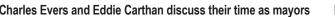
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# Five trailblazing Black mayors who reshaped Mississippi









First Black Mayor of Jackson, Harvey Johnson Jr. PHOTO BY DR. JAY

By Edelia J. Carthan, Ed.D.

In the annals of Mississippi's history, characterized by its complex racial dynamics and pivotal role in the American Civil Rights Movement, the election of Black mayors stands as a testament to the state's progress towards inclusivity and equality. Among these transformative leaders, Charles Evers, Eddie Carthan, Unita Blackwell, Harvey Johnson Jr. and George Flaggs Jr. are notable for their groundbreaking achievements and enduring impact on their communities and

### **Charles Evers: The Pioneer**

of Fayette

**Unita Blackwell** 

being the first African-American mayor in Mississippi since Reconstruction, taking the helm of the city of Fayette. His leadership not only broke racial Charles Evers, elected in barriers but also symbolized a participation across Missis-1969, holds the distinction of new era of political engagement sippi. His leadership in Tchula

and empowerment for African Americans in the state. Evers's tenure was marked by efforts to foster economic development and improve race relations, setting a precedent for future generations of Black political leaders in Mississippi.

### Eddie Carthan: Tchula's Agent of Change

In 1977, Eddie Carthan was elected as mayor of Tchula, becoming one of the first Black mayors in Mississippi during a period when the echoes of the Civil Rights Movement were still resonating strongly. Carthan's election was a victory against entrenched racial barriers and served as an inspiration for African-American political

was a testament to the power of grassroots activism and the ongoing struggle for civil rights.

### Unita Blackwell: Mayersville's Trailblazing Leader

Unita Blackwell, elected in 1977 as the mayor of Mayersville, became the first African American woman to serve as mayor in Mississippi. Her journey from civil rights activism to political leadership exemplified the possibilities for change within the system. Blackwell's tenure brought significant improvements in housing, education and infrastructure to Mayersville, showcasing the profound impact determined leadership can have on dismantling systemic barriers and im-

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# **Historic White House gathering celebrates** descendants of Civil Rights icons

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent In a Black History Month event at the White House Tuesday, Feb. 13, Vice President Kamala Harris addressed the descendants of some of the most influential civil rights leaders from the 1950s and '60s, along with other foundational historical figures. The gathering marked the first time many of those families convened in the same room. Prominent figures such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Emmett Till, Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings were scheduled to attend.

Harris praised the descendants as "extraordinary American heroes" who embody the promise of the nation and the Constitution. "They've passed the baton to us," Harris remarked during her address.

Stephen K. Benjamin, the director of the White House Office



VP Kamala Harris speaking at a Black History Month event at the

of Public Engagement, outlined the administration's initiatives, including an executive order related to police accountability and President Joe Biden's signing of the law establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

The group, known as "The Descendants," gathered to pay homage to their familial legacies in celebration of Black History

Month. One of the coordinators, Joshua Jordison, revealed that discussions to bring this diverse group together began several years ago. "It was amazing that many of them had never met," he said. While invitations were extended to other notable families, some could not attend due to scheduling conflicts and other factors.

According to Kenneth B. Morris Jr., a descendant of Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington, the goal of The Descendants is to lead the nation in a spirit of collaboration and community.

"This historic event marks the beginning of coalescing The Descendants' families and likeminded leaders and organizations to catalyze transformative positive societal change amongst the most significant challenges faced by our country," Morris emphasized. Beyond the White House reception, a series of activities were planned for the descendant families in Washington on both Tuesday and Wednesday. The itinerary included stops at the U.S. Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial, the Supreme Court, and a tour of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. Additionally, there were dinners and opportunities for group dia-

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# Visionary, mentor, scholar – meet **Charles Henry** Holmes, J.D.

Natchez born and raised to teach, inspire countless students in life and in law



Charles Henry Holmes, J.D. holding a prized photo of him and his wife. PHOTO BY CHRIS YOUNG

By Christopher Young Contributing Writer

Dr. Holmes was both unassuming and confident as we walked from the parking lot to his second-floor office in Galloway Hall, on the grounds of historic Tougaloo College, for an interview. He relied on the aid of a five-foot-tall walking stick – not a cane – as we ascended the entryway steps and then the staircase to the second floor.

Now in his 88th year, he embodies a wealth of knowledge and experience. We sat together on the afternoon following Valentine's Day, surrounded by pictures of legal giants like Reuben Anderson, Denise Owens, Dennis Sweet, Isaac Byrd and many others, as well as family photos.

The son of Genevieve and Henry Holmes, Jr., he graduated from G.W. Brumfield High School in Natchez in 1953, a segregated school built for African-American students in 1925. He received his bachelor's degree from Jackson College for Negro Teachers in 1957, followed by a Master of Arts degree from Atlanta University in 1960. Fifteen years later, he earned the coveted Juris Doctor degree from North Carolina Central University School of

"My first real job was as a teacher at Utica Junior College in 1962. Right after the Berlin Crisis, I joined the U.S. Army Reserves. I didn't re-

ally want to enter the service, but it was the quickest way," he recalled about his six-year obligation, of which only the first six months were active duty. He ended up spending ten months at Fort McClellan, near Anniston, Alabama. It was around this time when he met the love of his life, Willene Wade. They married in 1963 - "forty-eight years and ten months," he shared - before her passing in 2013. When asked about his wife, he reflected, "She was the wisest person I ever met, the greatest influence I ever had." Dr. Holmes initiated the

Pre-Law program at his alma mater, which was later renamed Jackson State University. He taught there from 1966 until 1993. His reputation for prepar-

ing law school students is "unparalleled," according to his former student, The Honorable Carlton W. Reeves, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who provided a comprehensive list of the law schools Dr. Holmes' students have attended.

Discussing his transition from Thee I Love to Tougaloo, Holmes mentioned that Judge Reeves, a University of Virginia School of Law graduate who later clerked for Justice Reuben V. Anderson at the Mississippi Supreme Court, sparked discussions

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# Celebration of Life Mrs. Wylma R. King

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Wylma R. King, 96, of Jackson, transitioned to her heavenly home February 12, 2024. Mrs. King was actively involved in local, national and international efforts to improve

the education of children. Her career began as a teacher in the Jackson Public School system, continued as a teacher and assistant principal at McLaurin Attendance Center, and ended as principal of Florence Elementary School.

Born in Summit, MS, she moved to the capital city to attend Jackson College for Negro Teachers (now Jackson State University). There she was a charter member of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She obtained a Masters of Art degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, and later a Specialist Certification from Jackson State College.

Mrs. King was actively involved in civic organizations, including the Mary Church Terrell Literary Club, Spring Lake Garden Club, Love and Fellowship Prayer Band, Coalition of 100 Black Women, Metropolitan Retired Teachers Association, Mississippi Retired Public Employees Association and the Rolling Hills

Neighborhood Association.

She was a member of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, MS, and (pre-pandemic) she regularly attended Sweet Rest Church in Pearl, MS.

Mrs. King was preceded in death by her husband of over fifty years, Rev. Eddie King; her son and daughter-in-law, Johnnie and Brenda King; and her daughter-in-law, Diane McKenzie-King. She is survived by her four children: Kenneth Louis King (Nellie), Eddie Robinson King, Annette King Pridgen (Joseph) and Wylma Donice King Easterling (Curtis Jr.); a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 1245 Tunica Street, Jackson, MS, at 11 a.m. with public viewing at 10 a.m. Interment was held at Autumn Woods Cemetery in Jackson.

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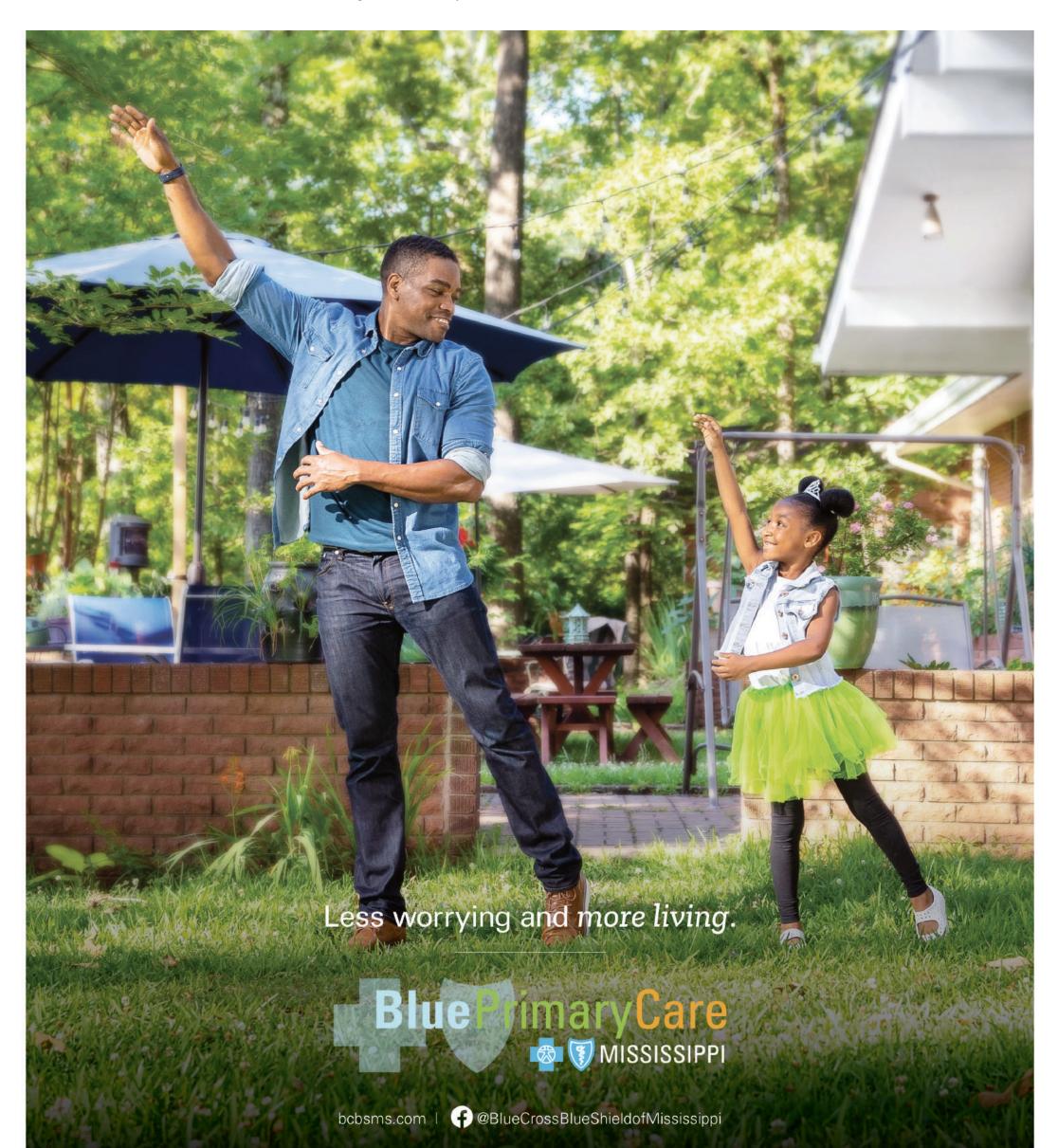


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proving community well-being.

### Harvey Johnson Jr.: Charting a New Course

Harvey Johnson Jr. made history in 1997 as the first African-American mayor of Jackson, Mississippi's capital and largest city. His election marked a milestone in the city's history, reflecting the progress made in the fight for racial equality and the increasing influence of African American leaders in shaping the state's future. Johnson's leadership focused on urban development, infrastructure improvement and fostering inclusive community dialogue.

### George Flaggs Jr.: A Visionary Leader for

Elected as the mayor of Vicksburg in 2013, George Flaggs Jr. brought to the office a wealth of experience from his tenure in the Mississippi House of Representatives. His leadership has

been characterized by pragmatism and a focus on economic development, public safety and enhancing the quality of life for all residents. Flaggs's tenure as mayor exemplifies how experienced leadership and a commitment to community can drive positive change in Mississippi's

These five mayors, through their pioneering efforts and dedicated service, have played pivotal roles in reshaping the political and social landscape of Mississippi. Their legacies, marked by breaking racial barriers and advocating for equity and justice, continue to inspire current and future leaders. As Mississippi moves forward, the contributions of Charles Evers, Eddie Carthan, Unita Blackwell, Harvey Johnson Jr., and George Flaggs Jr. remain enduring reminders of the power of leadership to effect meaning-

### Holmes

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about Dr. Holmes's impact. This led to Tougaloo College President, Dr. Adib Shakir, and Tougaloo Provost Dr. Bettye Parker-Smith considering whether Dr. Holmes could replicate his success at Tougaloo. "I was back and forth between the two for two years. In 1993, Tougaloo established a pre-law committee consisting of three professors, which we then expanded into a full program," Dr. Holmes recounted. Judge Reeves confirmed this story in a conversation with The Mississippi Link newspaper on February 16, 2024, praising Dr. Holmes's passion for teaching and his profound influence on students.

This year, the Pre-Law & Public Policy programs, housed in the School of Social Sciences, Department of Political Science, account for approximately 25% of Tougaloo's overall enrollment, according to Pre-Law Director and Director of the Reuben V. Anderson Institute for Social Justice, Julian D. Miller, Esq. This achievement marks the program as a beacon of success.

Holmes, who served as an adjunct professor and pre-law advisor from 1993 until 2012 on a fulltime basis, modestly claims to have retired, yet he continues to advise students and the program with

Dr. Holmes has two children and two grandchildren, ages 8 and 4. He humorously noted that his grandchildren think he walks like a turtle. His daughter, Marionette Holmes, serves as the chair of Economics and an associate professor at Spelman College in Atlanta. His son, Carey Holmes, spent twenty years in the U.S. Air Force and now

works for Pratt & Whitney at Tinker Air Force

Base in Oklahoma City.

When asked about his inspiration for becoming a teacher, Holmes stated, "I've wanted to become a teacher since 1954. I had wonderful teachers along the way." He mentioned Sam Cook, referring to Dr. Samuel Dubois Cook, who in 1966 became the first African American to hold a regular and/ or tenured faculty appointment at a predominantly white southern college or university. He also acknowledged Paula Boyd, an office manager who worked with the pre-law program at Tougaloo, as instrumental to his success.

pressed pride in being a teacher and the opportunity to inspire students. "They saw how enthusiastic I was about teaching and advising, and I'm proud of that," he said.

Dr. Holmes enjoys reading biographies and

When asked to describe Dr. Holmes, Julian D. Miller, Esq., immediately responded with "vision-

During Black History Month, The Mississippi Link newspaper is proud to profile Dr. Charles Henry Holmes for his lifetime of service to young

Reflecting on his distinguished career, he ex-

newspapers, attributing his love for reading to his mother, who taught him, "First you learn to read, then you spend the rest of your life reading to learn." He prefers reading and listening to the radio over watching television and has traveled to Africa six times, visiting Austria, India, Israel, Egypt and more. Since 1966, he has been teaching Sunday School at his beloved Mount Helm Baptist Church, continuing to do so, most recently on 5th Sundays.

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logue.

Ernestine "Tina" Martin Wyatt, a greatgreat-great-grandniece of Harriet Tubman, was among those to express excitement about meeting the descendants of fellow freedom fighters. "It's an equal collaboration. We are all coming together," Morris asserted.

Nearly 100 other guests, including members of the Congressional Black Caucus and administration officials, attended the event.

Rep. Terri Sewell (D-Ala.), a featured speaker, commended the families for their personal sacrifices and tireless work to preserve and protect their ancestors' legacies.

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"At a time when our fundamental freedoms are once again under attack, we are grateful to President Biden not only for convening this event but for his commitment to furthering the progress that our foremothers and forefathers fought and died to achieve," Sewell stated.

# Mississippi's minimum wage and waking the sleeping giant

Even as some Mississippi legislators are attempting to raise the minimum wage, Poor People's Campaign takes action to mobilize poor and low-wage voters



State Representative Carl L. Mickens (D-42) PHOTO: HTTPS:// WWW.LEGISLATURE.MS.GOV/



State Senator Derrick T. Simmons (D-12). PHOTO: HTTPS:// WWW.LEGISLATURE.MS.GOV/



L-R: Pastor Jose Torres, Emilie Shell (rear center), Sharon Brown (podium) PHOTO: CHRIS YOUNG

By Christopher Young Contributing Writer

Thirty states and the District of Columbia have minimum wages above the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. Five states have not adopted a state minimum wage: Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee, per the National Conference of State Legislatures on January 1, 2024.

In this new legislative session thousands of bills are being introduced at the Mississippi Capitol. One of those is House Bill 71, titled: "Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime." HB71 was authored by Representative Carl L. Mickens (D-42), who spoke to *The Mississippi Link* newspaper on February 17, 2024, about the status of HB71. He indicated that the Bill was accepted and referred to two House Committees for review: Workforce Development and the Business and Commerce committee. "Now we just have to wait and see what becomes of it as the committees do their

A similar bill was introduced in the upper chamber; SB2172 "Mississippi Minimum Wage Act; enact," was referred to the Labor and Accountability Efficiency and Transparency committees, according to its sponsor, Senator Derrick T. Simmons (D12), speaking on Jackson's Webeblievedigital.com - "Sizzling in Mississippi" podcast on February 19, 2024.

The last federal minimum wage increase – to \$7.25 per hour – came about in 2009, fifteen years ago, and so much has changed for employers and minimum wage employees since then. "It's clear that the federal minimum wage's purchasing power – the amount of goods or services that your money can buy – has severely eroded over time. The current federal minimum wage, adjusted in 2020 dollars, has less purchasing power than it did from the mid-1950's to around 1980," per www. forbes.com in February 2021. Forbes also mentions a 2019 Economic Policy Institute analysis that indicated that the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 "is worth 17% less than ten years ago and 31% less than in 1968." We know all too well that those percentages continue to rise each year.

Poverty makes the minimum wage discussion more pressing by the year. Despite this nation's abundant wealth, in 2022 the Census reveals a national 11.5% poverty rate – 37.9 million Americans live in poverty.

"A poverty wage is a level of pay that would put a full-time worker below the U.S. poverty line, an income threshold set by the federal government

each year. A living wage is a pay rate that would allow a given worker or household to afford its basic needs, such as housing, food, health care and transportation," per www.abcnews.com on January 10, 2023.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology working with Living Wage Institute, developed a Living Wage Calculator to help us grasp the disparities in wages, and just how far relying on a minimum wage misses the mark, helps keep poor people poor, and translates to devastating impacts for so many people. In Mississippi (The Hospitality State) 19.4% or 554,152 people live in poverty per https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/poverty-rate-by-state. The current Living Wage Calculator for Mississippi indicates that a working age adult needs to earn \$19.89 per hour to be able to afford basic needs. For an adult with one child, that number jumps to \$31.50 per hour. For a family with two adults working and two

children, the living wage rate is \$21.37 per hour. As we wait to see if 2024 is the year that Mississippi adopts a minimum wage and it translates to more than \$7.25 per hour, the Poor People's Campaign has launched an effort to mobilize - Wake the Sleeping Giant of 15 million poor and lowwage voters in more than 30 states. Per their press release, "Organizers refuse to accept poverty as the fourth leading cause of death in America and declare their votes are power and demands for living wages, voting rights, and an end to gun vio-

lence to save lives and save this democracy."

On February 20, 2024, Mississippi Poor People's Campaign leaders and partners gathered adjacent to The Mississippi Capitol to announce action on March 2, 2024, with a march from Smith-Robertson Museum to the south side of the Capitol. Gathering is at 10 a.m. and the assembly begins at 11 a.m. Demands include: "Fight poverty - not poor people, repeal open carry to address gun violence, expand Medicaid, fully fund public education, address Mississippi's deadly water crisis (PFAS), restore Mississippi ballot initiative process, affordable housing, just immigration laws, healthcare for all and an end to systemic racism and Mississippi's extremist political agenda,"

Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II (@RevDr-Barber) posted a message on X (formerly Twitter) February 17, 2024: "Low-income voters accounted for at least 20% of the voting electorate in 45 states in 2020 – and that share grew to near or above 40% in battleground states, including states that flipped or retained very small margins of victory." Staggering numbers to accept in the wealthiest country in the world.



MS Poor People's Campaign Tri-Chairs, Makani Themba (Moderator), Mikel Bolden (MS Votes, Erica Jones (Pres. MS Association of Educators, Nsombi Lambright (Executive Director One Voice) PHOTO: CHRIS YOUNG

# Five JPS educators achieve prestigious **National Board Certification**







Dr. Cathy Dunston



**Dawn Husband** 



**Rhonda Murphy Johnson** 

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Jackson Public Schools (JPS) is thrilled to announce that five exemplary educators have achieved National Board Certification, marking a significant accomplishment in their professional careers. Michelle Brown, Alexandria Drake, Cathy Dunstan, Dawn Husband and Rhonda Murphy-Johnson have all demonstrated the highest standards of teaching excellence, aligning with the rigorous criteria set by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NB-

### Michelle Brown: Champion of Special Education

Michelle Brown, a dedicated 7th-grade inclusion teacher at Chastain Middle School, has

specialized in teaching mild/ moderate disabilities for grades K-12. With five years at Chastain Middle School, Brown's expertise spans a broad range of educational levels. Her master's degree in special education from Delta State University and her recent National Board Certification in Special Education are testaments to her commitment to educational excellence and her dedication to her students.

### Alexandria Drake: Advocate for Social Studies

Having spent eight years teaching secondary social studies within JPS, Alexandria Drake's passion for history and social science shines through her work. A graduate of Jackson State University

and the University of Texas at Austin, Drake began her teaching journey at Murrah High School before moving to JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School. Her certification in Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood is a culmination of her lifelong dream and her belief in the importance of quality education.

### Dr. Cathy Dunstan: Multifaceted Educator

Dr. Cathy Dunstan's 40-year tenure in education spans from music to English Language Learning (ELL). Currently serving ELL students at Sykes Elementary, Dunstan has embraced diversity through her knowledge of multiple languages and her extensive educational background in music

and vocal performance. Her dual National Board Certifications reflect her versatile teaching skills and her dedication to meeting the needs of all stu-

### Dawn Husband: Specialist

in Exceptional Education With over 20 years of experience, Dawn Husband specializes in exceptional education, teaching across various grades and programs. Her return to JPS 12 years ago as a pre-K exceptional education teacher has allowed her to impact the lives of young learners significantly. Husband's 2023 National Board Certification in Special Education underscores her expertise and passion for inclusive education.

Rhonda Murphy-Johnson:

### Leader in English Language

Affectionately known as Mrs. MJ, Rhonda Murphy-Johnson brings 14 years of educational passion to her role. With advanced degrees in Educational Leadership and Curriculum & Instruction, her recent National Board Certification in English Language Arts-Adolescence and Young Adulthood exemplifies her commitment to literacy and instructional excellence. Currently, she serves as the Educator Preparation Teacher at Jackson Middle College, continually seeking professional development opportunities to enhance her teaching practice.

In December 2023, Mississippi proudly added 131 new National Board-Certified Teachers to its ranks, bringing the state total to 4,818. The National Board Certification process is demanding and comprehensive, involving performance-based assessments, analysis of classroom teaching, and student learning, as well as examinations of subject-matter knowledge and pedagogical practices.

JPS congratulates these five educators for their outstanding achievements and their unwavering dedication to the profes-

Their success not only elevates the standard of teaching within Jackson Public Schools but also serves as an inspiration to their colleagues and the wider educational community.

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In the fall of 1965, 11 black students volunteered to integrate John W. Provine High School. After attending three years at Jim Hill, the students decided during the senior year to break barriers on behalf of future generations of students in the capital city by enrolling at Provine. They followed through in spite of extreme opposition. The Fearless 11 has been made into a documentary film recounting their experiences.



**Davis Elementary (now Barack Obama Elementary)** was first integrated in September 1964. A first-grader held his mother's hand as he arrived for the first day at the previously all-white school. While black students could voluntarily integrate white schools, thatnks to the passing of the Civil Rights Act, it would take until 1970 before local public schools would fully integrate.



13-year-old student at Rowan Junior High School when he was arrested on July 7, 1961.

Watkins was the youngest Freedom Rider, a group of civil rights activists who took bus trips throughout the south to protest segregated terminals. He was sentenced to death row but Gov. Ross Barnett released him at the behest of President John F. Kennedy.



Smith Robertson School (established in 1894) was the first public school for black children in Mississippi. Smith

Robertson, the school's namesake, was the first black Alderman in Jackson and a successful barber. The school was originally named the West Jackson Colored School and became known as the Mother School. One of its most famous students was renowned author Richard Wright.

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Blue and White Day at the Capitol: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated, State of Mississippi PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON



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# Black women with high blood pressure before age 35 may have triple the risk of a stroke

The American Heart Association

Black women who develop high blood pressure before age 35 and are on medication for hypertension may have triple the odds of having a stroke, and those who develop high blood pressure before age 45 may have twice the risk of suffering a stroke, according to a preliminary study which was presented at the American Stroke Association's International Stroke Conference 2024 held in Phoenix, Feb. 7-9. It is a world premier meeting for researchers and clinicians dedicated to the science of stroke and brain

"This research was motivated by the glaring disparity I have seen in my own practice. Strokes are occurring at younger ages among my patients who identify as Black and among women," said the study's lead author Hugo J. Aparicio, M.D., M.P.H., an associate professor of neurology at Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine. "Early onset stroke, particularly at midlife, is even more tragic because these patients often have families or are caretakers for sick family members."

"In addition, early onset stroke at a younger age is associated with an increased risk of dying, as well as a burden of physical disability that creates many problems for stroke survivors and their families as they try to re-integrate into their normal lives and return to work," Apari-

According to the American Heart Association's Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics 2024 Update, the rate of high blood pressure in Black adults in the



**Blood Pressure Check** 

United States is among the high-

est in the world. In the U.S.,

about 58% of Black women have

high blood pressure, while 43%

of white women, 38% of Asian

women and 35% of Hispanic

women have high blood pres-

Researchers investigated how

the development of high blood

pressure at a younger stage in

life among Black women may

influence the risk of a potentially

disabling stroke. They examined

data from the Black Women's

Health Study, a study of 59,000

Black women from across the

United States who have been fol-

lowed since 1995 via question-

Researchers compared partici-

pants with and without treatment

for hypertension before age 45,

naires once every two years.

between ages 45-64, and within 10-year age intervals from 1999 to 2019. The analysis found that stroke

occurred in 1,485 participants (3.2%) during up to 23 years of follow-up. Compared to Black women with no history of hypertension treatment: Black women who developed

high blood pressure and began hypertension treatment between ages 24-34 had a 3.1 times higher risk of having a subsequent Black women who developed

high blood pressure and were treated before age 45 had a 2.2 times higher risk of stroke. · Black women who had high

blood pressure and were treated between ages 45-64 faced 1.69 higher odds of a stroke.

"We expected to see an association between having high blood pressure at a younger age and having a stroke during midlife and later life, however, we were surprised and concerned to see the magnitude of the relationship, especially for women who were taking antihypertension

medications before age 35,"

Aparicio said.

"This was striking because we had the ability to adjust or account for many important factors in this longitudinal study, including clinical factors like smoking, body weight and diabetes status; and neighborhood socioeconomic status, which is estimated using zip code data. We also adjusted for people living in certain geographic regions in the U.S. where stroke is more

common and where stroke mortality is higher, mainly clustered in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the country, or the so-called Stroke Belt."

Study details and background:

• Data was drawn from the Black Women's Health Study of 59,000 Black women from across the United States who have been followed since 1995 via questionnaires once every two years.

• Study participants were age 24-64 years old (average age of 42) and had not suffered a stroke when they enrolled in the study.

• This investigation follows participants from 1999; participants reported whether they had been diagnosed with high blood pressure and were taking any antihypertensive medication.

• Follow-up was from 1999 until whichever came first: stroke, death, loss to follow-up or end of study follow-up in December 2019. Strokes were self-reported once every two years.

Study limitations include that researchers were unable to obtain medical records for all participants who reported a stroke, and not all stroke events may be reported by the participants. Aparicio said self-reported high blood pressure diagnoses were proven reliable in previous analyses of the Black Women's Health Study.

"My hope is that healthcare professionals are persuaded to pay special attention to high blood pressure screening and treatment over the life course for African American women, such as during child-bearing years and both before and at the start of middle age. Healthcare policy changes are needed so that primary prevention is promoted and funded because by the time a Black woman has a stroke at middle age, it is often too late," Aparicio said.

"While many factors contribute to early-onset hypertension resulting in an alarming stroke burden among Black women, an understudied component is the cumulative impact of multiple psychosocial stressors that likely disproportionately affect Black women compared to women from other racial and ethnic groups regardless of socioeconomic status. The impact of these stressors also likely affect the ability of Black women to receive and maintain holistic care," said the American Heart Association's Immediate Past President Michelle A. Albert, M.D., M.P.H., FAHA, who is also the Walter A. Haas-Lucie Stern Endowed Chair in Cardiology and professor of medicine at the University of California at San Francisco, director of the CeNter for the StUdy of AdveRsiTy and CardiovascUlaR DiseasE (NURTURE Center) and associate dean of admissions at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine. Dr. Albert was not involved in the study.

Statements and conclusions of studies that are presented at the American Heart Association's scientific meetings are solely those of the study authors and do not necessarily reflect the Association's policy or position

The findings are considered preliminary until published as a full manuscript in a peer-reviewed scientific journal.

# A question about asthma

By Vince Faust Tips to Be Fit

"My daughter has asthma and wants to get into an exercise program to lose weight. What is asthma? What can she do that won't cause her to have an attack?" - Robert Conshohocken, PA

Asthma is estimated to effect 1 in 13 people. Asthma shows no prejudice, it doesn't matter what race, sex, age, education level, economic background or occupation.

Over 25 million Americans have asthma. More women than men have asthma. Children make up 25% of the asthma population. Blacks and Hispanics have the highest percentage

States with the highest percent-

Maine 12.5, New Hampshire 12.1, Vermont 11.8, Kentucky 11.7, Massachusetts 11.7, District of Columbia 11.6, Michigan 11.5, Puerto Rico 11.4, Oregon 11.2, Oklahoma 10.9, Kansas 10.6, Connecticut 10.5, Colorado 10.4, Pennsylvania 10.3, Indiana 10.3, Alabama 10.1, Mississippi 10.0, Georgia 9.4

States with the lowest percentage Guam 4.7, Virgin Islands 5.0, Hawaii 8.1, Nebraska 8.2, South Dakota 8.3, North Dakota 8.4, Illinois 8.7, North Carolina 8.7, California 8.8, Minnesota 8.8, New Jersey 8.9, Texas

Unless you have asthma or a disease that affects your lungs, it will be hard to understand how it feels to struggle to breathe. During an attack the asthmatic will feel a tightening in the chest, begin to wheeze, cough and find it difficult to breathe. This situation can be frightening. The attack and symptoms can be severe or quite mild. The frequency of attacks can

In many asthmatic people, allergic reactions cause oversensitivity in their bronchial tubes. The muscles in

the bronchial walls will contract, the membrane lining the tubes will swell regular bases. and the glands in the bronchial wall

Asthma can be triggered by a number of situations. These triggering situations can include infection, emotional upset, allergic reaction, chemical exposure or physical stress. Once the asthmatic's condition has been triggered their bronchial tubes become oversensitive. Once the tubes become oversensitive something as simple as a change in temperature or humidity can cause an attack.

will produce mucus.

There are no cures for asthma. In the past few years scientist have been able to identify genetic markers that may someday lead to a cure for asthma. What doctors do now is treat the symptoms and try to get the asthmatic to prevent attacks and lessen the severity. There are a number of things you

can do to lessen the severity or even prevent asthma attacks. You should avoid those things that can irritate the lungs. Avoid the following situations. **Tobacco smoke:** If you smoke you

should stop. Avoid situations where people smoke. Avoid rooms that are filled with smoke. The smoke may not trigger an attack right away, but in a few hours it could be a big factor in causing an attack.

Dust: You should try to avoid dusty enclosed areas. If your work site is very dusty you might want to change your situation. To avoid a dusty home you should clean and vacuum on a

Pets: Pets can be a real problem. Try to limit the areas they have ac-

Foods: You should avoid food that you know you are allergic to. This can be difficult at times, but you should think about how you would feel if you had an attack. To find out what foods you're allergic to, you'll have to see a doctor to get a food allergy test.

Quick temperature and humidity changes: Sudden temperature and humidity changes or extremes of heat and cold can trigger an attack. The ideal air situation is slightly warm and moist. If you find that temperature causes attacks for you, try setting the thermostat to a reasonable temperature. If humidity causes your attack try using something that will control humidity.

**Emotional stress and fatigue:** Try to control your emotions by developing coping skills. You should also be aware of your physical limits and try not to overdo it. Proper rest is a must if you want to avoid fatigue.

Infection: Minor infections such as colds can cause an attack. If you find you are coughing or have flu symptoms and you have asthma you should get complete treatment to get rid of the cold or flu.

Pollens: Try to avoid freshly cut lawns which can be a problem in some areas. Settings such as parks, mountains or rural areas can also present a pollen problem.

Molds: Try to avoid damp, musty basements and buildings. Don't rake or burn leaves or dry grass. You should disinfect or destroy any moldy articles. Decontaminate household areas infected with mold.

Multi chemical exposure: Avoid wearing heavy perfumes, using soap with perfumes, coloring, deodorants and hair sprays. Something as simple as wearing a deodorant and a little perfume can cause problems. Each chemical you put on your body is heated by your body's temperature. This can produce thousands of other compounds that can trigger an asth-

Many asthmatics can workout. In many cases exercise will improve lung function and decrease the severity and frequency of attacks. Because an attack can be brought on by strenuous exercise it is important to warm up slowly and increase to a level of exertion, which is not too stressful for the asthmatic. One of the problems with overexertion is due to the fact that asthmatics can't deliver enough oxygen to the blood to perform above a certain level. This level is different for each person. It can also increase as the person becomes more conditioned. If exercise brings on an attack your daughter may avoid it by taking her medication before she exercises.

To start her program she should do something non competitive such as walking, low impact aerobics, or cycling. Swimming can be beneficial if the water is not too cold and she's not allergic to the chlorine. She can also do toning exercises. Drinking water during a workout helps reduce the thickness of the mucous, which will help ease breathing. It is extremely important to warm up slowly and cool down gradually. Also, avoid exercising if it's too cold, humid or smoggy and when extremely tired or emotionally upset.

### **Brunch** at Village **Kitchen focuses** on Black men's health issues



The American Heart Association

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health Black Men's Health Council will host a Brotherhood Brunch, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, February 25, 2024, at The Village Kitchen 219. The Village Kitchen 219 is located 219 Tougaloo Village, Jackson,

The Brotherhood Brunch is designed to facilitate vital conversations concerning Black men's health. Attendees will receive free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, informative health resources and free brunch.

The brunch, which is sponsored by the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health, the Black Men's Health Equity Council, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the Village Kitchen and MS Move, is free and open to the public.

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health was established in 2019 to reduce health disparities among disadvantaged and underserved minority populations in Mississippi through the development of collaborative partnerships with community stakeholders and the implementation of evidence-based public health interventions with a particular focus on health equity.

For further details or inquiries, contact Warren Jones at 424 312-5866 or via email at wjones@advancingminorityhealth.org.

# Vice President Harris's fight for reproductive freedom

By Ben Jealous

People For the American Way



significance of having a woman as America's Vice President is profound, especially at this moment.

This is vividly illustrated by Vice President Kamala Harris's bold decision to advocate for reproductive freedom amidst an aggressive attack on the right to choose. Vice President Harris is cur-

rently undertaking an extensive Reproductive Freedom Tour across the nation. As the New York Times has

reported, "The vice president has been the administration's most forceful voice for abortion rights in the year and a

half since Roe v. Wade was overturned."

This issue resonates not only with those who can bear children but also profoundly impacts many of us in various aspects of our lives.

As a father of a daughter,

a citizen of this country, and someone deeply influenced by my grandmother, Mamie Todd, who initiated her social change career at Planned Parenthood in Baltimore, I feel this personally. Despite abortion being illegal at that time, the mission remained focused on reproductive health and freedom, centering on birth control, education and basic healthcare amidst challenges, notably in a predominantly Catholic city and state.

By the early 1940s, when my

grandmother was engaged in this work, progress had been made since 1916 when Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, was arrested for establishing the nation's first birth control clinic in Brooklyn. However, the Comstock Act, which criminalized the distribution of contraceptives, was still enforced, marking contraceptives as obscene and prohibiting their distribution via mail or across state lines.

In the era before Roe v. Wade, when abortions were illegal in most parts of the country, many people still sought them, often to escape abusive relationships or to avert other grave consequences. Due to their illegal status, these procedures were risky, often resulting in death or permanent injury.

Compounding these risks, many individuals performing abortions were unqualified or not medical professionals at all. While some abortion providers took significant personal risks to ensure women could escape dangerous situations, the lack of a system for medical review or accountability meant patients were desperate. From 1973 until 2022, when

the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, abortions were safe and legal. The Supreme Court's decision has since spurred a wave of legislation threatening to regress to perilous times, affecting women seeking to escape harmful situations and those facing unimaginable circumstances. Recently, the Missouri State Senate rejected amendments to the state's restrictive abortion laws that would have allowed exceptions for rape and

This underscores the importance of Vice President Harris's leadership. It's conceivable that any vice president might combat these attacks, but Vice President Harris's advocacy, particularly when she speaks out against laws restricting women's freedoms, carries an urgency and authenticity that is uniquely impactful.

Let's be clear about the role men must play as allies at this moment. My grandmother's fierce advocacy for equality and reproductive freedom set a powerful example. My parents also taught me that understanding and combating gender inequality and sexism is a shared responsibility. The collaborative efforts of President Biden and Vice President Harris in challenging state-level restrictions on abortion rights reflect this lesson.

Now, more than ever, it is crucial for everyone, regardless of sex or gender, to unite against the disregard for the lives, health and equality of those for whom abortion is a fundamental right. The continued efforts to dismantle reproductive freedom will not cease unless we take a stand. We are fortunate to have a courageous leader like Vice President Harris championing this cause.

Ben Jealous is the executive director of the Sierra Club and a Professor of Practice at the University of Pennsylvania.

## **Celebrating Black History Month**

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



This year, perhaps more than any before, it is crucial that we pay close attention to Black History. At a time when books

are being banned from local libraries – particularly those that narrate the history and struggles of Black Americans against slavery and racism – our very identity and future are under threat.

know where you come from, you cannot know where you are going. This is especially true for African Americans, who owe their presence today to the resilience of ancestors who refused to let their circumstances quench their dreams for a better future for themselves and their descendants.

We must remind ourselves that our identities are not for others

to define; we are neither disadvantaged nor handicapped. We are born with an inherent right to equality and have always fought for equity, even when denied by others. We are "We The People."

It is crucial that the chains removed from our bodies are not replaced with mental shackles. By utilizing the tools at our disposal, we can lift ourselves out of poverty. We possess everything Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. referred to in his 1957 speech when he emphasized the power of the ballot to elect officials who will champion Today, many of us do not make

use of what we have. We enjoy freedom of movement, thought and the autonomy of our minds. Yet, many squander these freedoms, conforming to how others dictate what we should think, dress and spend our resources on non-essentials.

We have the freedom to wor-

ship, yet many of us only turn to prayer in times of crisis.

In addition to recognizing Black History, Carter G. Woodson left us with a crucial work, "The Miseducation of the Negro." It's time to honor his legacy of Black History with our contributions to the era we live in and to those with whom we share this

Only by engaging in thoughtful activity and making black history a daily experience, can we truly honor the legacy bestowed upon us, extending beyond just the month of February each year. Where do you stand, and what are you doing with what you've been

Let's move beyond merely reacting to others' expectations and complaints, focusing instead on what we can each do right where we are. Let's take charge of defending our heritage and not leave it in the hands of others.

# If you break it, fix it

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



One of the interesting times growing was being called into the room

one of my parents discovered a broken item that one or both typically had a close attachment. Our parents would give us two ultimatums: one was to confess and tell the truth to avoid punishment. They would interrogate us until one of us confessed. One by one, each of us would adamantly confess that we didn't break the item and didn't know who broke it. A couple of my siblings would sob expressing their involvement of not breaking the item. One would stand there and not utter anything. I would stand there thinking that the guilty better fess up before we all get something we didn't want. Eventually, the quiet one would mildly confess, "I did it." Boy, the non-guilty would be relieved yet we felt sorry for the guilty one.

However, the second ultimatum that our parents gave was if you break it, fix it. Just like in this scenario, if a spouse breaks their spouse's heart, they should be willing to fix it especially if they want a happy and healthy marriage.

What does a broken heart look like in marriage? A broken heart is just that – the heart is suffering from disappointment, hurt and agony due to actions caused by a

How do spouses break their partners' heart?

- Broke one or more aspects
- of the Marriage Vows Lack of communication – dread talking to each other -
- only talk if you must • Jealously – a jealous spouse who always accuses, questions your every action (this can become overbearing)
- Extreme nagging Constantly complaining, demand-

or another type of jealously is

one who envies your success

ing and aggravation

- · Mismanagement of finances - big spending/ purchase big items without consent of both spouses - finances is one of the top reasons for divorce in America
- Gaslighting deliberately talk about your spouse in a degrading and humiliating manner
- Physical, verbal, mental and emotional abuse
- Physical and emotional af-
- Addictions

• Spousal neglect – Spouses neglect to fulfil their spouses' love language. According to author Dr. Gary Chapman, there are five main love languages: words of affirmation, acts of service, receiving gifts, quality time and physical touch.

There are many lonely spouses because of:

- Spouse abandonment
- Parenting/children issues
- Secrets
- No reciprocation you're pouring into your spouse and marriage, but your spouse is not pouring back into you and your marriage – there are a lot of thirsty spouses
- Little to no sexual intimacy – this can reflect rejection if little to no initiation of affection, attention and intimacy is shown.

What are the symptoms of a broken heart in marriage? The symptoms can involve the following:

- Disconnection you have withdrawn the remaining pieces of your heart that's left
- from your spouse/marriage
- Mistrust
  - Loneliness - Miserable
- Growing apart or have grown apart
- Living separate lives married on paper but living like you are single
- You have counted your spouse and/or marriage as dead
- Plans don't include your
- Heart is so broken only God can mend it – spousal amends are almost too late

- You imagine being alone or with being someone else.

In conclusion, husbands and wives, just like my parents' ultimatum, if your break your spouse and/or children's hearts you must be willing to go out of your way to fix the break.

How to fix what you broke? First, ask for forgiveness and provide heartfelt apologies as necessary. Second, make a commitment not to repeat the hurt. Third, reassure your spouse of your love and commitment for the marriage and family. Fourth, make continuous efforts to invest in your marriage by dating, creating new positive memories such as attending marriage workshops and seek professional martial counseling. Five, don't live in the yesterday – forgive - you can't change what happened, but you can decide to celebrate today. Six, communicate about what you are feeling - don't care what it is and be willing to listen. Seven, love unconditionally. Lastly, stop measuring your marriage based on other marriages. I promise I don't know any perfect marriages - some may have deceived you into thinking that theirs is perfect but those may be the very ones who are living in misery and/or are on the verge of separating and divorcing.

Both me and my husband have hurt each other in some way throughout our marriage but we have decided by the grace of God to fix each other's heart every chance we get. It's simple, if you break it, fix it – period.

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### We ask why, what happened? By Jannie Johnson spectful to peers and to persons of authority. They do less than Sometime their best at school, home and elsewhere. They feel that nothago, I was in the

Caring n' Sharing



presence of my little 3-year-old nephew He was playing on the floor near

the coffee table. There was a glass of water on the table. In his playing, he knocked the glass of water over. He saw the spilled water and he asked, in a surprised and high tone, "What happened?" He did not see the connection

between his playing and the spilled water. He did not realize that he was responsible for the spilled water, but... he... was.... We adults realize that because little Ron was an innocent 3-year-old with limited knowledge and understanding, he could not make the connection between the spilled water and his behavior.

We adults are not innocent children. We have some knowledge, some understanding and some experience. But, in a surprised and high tone we ask, "What's happening to our children? They are angry, disreing is wrong with their choice of language, dress style or lifestyle. They are not embarrassed about getting arrested or going to jail. They are not ashamed of making Fs, repeating grades, getting suspended or making illegitimate babies. If we say that to steal, shoot or kill is wrong, they say that's a matter of opinion.

It's difficult to motivate youngsters or get them excited about the noble things of life, long term. They are so easily bored. And, we ask, "What happened? What is happening with this generation of children?

We see not the connection or we have not the courage to admit that we see the connection between our behavior and that of our children. We have not to face the truth about the errors of our ways. We are afraid to speak out against the modern day attitude toward parenting. (Question: Is what we are doing, or not doing, working for us at our house, school house;

how so?) Well.... We say that the children of today are so different than the children in our day. Yes, that's one side of the parenting coin. The other side of that parenting coin is ... are we the parents of today different from the parents of yesteryears?

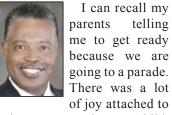
We might choose to deny this but our children reflect us. But, if we would take an honest look and tell the truth, we can see that we have made some bad changes/choices in our language, dress style and lifestyle and now our children are suffering. They don't know what to do, when, where, how or with whom. They are confused. They are angry. And, we shake our heads and ask in a surprised, high tone, "What is happening to our children?"

Parents/adults, we need to repent for leaving the old true and tried path of parenting and return to that which brought us up and brought us through and ask the Lord to help us to see the connection between our behavior and that of our children. We need to realize and accept our responsibility to show and tell them how to live principledcentered lives, not as an event, but as their chosen lifestyle.

# The Kansas City Chief's Super Bowl Parade marred by gun violence was sad and tragic

By James B. Ewers Jr. President Emeritus

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going to a parade as a child. Bands were playing and people all dressed up were waving

In my hometown, we didn't have many parades so each one we had was a special occasion. You will agree that there is something exciting about watching a parade.

Over time with humility, I say that my family and I have been privileged to be in a few parades. So, I have had the chance to be on both sides of the float, so to speak.

The past few months have been filled with parades. Some, we have watched on television like the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade and others we have seen in person such as a parade associated with a football bowl game.

If you live in the Crescent City, you just witnessed a wonderful Mardi Gras season. I have often said to people you have to see a Mardi Gras parade in person. You must put traveling to New Orleans during carnival season on your itinerary. You will never, ever forget the experience. Make

your reservations now.

Of course, there are parades associated with professional sports teams. When they win a championship, you can count on their team's city hosting a parade in their honor. Players and coaches are among those on floats showing appreciation to the fans for their support.

At some point during the celebration, the players will enthusiastically tell the crowd that they will win the championship again next year. When Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs said that last year, did you believe them? Well, they won the Super Bowl this year in dramatic fashion against the San Francisco 49ers.

However, something went terribly wrong at the parade on Feb. 14. There was a mass shooting. To use the terms mass shooting and Super Bowl parade together is unbelievable. It is just beyond the pale that joy could turn into pain in a matter of moments is unthinkable.

Yet the unthinkable and the uncalled for did happen. The shooting occurred as the parade was ending. One person is dead and 22 people were injured. Some of the injured were children. Bullets from a gun going into a child's tender body is unimaginable.

Two juveniles are being held at a juvenile detention center on gun-related and resisting arrest charges according to reports. Kansas City Police Chief Stacey Graves said, "I am grateful for the charges against the two juveniles who hurt innocent people, simultaneously scarring an entire community."

Further reporting says there was some type of dispute involving a small group of people. Whether a small number or a big number, innocent bystanders had hurt, harm and danger overtake them through no fault of their own.

The death of a popular radio personality, Lisa Lopez-Galvan, is being taken hard by community members. Her brother, Beto Lopez said, "She was a very wholesome, very

caring, very loving individual." His comments were made on NBC's Today Show.

Sadly, but a fact of life is that some people who get dressed to go out have a gun as a part of their apparel. They carry with the intent of protecting themselves from us. However, we aren't carrying guns. I won't ever understand the need for guns in the public square. Someone's life was taken because of momentary insanity.

Sadness, hurt and mourning will be a part of these families' lives forever. Unfortunately, this tragedy is not like a football game where one team wins and the other team loses. Here, everyone lost.

# Health care as a civil right

By Sandra C. Melvin, DrPH, MPH Chief Executive Officer, The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health



Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and the

disparities in health and health care is important not only from an equity standpoint but also for improving the nation's overall health and economic prosperity. People of color and other underserved groups experience higher rates of illness and death across a wide range of health conditions, limiting the overall health of the

The lack of equitable health care access, delivery, and coverage, combined with racialized poverty, segregation, environmental degradation, and discrimination, harm people of color and drive poorer health outcomes, which are exacerbated in prison settings.

Furthermore, the systems that perpetuate inequity in health care delivery and health outcomes have also largely relegated mental health and substance use treatment to the criminal legal system, destabilizing communities and further fueling mass incarceration.

People of color are disproportionately punished for using drugs instead of being referred to treatment. Although Black and

White people use drugs at similar rates, this trend is also seen in the rates at which Black mothers are reported to child protective services at the time of delivery, due to substance use, compared to their white counterparts.

Health equity is the presence of opportunity for each person to be as healthy as possible regardless of their identity or circum-

Several factors within and beyond the healthcare system drive disparities in health and health care. Though health care is essential to health, studies show that health outcomes are driven by multiple factors, including underlying genetics, health behaviors, social and environmental factors, and access to health care. While there is currently no consensus in the research on the magnitude of the relative contributions of each of these factors to health, studies suggest that health behaviors and social and economic factors, often referred to as social determinants of health, are the primary drivers of health outcomes and that social and economic factors shape individuals' health behaviors. Moreover, racism negatively affects mental and physical health both directly and by creating inequities across the social determinants of health.

Everyone has a right to good health and well-being. Individual health does not exist in a vacuum. It is tied to the community conditions in which we are born,

grow, live, work and age. For people of color, geography, income, and race are longstanding predictors of health outcomes. These health outcomes are influenced by fragmented public and private health systems and a lack of access to resources across the

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health works with other community partners, and stakeholders, to achieve health equity by building systems that eliminate discriminatory barriers to health, disrupt harmful stereotypes, promote health equity, support people who may be experiencing difficult circumstances, and advocate for policies to address systemic barriers that result in health disparities in minority, underserved and under-resourced communi-

As we observe Black History Month, let us pause and reflect on the tireless work of our ancestors and elders. Remember what they stood for and what they refused to allow. We stand on their shoulders and continue the fight to remove the barriers to access to health care that prevent people of color from improving their health outcomes and enjoying the quality of life that is the right of all people born in this country.

Health is a civil right, and everyone is entitled to the highest standard of care regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation or socioeconomic status.

## **Bennie G. Thompson** calls for urgent briefing on natural gas home explosions



Thompson

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS), released the following statement Tuesday regarding the ongoing investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board into recent natural gas home explosions in Jackson,

"I have formally requested an in-person briefing to thoroughly examine the circumstances sur-

rounding these alarming natural gas explosions and to determine whether they could have been prevented. The safety and well-being of our communities are paramount, and it is imperative that we take these incidents seriously. The potential risks posed by natural gas cannot be understated, and we must ensure that all necessary measures are in place to prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future.



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# Mississippi governor announces new law enforcement operation to curb crime in capital city

By Michael Goldberg Associated Press/Report for America

Law enforcement officials have surged local, state and federal resources to Mississippi's capital city for a new operation aimed at curbing violent crime, drug trafficking and other offenses, Gov. Tate

Reeves announced Tuesday.

Reeves and other officials provided few details of what the operation would entail on the ground, but said Jackson would see an increased police presence. The city has nation-leading homicide statistics, and arguments over the best way to reduce crime in the city have divided local and state lead-

But Reeves, a Republican, and Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, a Democrat, said they have come together around Operation Unified. The initiative targeting drug traffickes and violent criminals began in January with the help of numerous agencies.

"Jacksonians deserve to live in peace, and they should not have to fear for their safety while running errands or commuting to work," Reeves said. "Together with our local and federal partners, we will put a stop to it."

The participating agencies include the Jackson Police Department, the state-run Capitol Police, the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Reeves said the agencies would focus on reversing Jackson's high homicide rate.

Name



Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, left, and Mississippi Republican Gov. Tate Reeves, right, shake hands after the governor announced a major public safety operation called Operation Unified for the city of Jackson. AP PHOTO/ROGELIO V. SOLIS

WLBT-TV, a local news station, combat crime. Reeves signed a other large cities to measure homiyears, it still led the nation in killalmost 150,000 recorded 118 killings last year.

The state's white Republican leaders and the city's mostly Black Democratic leaders have disagreed in the past over the best way to

looked at data from Jackson and law in 2023 to expand the territory of the Capitol Police and create a cides based on population size. In state-run court in part of Jackson January, the outlet found that even with judges that are appointed raththough Jackson's homicide rate er than elected. Many Democrats had dropped for two consecutive have said the law is discriminatory and that more resources should be ings per capita in 2023. The city of used for crime prevention. The law was upheld in federal court after an NAACP lawsuit.

> On Tuesday, Lumumba said state and local leaders were moving beyond their disagreements, with the shared aim of keeping residents

"I hope that as we move forward, we can pledge to the residents of Jackson that our goal will not be for them to feel policed, but to feel protected," Lumumba said.

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# Mississippi seeing more teacher vacancies

The Associated Press

Mississippi has 182 more teacher vacancies than last year, bringing the total number of openings to 2,775, according to survey results published Thursday by the state's education department.

That trend extends to other school workers. The 2023-24 Educator Shortage survey, which looks at the K-12 education workforce in local school districts, shows there are 5,012 vacancies among teachers, administrators and support staff across the state. That is an increase of 24 compared to the 2022-23 school year.

The results come as schools nationwide have had difficulty recruiting enough teachers, particularly in parts of the South.

In Mississippi, teacher vacancies increased the most in the northwest and central regions of the state. Vacancies decreased northeast and southeast parts of the state.

Vacancies decreased by 192 among teacher assistants, nurses, custodians, bus drivers, food service staff and administrative assistants.

In a news release announcing the survey results, the state Department of Education said Mississippi's Teacher Residency program, which awards graduate-level teaching master's degrees, could increase recruitment. The department also suggested removing barriers to educator licensure and hosting more professional learning opportu-

The department's announcement didn't address salaries as a factor. The Mississippi Association of Educators, representing teachers, says better educator pay and benefits are needed to attract and retain talent.

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# **5 Key Facts About Stroke**



### types of stroke

Ischemic caused by a clot, Hemorrhagic caused by a rupture and Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) or "warning stroke" caused by a temporary blockage.



stroke kills

brain cells

Stroke happens when a clot

or rupture interrupts blood

flow to the brain. Without

oxygen-rich blood, brain

about one in four stroke survivors is at risk for another

Fortunately, up to 80 percent of second clot-related strokes may be preventable.



### prevention is key

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Time to Call 911

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# Perspective: Children born poor have little margin for mistakes or bad decisions, regardless of race

By Gary Fields

Associated Press

Alfred King was lying in the parking lot of a small apartment building, mortally wounded when police in Alexandria, Louisiana, got to the intersection of 12th and Magnolia Streets shortly before 1:30 a.m., Jan. 20.

The 34-year-old was the first fatal shooting victim of 2023 in the small city where I grew up and a large portion of my family

Alfred's death was similar to some I have covered since my first in 1985, a 38-year period when hundreds of thousands of people of all races and ethnicities have died violently in the U.S.

I know the details of too many of those incidents, from school shootings to a drug hit in a phone booth. I've heard the scream of a mom coming home from work and seeing her son in the street, encircled by yellow police tape. I've watched more than one mother gently touch the face of her teenage son then close the lid on the casket.

Some stories are burned into memory, like the Washington, D.C., teenager who asked his mom to send him out of the region to escape the violence. He spent years away only to come home one weekend to plan his high school graduation party and be randomly stabbed to death by

a stranger.

While I know some of those back stories, Alfred's is the one I can personally trace from a decision made years ago by adults to gunshots near the end of a rundown street.

Alfred is my first cousin. When he was 13 my wife and I tried to get legal custody of him after his mom was murdered, but his guardian said no.

I think about him often and the decision that kept him from reaching escape velocity, the things you need to get right to lift the weight of your birth circumstances off you. Those include family, education, jobs, friends, neighborhoods, adult interventions, hard work and good luck.

We say people can be whatever they want to be. To a degree that is true, but moving through the socioeconomic levels of America's economics-based caste system is like the Apollo moon missions of my youth. Millions of parts have to work perfectly to get you there and back.

According to "Race and Economic Opportunity in the United States: An Intergenerational Perspective," part of the groundbreaking Opportunity Insights project based at Harvard, only 2.5% of Black kids born to a parent or parents in the bottom quintile move to the top quintile of household income; for white

kids, the figure is 10.6%. What is more likely for both is they will stay in the poorest quintile or at best, move up one level to lower middle class. For white kids, that figure is 53.4% and for Black kids, 75.4%.

The focus on the statistics tends to be on the racial disparity. I see the disparity, but what I also see is that Black or White, less than half of the kids born poor move up much. Even if they make it one step, a car repair, a missed day at work or a high utility bill can begin a downward spiral. And there are millions born into that world, although we treat it like a moral failing.

One measure of Census data shows more than 10.7 million children younger than 18 lived below the poverty level in 2022, and that figure is undoubtedly higher because millions more lived in places where the incomes couldn't be determined.

Millions of young people live in homes where social security payments, WIC, SNAP and TANF, various food, nutrition and income assistance programs, are the order of the day.

Poverty isn't the purview of one race. Neither is violent death. Socioeconomics is a good predictor for victimhood and criminal justice involvement, as well as deficient health care and educational outcomes.

Alfred came into the world on the bottom economic rung and when he was 13 the critical decision was made that likely kept him there. His mom had been shot to death months before in Alexandria. My uncle, his dad, had done what he could but was broken down from working hard labor jobs, usually several at once and was living on limited income himself. He couldn't promise his son much future.

The first time I met him Alfred was a thin, gangly, very shy kid who kept his head down, avoiding eye contact. He spoke softly and slowly and was the target of

I don't remember him smiling – ever. Around me, at least, his nature was melancholy.

For Alfred, I was the cousin who had a charmed life. The truth is, for reasons I will never comprehend, I had nearly everything go right.

We love to talk about people pulling themselves up by their boot straps. A lot of people contributed to my boots and showed me how to use the straps. There were teachers, friends, family, neighbors and luck stirred together. That mixture was added to the foundation, a ninth-grade drop out unwed mom who truly valued education who married a good man who helped her raise me.

Alfred's grades were not

good. Something about the way he looked at me made me ask when he'd last had an eye exam. One optometrist visit and a pair of glasses later he could see the blackboard.

My wife and I decided then we wanted to bring him back to Maryland where we live. We wanted legal custody so my work benefits could cover him. We also wanted to be able to make decisions on his behalf without unforeseen bureaucratic or legal barriers that might arise.

My now dead uncle said yes but his message to me was Alfred's now late- grandmother said no. Alfred was getting a government check of some sort. I don't know how much it paid or what program it was. This year I asked the Social Security Administration what it might have been and there were a couple of possibilities. As a minor, he could have been eligible for benefits because of his dead mom. It also might have been Supplemental Security Income for some health problem

In a place where minimum wage was \$5.15 an hour at the time and people lived on the edge financial ruin, it did not matter how much, or for what. If you are born into a certain economic class everything goes towards basics: food, rent, utilities, clothing.

Alfred stayed in Louisiana.

Over the years, he reached adulthood and when I came home I would give him what cash I had, especially when he had kids of his own. By then he had a criminal record but he treated me the same and he checked on my mom, Aunt Shirley.

I can't and won't judge the decision that was made for the 13-year-old. I sadly understand the necessity of it. But I can wonder what would have happened if we had gotten him. I can't say for certain everything would have been OK but I believe we could have given him more options to a different path. What I want remembered is changing his path would also have changed the lives of anyone he may have wronged,

There are abandoned houses and empty lots in the neighborhood where he lived and died. I have been there multiple times this year.

I have seen a few young kids there, born into circumstances they didn't ask for, lives without margins for error or bad luck. I pray for them and the millions of kids like them, regardless of race or ethnicity, that everything goes right and they reach escape veloc-

Gary Fields, an award-winning, veteran journalist, writes about democracy for The Associated Press.



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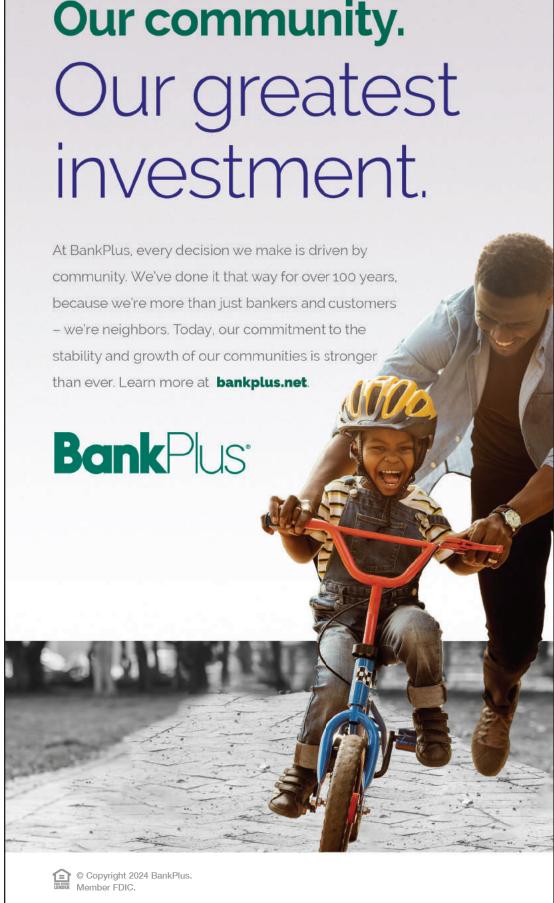
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# Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Alumni Chapter Salutes Hometown Heroes at Annual Scholarship Ball

By Tonja Nelson Contributing Writer

The Jackson (MS) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. partnered with the Greater Jackson Kappa Foundation to host its' annual Black and White Scholarship Ball. It was held at the Jackson Convention Center, February 17, 2024, beginning at 8:15 p.m.

With a room filled with supporters from far and near, the black tie event celebrated individuals who have dedicated their lives to serving the City of Jackson and the nation in the areas of STEM & health science, education, religion, government and public service

Dr. Audwin Fletcher, tenured professor at the University of MS Medical Center School of Nursing, received the Achievement Award for STEM and Health Science; Terrence Hill, principal of Green Elementary School, received the Professional Achievement Award in Education; Dr. Hickman Johnson, senior pastor of Farish Street Baptist Church, received the Professional Achievement Award in Religion; Judge Faye Peterson received the Professional Achievement Award in Government and Public Service;

Preston Lee and Richard Seals both received Brother of the Year awards; Dr. Ricky Thigpen, president and CEO of Visit Jackson, received Professional Achievement in Service Award; and James Reed, former Hinds County election commissioner received the PoleMarch Award.

Honoree Dr. Audwin Fletcher's motto in life is "Excellence is the expectation, perfection is the goal." His motto rang true for all honorees due to their tireless commitment to service. Those that were honored demonstrated that they serve others through hard work, sacrifice and integrity while staying true to the purpose of their lives.

The event also included a scholar-ship presentation to representative from Jackson State University, Tougaloo College and Piney Woods Country Life School to support deserving students in pursuing their education. This presentation demonstrated the commitment of the Jackson (MS) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and the Greater Jackson Kappa Foundation to advancing education and supporting the next generation of leaders.





# Feedback from REAL Learning Institute member, Jean Collier, about Civil Rights Museum tour

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

Jean Collier escorted four children (ages 6-14) to The Civil Rights Museum (222 North Street, Jackson, MS 39201) Sunday, February 11, 2024. When they entered the galleries and saw the exhibits, the children's raised evebrows and vocalized wows were clear revelations of a new world. They were amazed at what they were seeing.

Never before had the children seen the historical contexts regarding displayed artifacts. That two-hour moment of revelation allowed Collier to selfexamine and to mentally vow that she would work with Asinia Lukata Chikuyu - founder of REAL Learning Institute – to provide educational sessions for the group. She indicated that while the children appeared to be interested in the exhibits, they were off-course in knowledge of their history - Black

Collier shared that while three of the children are home schooled and one attends public school in Madison, "They had no idea about Black History. They knew nothing about the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). They think Black History started from slavery. A lot of people think that. This is what has hindered the children's knowledge of our history, but we're going to help them. The fourteen-year-



Mississippi Civil Rights Museum tourists left to right: Gwen Chapman, A'dyn Woodruff, Amari Woodruff, Ashton Woodruff, MaKayla Norwood, Mary Osborne and Jean Collier PHOTO COURTESY OF REAL LEARNING INSTITUTE

old knows a little, but the children just hear what others talk about: 'You're Black,'" said the chaperon.

As the chaperon continued, she explained that Black History is not taught in schools. In many instances, there are parents who fail to teach them. Thus, "There's a dire need for REAL Learning Institute to

expose the children to their cultural identity."

A stickler for Black History, Collier maintained that the children "should know how to read and write their history. We've got a lot to learn and go through with them, so they're going to be alright." Hence, she asserted that time is in the children's favor to become informed of their

roots and to walk in their truth.

In the interest of time, Collier recalled what Marcus Mosiah Garvey - Jamaican political activist, founder and first president/general of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League (UNIA-ACL) - said decades ago. She opined that it was befitting for the children

and would be a good way to begin the learning process. To her, Garvey's words must be instilled in the children. "We have a wonderful history behind us... If you are unable to demonstrate to the world that you have this record, the world will say to you, 'You are not worthy to enjoy the blessings of democracy or anything else."

REAL Learning Institute meets on the third and fourth Saturdays at Afrikan Art Gallery (800 N. Farish Street, Jackson, MS) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The next session will be held Saturday, February 24, 2024. Interested parents and children are encouraged to attend.

For more information call Jean Collier at 601 750-2889.

# Robert Stringer – man of distinction – shares life's survival skills with community

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

Contributing Writer

Robert Stringer, born and raised on a farm in Fayette, Mississippi, in 1942, grew up believing in the principles of productivity, which include task management, prioritization, time management and focus. He and his seven siblings - five brothers and two sisters - learned these survival skills early from their parents, Willie and Rosie

They learned that they needed not only to organize what they had to do but also to "structure" each day, which allowed them to benefit from the maximum results of their prioritizations. Such focuses would not have worked if they failed to alleviate distrac-

Work ethics are strong in the Stringer family. Willie worked from Monday through Friday as a railroad worker. He returned home and worked on the farm on weekends. Rosie, on the other hand, worked in the fields and then returned home to prepare meals, managing both her work and family duties. "We raised cotton, and my mother kept the books and paid off the field hands on weekends. All of the children worked on the farm until they went off to school or left home," voiced Stringer.

Looking back at that time period, Stringer discussed the family's life circumstances. "The living conditions were very good. We raised livestock, and we raised most of our food. [We owned our] own home and land."

Though living conditions were good for the Stringers, there were other unforgettable experiences. Blacks and Whites lived in separation. "I went to a segregated school. There was a school for Blacks and a school for Whites. I recall a Black man killed by a deputy sheriff for resisting arrest. After the passing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, Charles Evers was elected as the first Black mayor in the state of Mississippi," Stringer noted.

Expressing his first encounter with racism, Stringer remembered its occurrence during his high school junior year. The class was assigned to write a research

"The school was new and did not have many books in the library. Several classmates and I went to the public library to check out books for our research papers. The librarian responded that "the coloreds" were not allowed to check out books. She called the sheriff who, after contacting Stringer's uncle, wanted to know if the NAACP had prodded them to go to the library. After the uncle said no, we never heard any more about the incident," Stringer said.

As the years progressed, Stringer held a number of jobs. He recruited and selected many

students from HBCUs during his employment with the Department of Veteran Affairs at the Marion, IL VA. After he transferred to the Jackson, Mississippi VA Medical Center in 1995, he offered internship positions to students in health care administration at Jackson State Univer-

Stringer said, "After the completion of the HBCU intern program, many of these students were placed in high-level positions at the medical center, and some were able to secure jobs at other VA medical centers."

Though Stringer has seen many young people progress from their educational opportunities, he has advice for present-day youth. "My message to young people is to take advantage of and look for paid or unpaid internship opportunities. Also, ask if there is a mentoring program available to students."

To crystallize how young people can become proficient in their lifelong experiences, Stringer recommends three ethical principles that he lives by: (1) lead by example; (2) treat others as you want to be treated; and (3) let your word be your bond.

Throughout his life, he has visited and revisited these essential tools. They started at home and carried him to places and situations that allowed him to understand human nature and human dignity.

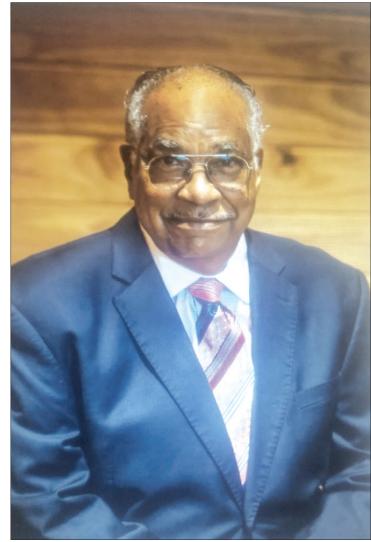
Stringer, a man endowed with survival skills, exudes warmth, intelligence and optimism. He engages in amicable talks and mentors in a positive light. His VA career led him to being the recipient of the VHA (Veterans Health Administration) Secretary's EEO Counselor of the Year Award and the Secretary's EEO Manager of the Year Award. He further received the President's

Volunteer Service Award. These are just a few "pats on the back" for a man of distinction, married to Deloris Stringer, a retired RN from the G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center (Jackson), after 25 years

of service. Since retiring from a distinguished 34-year career in federal service, Stringer has continued to make significant contributions to his community through various

He serves as an ambassador at Two Mississippi Museums, enriching visitors' experiences with his insights. At New Hope Baptist Church, he leads the men's prayer team, offering spiritual guidance and support.

His commitment to veterans shines through his work as a VAVS representative for the American Red Cross in Jackson, Mississippi. Stringer also actively participates in the Jackson Hinds Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and holds key positions at the Magnolia Federal



Stringer

PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT STRINGER

Credit Union, serving both on the Supervisory Committee and the Board of Directors.

Through these diverse engagements, Stringer exemplifies a life dedicated to service, leadership

and the betterment of his community, seamlessly blending his passion for history, spirituality, veterans' welfare, fraternity brotherhood and financial stewardship into his retirement years.

# Rep. James Clyburn steps down from House leadership

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA Senior National Correspendent

Longtime South lina Democratic Rep. James Clyburn has announced his resignation from his House leadership position, effective immediately, while simultaneously committing to run for re-election. Clyburn, a staunch supporter of President Joe Biden, said he aims to focus on conveying the message of inclusivity and unity that defines the greatness of the United States.

During an interview Sunday, Feb. 18, Clyburn, 83, expressed his continued disdain for former President Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" mantra, asserting that the country is already great but needs to ensure accessibility and affordability for all citizens.

He encouraged Biden to emphasize his experience, wisdom and commitment to maintaining connections with the American people during the upcoming presidential campaign.

"I am fond of saying this is a great country in no need of being made great. We just got to figure out ways to make this country's greatness accessible and affordable for all of our citizens. And Joe Biden is do-



Congressman James Clyburn, South Carolina (6th District)

stay focused on that," Clyburn stated emphatically.

Clyburn, who had previously announced his intention to seek reelection, also reiterated that he's only stepping aside as assistant Democratic leader, which marks the end of his influential tenure in House leadership. The move comes amid years of speculation about Clyburn's retirement and the subsequent race to fill the void in the majority Black 6th Congressional

ing that. And we have got to District, covering substantial parts of the Interstate 95 corridor, Northeast Columbia and North Charleston.

Expressing gratitude for the trust placed in him by colleagues throughout his career, Clyburn acknowledged the changing political landscape and his role in shaping it. Last year, he played a pivotal role in moving the South Carolina Democratic presidential primary to a leading position.

He collaborated with Republican Governor Henry McMaster to expand broadband access to rural South Carolina.

The departure of Clyburn from his assistant Democratic leader role represents a broader shift in leadership dynamics, completing the transition from the era of former Speaker Nancy Pelosi, of California, to a younger generation led by Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York.

"I am deeply grateful for the confidence my colleagues have placed in me throughout my career," Clyburn stated.

### **Trump and associates** ordered to pay \$354 million in damages in fraud trial



By Stacy M. Brown NNPA Senior National Correspondent

When she assumed the role of New York Attorney General, Letitia James made little bones about her desire to take down Donald Trump for what she said was the massive business fraud his organization had committed in the Empire State. She also took aim at his politics, filing numerous lawsuits related to immigration and environmental policies during Trump's White House tenure.

James also inherited an ongoing state lawsuit against Trump's charitable foundation, initiated before her term, successfully steering it towards a settlement that included a substantial \$2 million fine.

Demonstrating her commitment, she filed another civil lawsuit against Trump the following year, accusing his company of deceiving banks, insurers and others by artificially inflating the value of assets and his net worth

on financial documents.

In a clever twist, when announcing the case against Trump, James guipped, "It's the art of the steal," playing on the title of Trump's book, "The Art of the Deal."

On Friday, Feb. 16, James nailed the twice-impeached and four-times indicted former president as Judge Arthur Engoron ruled in a civil business fraud trial against the MAGA leader, his sons, business associates and the Trump Organization, ordering him to pay over \$354 million in damages. Engoron also slapped Trump and his company with temporary restrictions on conducting business in New York.

The judgment imposes a threeyear ban on Trump from serving as an officer or director of any New York corporation, along with the appointment of an independent monitor and a directive to install an independent director of compliance for the Trump Organization.



"Health is a human right, not a privilege to be purchased."

— Shirley Chisholm



# The legacy of Black institutions in Mississippi Foundations of freedom and education

By Edelia J. Carthan, Ed.D.

In the heart of Mississippi, a state with a complex and often tumultuous history of race relations, stand three monumental institutions that have played pivotal roles in the education and empowerment of African-American communities: Tougaloo College, Jackson State University and The Piney Woods Country Life School. These institutions, each with its unique origin story, have been beacons of hope and progress, contributing significantly to the cultural, social and intellectual fabric of the state and the nation.

### **Tougaloo College: The Cra**dle of Civil Rights and Academic Excellence

Tougaloo College's roots date back to 1869 when it was established by the American Missionary Association on the grounds of a former plantation. This institution was designed to educate newly freed slaves and their descendants, offering them a chance at a new beginning. Throughout its history, Tougaloo has been a hub for civil rights activism, playing a crucial role in the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement. It has nur-

tured generations of African-American leaders, including many who have led the charge for social justice and equality, producing activists like Anne Moody, author of "Coming of Age in Mississippi," and Joyce Ladner, a sociologist and civil rights activist who played a significant role in the fight for equality. With its strong liberal arts program, Tougaloo College remains a bastion of academic excellence and social change.

### Jackson State University: A **Beacon of Higher Learning**

Founded in 1877, Jackson State University (JSU) began as Natchez Seminary, a private school established under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York. Its initial mission was to provide moral, religious and intellectual education to African-American youth. Relocated to Jackson in 1882 and later becoming a public institution, JSU has grown into a major center for higher learning, offering a wide array of undergraduate and graduate programs. Among its distinguished alumni are Walter Payton, renowned for his illustrious NFL career with the Chicago Bears, and Rod Paige,

who served as the U.S. Secretary of Education under President George W. Bush, demonstrating the university's broad impact beyond academia into sports and national policy. Today, it stands as a testament to the enduring value of education in the face of adversity, continuing to produce leaders, thinkers and innovators.

### The Piney Woods Country Life School: Education for **Self-Sufficiency**

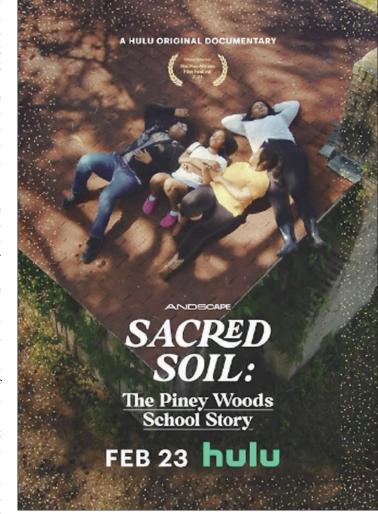
The Piney Woods Country Life School, founded in 1909 by Dr. Laurence C. Jones, is a testament to the power of vision and determination. Situated on 2,000 acres of Mississippi woodland, this boarding school was established to provide African-American students with practical skills and academic education, aiming for self-sufficiency and empowerment. From its humble beginnings with just one student, Piney Woods has grown into one of the largest historically Black boarding schools in the United States. Its commitment to character, academics and work-study continues to transform lives, preparing students for success in college and beyond.

The rich history and enduring impact of The Piney Woods Country Life School are set to be showcased in an upcoming documentary on Hulu, airing February 23. This feature will offer viewers a glimpse into the life-changing education provided by Piney Woods, highlighting its significance in the broader narrative of Black institutions in Mississippi.

By documenting this story, the film promises to celebrate the school's contributions to education, community development and the ongoing fight for equality and justice.

The histories of Jackson State University, Tougaloo College, and The Piney Woods Country Life School are intertwined with the struggle for civil rights, the pursuit of educational excellence and the empowerment of African American communi-

These institutions have not only withstood the challenges of time but have also flourished, serving as enduring symbols of resilience, achievement and hope. As we look forward to the documentary on The Piney Woods Country Life School, let us also remember and honor the



legacy of all Black institutions essential chapters in the Ameriin Mississippi, whose stories are

can narrative.



Jackson State University campus in Jackson, Mississippi



Piney Woods Country Life School campus in Piney Woods, Mississippi



Tougaloo College campus in Tougaloo, Mississippi

# The mission of Jackson Public School District Office of Counseling



JPS certified/licensed counselors

JPS Newswire

JPS has 84 certified/licensed counselors districtwide who provide socialemotional support to scholars as well as academic, career and college readiness.

The vision of Jackson Public School District Office of Counseling Services is to become a distinguished comprehensive counseling program aligned with the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) standards.

The mission of Jackson Public School

District Office of Counseling Services is to provide a proactive, comprehensive counseling program that addresses students' academic, social and emotional

development. This will be accomplished through partnerships with all stakeholders to enable all students to become productive citizens and lifelong learners.

# Two JSU Business students selected for prestigious FedEx Student Ambassador Program

JSU Newswire

Two Jackson State University College of Business students have been selected to join the third cohort of the FedEx-HB-CU Student Ambassador Program. The world's largest express transportation announced that Mya Grimes, a sophomore, and Carter Smith, a junior, were chosen from JSU.

Jackson State University is proud to announce that two of its College of Business students, Mya Grimes and Carter Smith, have been chosen to participate in the third cohort of the FedEx-HBCU Student Ambassador Program. This initiative, part of FedEx's five-year, \$5 million commitment to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), aims to equip students with vital workforce skills and leadership experience.

Mya Grimes, a business administration major and a sophomore from St. Louis, Missouri, is currently studying in the W.E.B. Du Bois Honors College. She expressed her enthusiasm about joining the program, emphasizing her eagerness to network, learn from professionals, and bring valuable insights back to JSU.

Carter Smith, an economics major from Jackson, Mississippi, and a transfer from Hinds Community College, is looking forward to the leadership training and real-world corporate



Grimes and Smith join the third cohort of the FedEx-HBCU Student Ambassador Program

experiences the program promises. This opportunity marks his second semester at Jackson State, where he is keen on exploring new possibilities and expanding his professional ho-

rizon.

The FedEx-HBCU Student Ambassador Program, launched in 2022, selects students from eight HBCUs, offering them exposure to FedEx

leadership, mentorship opportunities and hands-on experiences in a corporate setting. The program includes various developmental activities such as interview training, resume

PHOTO BY ARON SMITH/JSU

building and opportunities for internships.

Highlighting the significance of such initiatives, NFL Hall of Famer Jerry Rice participated in a memorable event with a

program participant, underscoring the real-world experiences offered to the ambassadors.

Jenny Robertson, Senior Vice President of Global Brand and Communications at FedEx, emphasized the importance of supporting HBCU students, stating that the program helps cultivate a strong pool of future leaders by providing them with the necessary tools to excel in

their careers.

The third cohort is set to begin later this spring, engaging students in quarterly sessions designed to enhance their career readiness. Participants are selected from eight HBCUs, chosen for their proximity to FedEx's operating or distribution facilities, facilitating closer engagement and learning opportunities with FedEx.

In addition to the ambassador program, FedEx offers various practical experiences to HBCU students, including the "Career Expose," part-time job opportunities through the FedEx Logistics satellite office at MVSU, and the FedEx Freight Boardroom Experience, all aimed at smoothing the transition from college to professional life.

Jackson State University celebrates the selection of Mya Grimes and Carter Smith for this distinguished program and looks forward to their contributions to the JSU community and their future successes.

### **LEGAL**

REZONING FROM C-2 (LIMITED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 (GENERAL) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL 835-46 ON HIGHWAY 18 TO ALLOW FOR A VETERINARIAN CLINIC AND KENNELS, CASE NO. 4234.

WHEREAS, Community Animal Rescue & Adoption has filed a petition to rezone the property located at Parcel 835-46 on Highway 18, in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for a veterinarian clinic and kennels; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for a veterinarian clinic and kennels; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2024 to consider said change based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on October 26, 2023 and November 9, 2023 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on December 20, 2023, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described property from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for a veterinarian clinic and kennels; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous Jackson City Council

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

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

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN SOUTHWEST OUARTER OF SOUTHWEST OUARTER 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 DEGREEES 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

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the of the property located at Parcel 835-46 on Highway 18 from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for a veterinarian clinic and kennels. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas - Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Lee and Lindsay. Nays - None

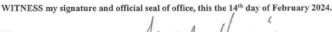
Absent - Hartley and Stokes

ATTEST:

Angela Harris

Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and

exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Council Meeting January 22, 2024 and recorded in Minute Book "6Y, Pgs. 763-764".





2/22/2024

### **LEGAL**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024 AT 11:00AM IN THE AN-DREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Old Business A. CASE NO. HPNC-23-23

LOCATION: 205 N LAMAR ST UNIT 15. (PARCEL 84-13-2)

APPLICANT: KIMBERLY VIVER-HISTORIC DISTRICT: FARISH ST

ETTE REQUEST: INSTALL RAYNOR ALUMNA VIEW AV300 GARAGE DOOR STYLE

WINDOWS ON EXISTING STRUCTURE. THIS REQUEST IS IN CONJUNC-TION WITH CASE# HPNC-22-34.

B. CASE NO. HPNC-23-27

LOCATION: 1836 LYNCREST AVE. (PARCEL 9-88) HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: MARCUS SANDERS

REQUEST: REPLACE ROTTING SIDING WITH NEW SIDING CALLED LP SMARTSIDE. IT LOOKS AND FEELS LIKE THE EXISTING MATERIAL BUT IT LASTS LONGER WITH VERY LITTLE MAINTENANCE.

C. CASE NO. HPNC-23-28

LOCATION: 1746 MYRTLE ST. (PARCEL 9-210-1)

APPLICANT: SYLVESTER HUNT-HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN

REQUEST: FULL RESTORATION OF HOME AND REAR GARAGE.

A. CASE NO. HPNC-24-2

New Business

LOCATION: 912 GILLESPIE ST (PARCEL 15-8)

APPLICANT: KENNETH PITTS

HISTORI C DISTRICT: BELHAVEN REQUEST: TO REPLACE LUDOWICI ROOFING TILES WITH GAF TIMBER-LINE HD ARCHITECTURAL SHINGLES.

II. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. VOTE FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY. B. ESTABLISH REGULAR MEETING TIME FOR THE HP COMMISSION.

ADJOURNMENT

2/22/2024, 2/29/2024

### **LEGAL**

### LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS DOWNTOWN MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT, CITY PROJECT NO. 2025

The City of Jackson intends to employ a Hotel Developer, Parking Garage Developer and Mixed-Use Developer for the development of 7.75 acres in Downtown Jackson. The Master Plan envisions an ultimate linkage of downtown together with a complete system of entertainment, greenspace, vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian and an integration with the city's new state-of-the-art transportation network, intended to promote a vibrant, environmentally equitable and sustainable downtown environment. We are seeking developers wanting to create a "place making" as a destination - an experience - that intertwines green space, outdoor entertainment and museum possibilities, parking garage, commercial, mixed-use, retail, a hotel and restaurants. Statement of Qualifications will be accepted by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 p.m., Tuesday March 12, 2024. The proposed contract will include complete Architectual/Engineering services required for this renovation.

Official bid Documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. 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.

Development firms interested in providing these services may so indicate by furnishing the City of Jackson seven (7) copies of a Statement of Qualification, which should consist of the following:

A cover letter specifying the complete project name, DOWNTOWN MIX USED DEVELOPMENT, CITY PROJECT NO. 2025, the name of the project manager, and the location and address of the office to be assigned the majority of the work.

A resume for each principal member, the project manager, and employee(s) of the firm anticipated to be assigned to the project including consulting engineers. Also, provide an organizational chart and list each person's experience and qualifications, including proof that the Project Manager is licensed as a Mississippi Professional Architect/Engineer and that the firm has met state licensure and certification requirements. Include a business recovery plan in the event of a disaster.

Knowledge of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) procurement processes, Section 3 requirements, certified payroll, Davis-Bacon Act; and other reporting requirements of CDBG funded projects.

years which qualifies the developer for this work. The City will evaluate the Statements of Qualification based on the following fac-

A description of similar type developments completed during the past five (5)

Experience of the firm in performing specific services and experience in compet-

tors listed in their relative order of importance:

Qualifications and experience of staff and consultants to be assigned to the project based on requested scope of services

Size of the firm's professional and technical staff with respect to the services re-

Resume of the firm's current and completed projects of a similar nature.

ing projects funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Equal Business Opportunity participation plan submitted with the Statement of Qualification package.

The City reserves the right to select one (1) consultant or select a short list of consultants from whom more information will be required. The City reserves the right to reject any and all Statements of Qualification, discontinue Contract execution, and/or request additional information with any party at any time prior to final Contract execution. For any Statement of Qualification questions, contact Chloe Dotson via email at cdotson@city.jackson.ms.us

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 proposer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan with the proposal submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a proposer 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 601-960-1055. Copies of the City of Jackson's Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications, and a copy of the program are available at the following location: 200 South President Street, Room 223, Jackson, Mississippi; or can be accessed on City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity webpage.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all proposers 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 proposers will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals 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 is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City of Jackson encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City of Jackson, as well as those who seek to contract with the City of Jackson on various projects and/or conduct business in Jackson to assist the City of Jackson in achieving its goal by strongly considering city of Jackson residents for employment opportunities.

Chloe Dotson, BUPD. MURP, Director Planning and Development

Deputy Director Economic Development

2/1/2024 2/8/2024, 2/15/2024, 2/22/2024

### **LEGAL**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF JACKSON 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 text amendments to the City of Jackson Official Zoning Ordinance as adopted on May 29, 1974 and subsequently amended.

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

The said proposed text 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 Wednes-

day, February 24, 2024 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. 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 TELCONFERENECE/ VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO 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 FEBRUARY 21, 2024.

WITNESS my signature this the 9th day of February 2024.

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

2/15/2024, 2/22/2024

Civil Action Number G2024-119 T/

### **LEGAL**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Angela Taylor, Plaintiff(s)

Martez Taylor . Defendant(s)

(By Publication) THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Martez Taylor

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by

Plaintiff(s), seeking Divorce

Defendants other than you in this action are:

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Angela Taylor address is 1140 AUTUMN ST Jackson ms 39212

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY Tebrus 7, 20 2024 WHICH IS THE DATE OF DAYS AFTER THE 15 DAY OF\_ THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a

reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 2 day of Feb.



EDDIE JEAN CARR, Chancery Clerk P. O. Box 686, 316 S. President St. Jackson, Mississippi 39205 Howard, D.C.

2/15/2024 2/22/2024 2/29/2024

### **LEGAL**

### LEGAL NOTICE FOR RESORT AREA

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 67-1-72 notice is hereby given that application is being made for the following described area to be recognized as a "Qualified resort area" is being filed for an area located in Jackson, Mississippi, known as Cathead Distillery, more particularly described as follow, to wit

BEG INT N/L SOUTH ST & E/L FARISH ST N 60.15 FT TO POB N 472.45 FT SE/LY APP 451 FT S 89.7 FT NW/LY 58.22 FT SW/LY 6 FT NW/LY 39.53 FT SW/LY 68.27 FT NW/LY 78.5 FT NW/LY APP 28 FT SW/LY 8.4 FT SE/LY 35 FT S 242.2 FT W APP 42 FT N 79.15 FT W/LY 123 FT TO POB ALL LOTS 1 2 3 4 PT LOTS 5 7 8 9 & 23 CAPITOL FERT & MFG CO SUBN LESS TO CITY FOR ST LESS TO INDIV BEG N/S SO ST 338.8 FT E OF FARISH ST N/LY 364.3 FT TO R R E/LY 265.4 FT S/LY 148.2 FT W/LY 110 FT S/LY 188.5 FT W/LY ON N/S SO ST 150.7 FT TO PT BEG ALL LOTS 15 16 & 17 & PART LOTS 14 18 22 & 23 CAPT FERTILIZER MFG CO SUB LESS 10 FT S/S TO ST BEG 149.5 E & 228.06 FT N INT E/L FARISH ST & N/L SOUTH ST N 12 FT WLY 35 FT N 7 FT SELY 107.94 FT NLY 68.27 FT SELY 37 FT N 10 FT SELY 57 FT S 80.06 FT WLY 194.31 FT TO POB PT LOT 23 CAPITOL FERTILIZER & MFG CO SUBN

As required by Miss. Code Ann. 67-1-72, the content of the application shall include: (1). A map of the above described area clearly marked to indicate the specific area under consideration; (2). Reasons why parcel 79-29 should be classified as a Resort Area, to include the fact that Jackson, Mississippi, is an area that attracts tourists and vacationers because of its historical and scenic attractions and facilities and that Cathead Distillery regularly attracts people sampling its smooth vodka, burbon and touring their rustic facility, (3). Assurance from the Chief of Police, Jackson, Mississippi, and or the Sheriff, Hinds County, Mississippi, that said law enforcement agencies will enforce the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Division in the Farish Street Entertainment District; (4). Endorsements from three(3) civic clubs in the area under consideration, (5). A certified copy of the Order as entered on the minutes of the Jackson, Mississippi City Council, regarding said Resort Area Classification for parcel 79-29, (6). Proof of Publication of legal notice and all public opinion responses.

Approval of the described area as a resort area will permit the operation of open bars in the area. Expressions of Opinion are requested of residents in the area. Any person wishing to request a hearing before the Board of Tax Appeals on the resort status of the area described herein must request a hearing in writing and it must be received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to Chief Counsel, Legal Division, Department of Revenue, P. O. Box 22828. Jackson, MS 39225. Notice is hereby given that approval in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi and that decision on the application rest not with the City of Jackson, Mississippi, but with the State of Mississippi pursuant to the laws of the State of Mississippi.

Applicant: Cathead Distillery 422 South Farish Street Jackson, MS 39202

THIS, the 22nd day of February 2024

Chloe Dotson, BUPD. MURP, Director of Planning and Development

2/22/2024, 2/29/2024

### **LEGAL**

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT **ZONING CASE NO. 4242**

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 Tommy Caiston has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the placement of a manufactured house within a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 0 Eden Downs Rd. (Parcel: 844-155), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A tract or parcel of land containing 9.25 acres, more or less, lying and being situated in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described

Commencing at the ½ inch rebar found marking the Northwest corner of Lot 375, Cedar Hills Subdivision — Part V: Section B as recorded in Plat Book 27 at Page 18 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mis-

Run thence, South 00 degrees 03 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 1,013.79 feet to the ½ inch rebar with cap set at the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described property;

thence, South 00 degrees 22 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 362.08 feet to a set 1/2 inch rebar with cap;

to a set ½ inch rebar with cap at an existing fence corner marking the boundary of that parcel recorded in DB 5587 P 524;

thence, North 88 degrees 33 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 380.62 feet

thence, along an existing fence marking the boundary of said parcel as follows:

North 1 1 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 206.22 feet to an existing 8 inch cedar post fence corner;

North 77 degrees 31 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 783.81 feet to the ½ inch rebar found marking the boundary of that parcel recorded in DB 7156 P 7356;

thence, along an existing fence marking the boundary of said parcel recorded in DB 7156 P 7356 as follows:

North 20 degrees 40 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 81.48 feet to a found

North 10 degrees 05 minutes 25 seconds East a distance of 144.31 feet to a

found ½ inch rebar:

North 73 degrees 56 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 221.50 feet to a

found ½ inch rebar on the East side of Eden Downs Road; thence, North 01 degrees 44 minutes 39 seconds West along the East side of

Eden Downs Road a distance of 81.80 feet to the found ½ inch rebar marking the Southwest corner of that parcel recorded in DB 5298 p 694;

thence, along the South boundary of that parcel recorded in DB 5298 P 694 as

South 89 degrees 12 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 647.23 feet to a found 1/4 inch rebar;

South 00 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 298.25 feet to a 4 inch fence corner;

South 88 degrees 58 minutes 03 seconds East a distance of 462.89 feet to the 8 inch fence corner marking the Southeast corner of that parcel recorded in DB 5298 P 694

thence, South 73 degrees 37 minutes 17 seconds East along an existing fence a distance of 230.85 feet back to the POINT OF BEGNNING.

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, February 28, 2024, 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 1ST day of February 2024.

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

2/8/2024, 2/22/2024

### **LEGAL**

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING **ZONING CASE NO. 4243**

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 Homewood Company, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-7 Mobile Home Park Residential District to C-3 (General) Commercial District with a minimum 5' setback Variance from required setback requirements to build a self-storage facility for property located at 5330 N. State St. (Parcel: 500-1000), 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 the South  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 11, Township 6 North, Range I East, City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the South line of aforementioned Section 11 with the Eastern right-of-way of North State Street and run North 27 degrees 57 minutes 10 seconds East along the said Eastern right-of-way 406.45 feet; thence leaving said Eastern line run South 63 degrees 21 minutes 34 seconds East 383.44 feet; thence South 25 degrees 07 minutes 35 seconds West 214.12 feet; thence North 89 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds West along said South line of Section 11 a distance of 442.39 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.8 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, February 28, 2024, 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 1ST day of February 2024.

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

2/8/2024, 2/22/2024

### **LEGAL**

### Advertisement for Rebid RFP 2024-03 Lead University Partner for TEACH JPS Residency Program

Electronic RFP proposals for the above RFP will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time). Monday, March 04, 2024, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any RFP if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date RFPs/ are opened.

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

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

Also, until further notice, all opening will be recorded and uploaded to the JPSD

https://www.youtube.com/jpsitv for public viewing due to covid 19. Vendors will not be allowed to sit in on the bid openings.

2/15/2024, 2/22/2024

### **LEGAL**

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING **ZONING CASE NO. 4244**

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 Fairview Inn of Jackson, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District to allow for the sustainability of the subject property and to capture the changing land use dynamics of the area for property located at 734 Fairview St. (Parcel: 12-45), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Twenty (20) feet off the East side of Lots 5 and 6 and all of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 1 1, 12. 13, 14, 15, and 16, Block 5, Glenwood Place, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof, which is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 1 at Page 85, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

### LESS AND EXCEPT:

A parcel of land being Lots 15 and 16 and parts of Lots 1 1, 13, and 14 being situated in Block 5, Glenwood Place, a Subdivision according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 1 at Page 85. and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 16 and run Westerly along the South line of Lot 16 and Lot 14 a distance of 113.5 feet to a point which is the point of beginning of this description; run thence Easterly along the South line of Lot 14 and Lot 16 to the Southeast corner of Lot 16; turn thence left 75 degrees 08 minutes, and run Northerly along the East line of Lot 16 and Lot 15 to the Northeast corner of Lot 15; turn thence left 100 degrees 57 minutes and run Westerly along the North line of Lot 15, 13, and 11 for a distance of 157.75 feet to a point; turn thence left 88 degrees 36 minutes and run Southerly a distance of 269.0 feet to the point of beginning on the South line of Lot 14.

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, February 28, 2024, 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 1ST day of February 2024.

Zoning Administrator City of Jackson, Mississippi

2/8/2024, 2/22/2024

### **LEGAL**

Advertisement **CITY OF JACKSON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)** FOR MOSQUITO ABATEMENT SERVICES

The City of Jackson (City) is requesting proposals from qualified Service Providers to provide mosquito abatement services.

It is the City's intent to evaluate the proposals based on technical merit, experience, and price and to choose the Service Provider whose proposal provides the best value to the City. The City reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any and/or all proposals, in whole or in part, when, in the City's opinion, such rejection is in the best interests of the City.

Specifications are available for inspection at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Specifications and are available for download through Central Bidding online at www.centralbidding.com and at the City of Jackson website, www.jacksonms.gov/bid-opportunities/.

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 EBO 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 Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1055. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Room 223, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

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 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, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

All documents shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box marked "Mosquito Abatement Services." The Cost Proposal shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope that will be submitted in the same sealed envelope or box as the Technical Proposal. This sealed envelope shall be clearly labeled "Cost Proposal" and include the name of the proposer on the outside of the envelope.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT **ZONING CASE NO. 4245**

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 Bradley Adair has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a general restaurant within a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District on property located at 4465 I-55 South (Parcel: 437-298) Ste. 102 B, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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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, February 28, 2024, 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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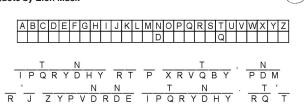
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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT **ZONING CASE NO. 4246**

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 Brandi Carter has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a liquor store within a neighborhood shopping center within a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District on property located at 4465 I-55 South (Parcel: 437-298) Ste. A, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT **ZONING CASE NO. 4247**

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 Robert M. McGinnis has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a community recreational center (event venue) within a neighborhood shopping center in a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District on property located at 4465 I-55 South (Parcel: 437-298) Ste 102 C, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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# Salsa for the soul

By Shewanda Riley Columnist



"The key to By to salsa dancing lessor is knowing and how to lead rhyt and knowing cred how to follow, ladies, even if nour

you don't know where your partner is going. Don't watch his feet, just follow his movements...even if you don't know where he is going." When I heard this phrase during salsa dancing lessons at a restaurant in my hometown of San Antonio a few years ago, I was both scared and excited. Having only tried salsa dancing in Zumba classes, I was eager to try "real" salsa

dancing.
"Five. Six. Seven. Eight."
The voice of the salsa dance instructor boomed across the crowded dance floor as the group of at least 50 salsa dancing hopefuls (including

myself) clumsily practiced our basic salsa dancing steps. By the end of the 1½ hour lesson, I'd learned the basics and realized that I had more rhythm than I gave myself credit.

Next, the instructor announced that the lesson was over and that the live band was getting ready to start. It was our chance to show what we'd learned. Nervously, I looked over at my older sister Mia who encouraged me that the key was following the man's lead. She'd been salsa dancing for nearly 13 years and had invited me to the lessons while I was on vacation.

Despite her introverted and understated demeanor, she is considered one of the best salsa dancers in the area.

As the live band played a variety of salsa music, I was amazed watching her dance. Whoever she danced with; they looked as though they'd

been dancing together for years.

When she came back to the table after one particularly smooth dance, I asked her if she'd danced with the guy before. She replied that she hadn't; she just followed his lead.

Then a scary thing happened. One of her more experienced male dance partners asked me to dance. I was too afraid to say no and found myself anxiously making my way to the dance floor. As the band played, we moved backwards and forward... then left...and right....in sync. It was hard not to look at my feet, but I did my best to focus on following him. The few times I did look down, he'd remind me in a gentle whisper to stop looking at my feet; just relax and follow him.

After we finished, my sister said that we looked smooth. She added since he knew

what he was doing, he also knew how to lead me so we both looked our best.

Not only did I learn how to salsa, but I also learned that dancing salsa can be like learning to trust God even if we don't know (or like) where he is leading us. Sometimes we don't follow God because we first want to know (and in some cases control) where is taking us. Jesus reminded us Matthew 16:24 that to be disciples, we have to deny ourselves (wanting to know everything) and simply follow God.

Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email her at preserved by purpose @gmail. com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

# Be of good courage

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



We live in a complex world and at a challenging time. In recent months, news about the pandemic on the rise, economic woes and

bitter political rivalries have triggered tremendous anxiety and sadness for many of us. The quest to remain upbeat has even become a challenge.

How are these challenges and news realities impacting your life?
If you develop the habit of counting your blessings, you may be better able to appreciate the positive aspects of life that remain.

Helping others, even when you are struggling, can increase your positive feelings and help you have an advantage. When you can improve your ability to navigate difficult times, you live a happier life and grow stronger in your ability to help others navigate difficult times. Gratitude means showing appreciation for all the good in your life instead of focusing on the negative.

There are times when you cannot do much to change your situation. You just have to deal with it. You are setting yourself up for frustration when you focus your time and energy on things you cannot control. You are also mak-

ing the situation seem even more bleak than it is because you are focusing on the negatives. But you can actively work to improve the situation.

The Bible records ways God has responded in challenging times in the past. It reminds you that He is trustworthy, whatever your circumstances. Many people in scripture even reference other parts of scripture to encourage themselves and those around them.

Jesus Himself felt overwhelmed by what was before Him, and He went straight to His Father (Mark 14:34-36). Scripture, or the Bible, is God's Word. God knows you need somewhere to go when you feel unsure. That place is His Word. It is unchanging and completely trustworthy. You can cling to its truth when life throws you a curveball.

So, while you go through difficult times, remember those who may be experiencing the same, and by your thoughtfulness and compassion, help them make it through. Remember, in the Bible, the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith and the blacksmith. "They helped everyone, his neighbour; and everyone said to his brother, Be of good courage" (Isaiah 41:6-

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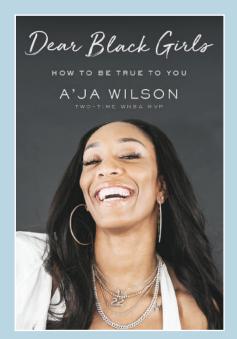


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By Terri Schlichenmeyer Columnist

The envelope on the table is addressed to you. It caught your attention because - who, besides politicians, utilities and creditors sends anything in the mail these days? Still, it was a nice surprise, no

matter what, like a throwback or something. And like the new book, "Dear Black Girls" by A'Ja Wilson, every letter means something.

From the time she was born until she was in fourth or fifth

grade, A'Ja Wilson lived in a bubble. She didn't know it; she was only a kid, just being herself with no worries. And then, right before one of her best friends was having a birthday party, Wilson learned that the girl's dad "really [didn't] like Black people." Those few words shook Wilson's dad. They made her mother quietly angry, and they made Wilson doubt herself for many years.

It was her first reminder: "You're a girl. Oh! And you're a Black girl. Alright, good luck!"

With the help of her parents and her beloved grandmother, Wilson healed but she never forgot. She made sure to know her roots and her family's story. She was dyslexic, so she struggled, tried to fit in, and grew taller than most boys, which didn't help her self-esteem. Neither did the fact that at almost every point in her life, the color of her skin mattered in ways that it shouldn't have mattered. That included her activity on a basketball court.

Wilson was a young teen

when her father first threw her a ball and she hated it, but by the time she graduated from high school, she'd found her way. She'd developed a good "nonsense detector." She got some therapy ("Ain't no shame in it."); she learned that when she did her best, there were still going to be haters; and she always remembers to be herself and to be a light for others

Remember, she says, "You don't have to be an WNBA player or a politician or a celebrity to have an impact on someone."

So will you learn a thing or two by reading "Dear Black Girls?" Yes and no. In her short introduction, author A'Ja Wilson says that this "is not a selfhelp book," that it's just "a diary of somebody... who looks like you..." Eh, that's nothing new but despite her protests, "Dear Black Girls" is helpful. You just have to be ready for it.

That's not hard. Wilson, a two-time WNBA MVP tells her story with a flair for fun. She even tells the sad tales with exuberance, subtly letting readers

know that it's okay, she's okay, and it's all just part of her story.

Her voice lets you know how much she enjoys life, even when she has tough things to deal with. It's like hearing encouragement from the top bunk, or getting straight talk from a men-

While it might seem to be a book for teenagers only, "Dear Black Girls" would also be a great resource for younger adults. Take a look, see if it doesn't get your stamp of approval.



# **Hinds County Circuit Clerk**

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Circuit Clerk's Office P.O. BOX 327 Jackson, MS 39205 Phone: (601) 968-6628 Fax: (601) 973-5547

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### Office Hours:

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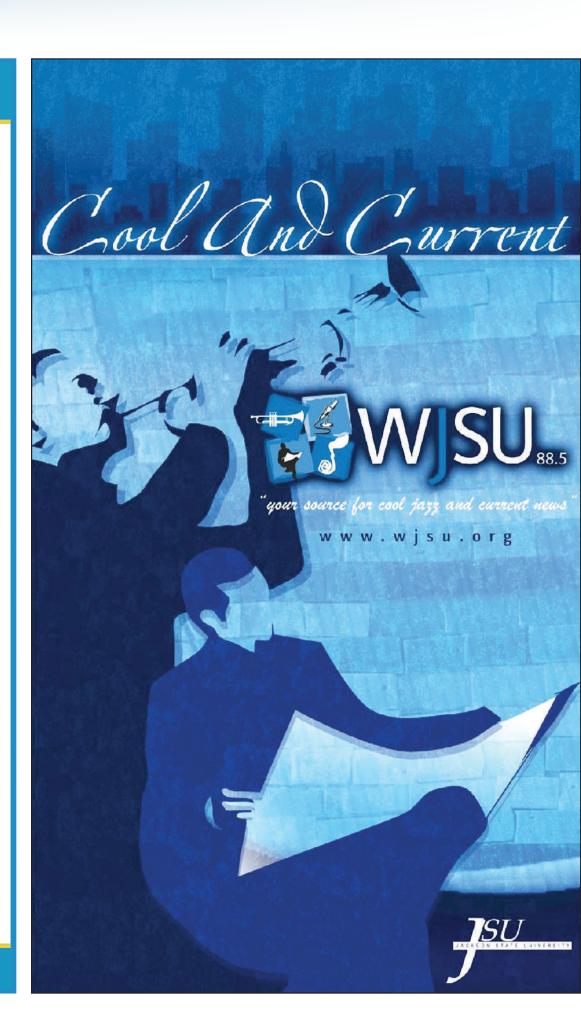
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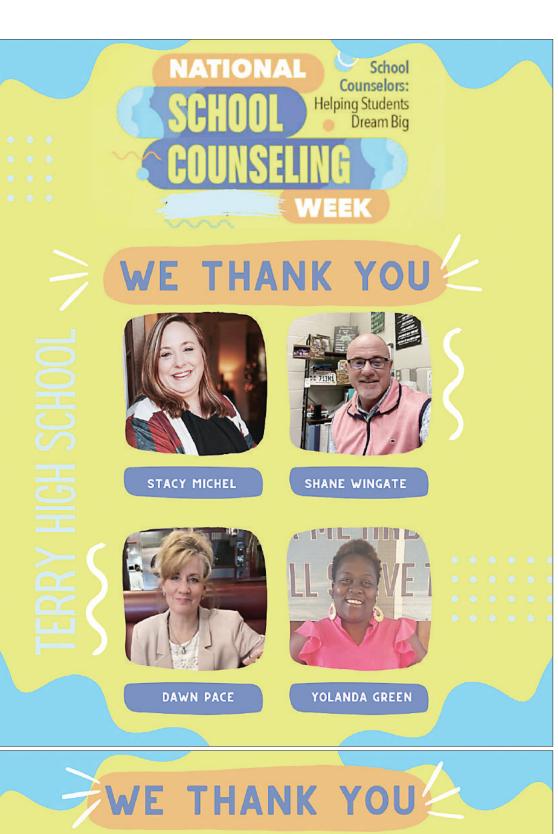
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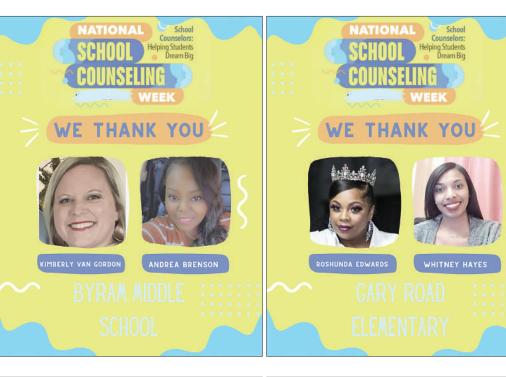
# **Hinds County School District Weekly Update**

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# HINDS COUNTY SCHOOLS PAY TRIBUTE TO COUNSELORS

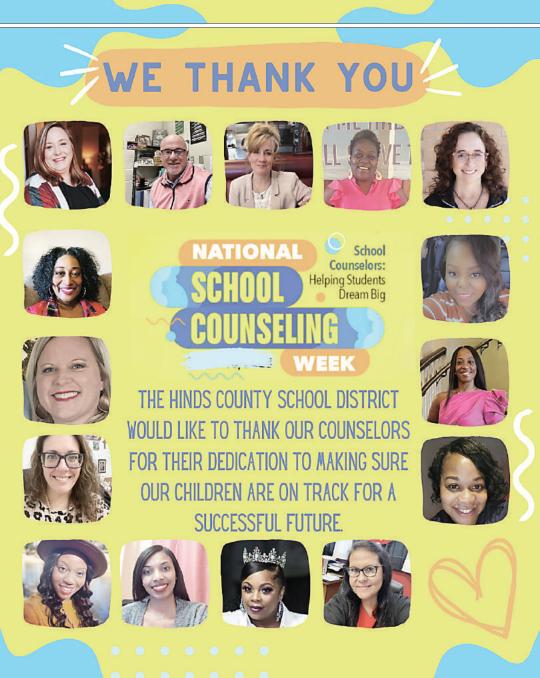
Hinds County School Distict says 'Thank You' to all counselors who work in our district, making our schools the best they can be.

















# Lady Tigers get to lucky number 13 in the SWAC to remain undefeated

By Tim Ward Sports Writer

Bethune Cookman entered the game Monday night 5-7 in the SWAC but did not play like it. The Lady Wildcats came in and gave the lady tigers a run for their money. Kayla White led the way with 13 points and teammate Kayla Clark grabbed 9 rebounds, 2 blocks, and scored 7 points. It was a defensive game, which means low scoring in today's basketball world. Although JSU forced 19 turnovers, they committed 18 themselves.

Andriana Avent, lead JSU with 12 points. Ti'lan Boler added 12 points and Miya Crump chipped in as well with a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. JSU would lead 21 to 15 at halftime, but BCU came out in the third quarter and took a one point lead 33 to 32. That appeared to be the wakeup call JSU needed.



Keshunna Luckett JSU

In the fourth quarter, they would roll off an 11-0 run regaining the lead 43 to 33. From there, it was cruise control until the final horn sounded.

Jackon State wins 52 to 39. Low 13 and 0. scoring, gritty game, but most importantly, still having a choke hold

Next up for JSU is traveling to Lorman to battle Alcorn State. Tip on first place in the SWAC. Perfect off is set for 1 pm. Alcorn's lady

braves are 5-8 in the SWAC but riding a 3 game winning streak. Alcorn would love to be the team to knock JSU from perfection.



JSU undefeated Coach Tomekia Reed and the lady Tigers celecbrate their 13 game winning streak in SWAC

## **Jackson State men** bounce back with 2-game winning streak

By Tim Ward Sports Writer

With their victories over Mississippi Valley State and Arkansas Pine Bluff, the Jackson State University Men's team improved to 6-5 in the SWAC, placing them in a three-way tie for 3rd place with Alabama State and Alcorn. JSU defeated Valley 77-69 Saturday and followed up with a 76-63 win over Pine Bluff. Both wins came on

Riding the momentum from Saturday's victory, Jackson State took a 39-36 halftime lead against Pine Bluff. Jordan O'Neal paced the Tigers with 17 points, matched by Keionte Cornelius's 17 points, while Keiveon Hunt added 14 points and a couple of steals. JSU's defense caused havoc, forcing 15 turnovers and converting those turnovers into 16 points. Zeke Cook contributed 3 steals for JSU, and Keiveon Hunt had 2

FAMU currently sits at 2-9 in the SWAC and is on a 4-game losing streak.

Next up for JSU is Florida A&M (FAMU) this Saturday at the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.



Ken Evans



Jordan Oneal

# The legacy of Jesse Owens

By Kenya Vardaman Ramirez Contributing Writer

The 1930s were marked by an economic and social crisis that ravaged the world. World War II led to the destruction of buildings, the wrecking of roads and the depletion of power resources. Food shortages and rationing caused prices to soar, increasing demand. During this time, the Great Depression significantly impacted daily life in the United States, amidst growing conflicts abroad.

In Germany, Adolf Hitler established a Nazi regime focused on eliminating Jews and Blacks from the country's gene pool, aiming to create a nation of individuals with blonde hair and blue eyes, whom he considered to be mentally and physically superior. Reports indicate that many Blacks living in 1930s Germany were imprisoned, forcibly sterilized, and murdered by the Nazis.

The 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany, were intended to showcase Aryan mental and physical superiority on a global stage. Despite the NAACP's call for an African American boycott of the games due to Hitler's discriminatory policies, other American Olympic organizations advocated for the inclusion of African American athletes, recognizing their past achievements.

James Cleveland Owens, born on September 12, 1913, in Oakville, Alabama, and known as Jesse Owens, arrived in Berlin as a celebrated track and field athlete from Ohio State University. He received unexpected support from the young German community. Adidas founder Adi Dassler approached Owens, asking him to wear a prototype of his new shoe during the competition. Owens made history by becoming the first African American to win four gold medals in a single Olympic Games and the first African American man to



Jesse Owens

be sponsored by an athletic shoe brand. His achievements directly challenged Hitler's theory of African American inferiority and established a legacy of African American excellence in track and field.

Upon his return to the United States after the 1936 Olympics, Owens faced the realities of second-class citizenship. Despite his Olympic success, he was not offered scholarships at Ohio State University and initially struggled to find employment. However, Owens persevered through these challenges and contributed to the New York Mets' World Series championship as their running coach and played a role in organizing Baseball's Negro Leagues.

Owens's influence extended beyond his athletic achievements, particularly through his impact on the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City. Athletes John Carlos and Tommie Smith, inspired by Owens, made a powerful statement against racial inequality in America by raising their fists during the medal ceremony. This silent protest, with athletes wearing black gloves and socks, became an iconic image of the Black Power move-

Today, Jesse Owens's legacy continues to resonate within African American culture and the broader narrative of protest. In 2013, Adidas's collaboration with Kanye West became one of the most lucrative sneaker partnerships in history, second only to Nike and Michael Jordan. In 2016, President Obama honored Jesse Owens's relatives for his achievements over 80 years earlier. Athletes like Colin Kaepernick have continued the tradition of protest, with Kaepernick explaining his decision to kneel during the national anthem as a stand against the oppression of black people and people of color in America.

In remembering Jesse Owens, we are reminded of the power of sports as a platform for social change and the enduring impact of his legacy: "As we run, we become."

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