in the SWAC.

Jackson State is off this week. Next game is November 18th versus Alcorn in Jackson. Game time is 2 p.m. Expect a big crowd for this one.



Isaiah Spencer



Jacobian Morgan on the quarterback run



JSU head coach TC Taylor



JD Martin breaks loose for 36 yard run



Morgan drops back to pass



Sonny the Tiger



Tim Steward with the game sealing interception



J5 drum majors

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Alcorn blows out Southern in battle for 1st place in the SWAC West

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Alcorn State hosted Southern last Saturday in Lorman. The Braves made sure there was no doubt who would take control of first place in the Western division of the SWAC. Alcorn handled Southern 44 to 21. Great way to send their seniors out on senior day, with a dominant win.

The Braves have won 5 straight games are currently 6-3 overall and 5-1 in the SWAC.

Southern falls to 5-4 overall and 4-2 in the SWAC.

Alcorn will travel to Houston this Sunday, not Saturday, to battle Texas Southern at 2 p.m.

Texas Southern lost to Jackson State last Saturday 21 to 19.

Southern scored first Saturday on a 1 yard touchdown run by Kendrick Rhymes giving them a 7-0 lead. Alcorn kicked a field goal on the next drive cutting the lead to 7-3. On their next possession, Quarterback Aaron Allen connected with Monterio Hunt for a 35 yard touchdown pass. Alcorn took the lead 10-7 and never trailed again.

Southern's ensuing possession, lead to a touchdown for the Braves' defense. Keenan Leachman returned a fumble 27 yards for a touchdown. Aaron Allen connected with Malik Rodgers 8 yards away for a touchdown. By the end of the first quarter, Alcorn was leading 24 to 7.



Keenan Leachman won SWAC Defensive Player of the Week



Kicker Noah Kiani won SWAC Specialist of the Week



Quarterback Aaron Allen won SWAC Offensive Player of the Week

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Quarterback Aaron Allen hit Tavarious Griffin 52 yards for a touchdown early in the second quarter. Southern added a touchdown when Quarterback Harold Blood threw a 38 yard touch-

down pass to Chandler Whitfield. Seconds before halftime, Alcorn kicker, Noah Kiani made a 19 yard field goal extending their lead to 34 to 14 at the half. Alcorn controlled the game in

the second as well cruising to a 44 to 21 victory.

Three Alcorn players were named Players of the Week. Quarterback Aaron Allen was offensive player of the Week go-

ing for 19 of 30 passes for 263 yards with 3 touchdown passes. Keenan Leachman was Defensive Player of the Week for his 3 tackles, 2 interceptions performance. Leachman scored twice.

He scored on a 27 yard fumble recovery and a 95 yard interception. Kicker Noah Kiani was Specialist of the Week hitting all 3 of his field goal attempts and all 5 of his extra point attempts.